

Site Inventory Form
State Historical Society of Iowa
 (November 2005)

State Inventory No. 29-01109 New Supplemental
 Part of a district with known boundaries (enter inventory no.) 29-03685, 29-00001
 Relationship: Contributing Noncontributing
 Contributes to a potential district with yet unknown boundaries
 National Register Status:(any that apply) Listed De-listed NHL DOE
 9-Digit SHPO Review & Compliance (R&C) Number _____
 Non-Extant (enter year) _____

1. Name of Property

historic name Samuel Stern Block
 other names/site number Downtown Survey Map # J-135

2. Location

street & number 501-505 Jefferson Street
 city or town Burlington vicinity, county Des Moines
 Legal Description:(If Rural) Township Name _____ Township No. _____ Range No. _____ Section _____ Quarter of Quarter _____
 (If Urban) Subdivision Original City Block(s) _____ Lot(s) E half of Lot 659 – also N 30' of Lot 658

3. State/Federal Agency Certification [Skip this Section]

4. National Park Service Certification [Skip this Section]

5. Classification

| Category of Property (Check only one box) | Number of Resources within Property | |
|---|-------------------------------------|--|
| | If Non-Eligible Property | If Eligible Property, enter number of: |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | Enter number of: | Contributing Noncontributing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> district | — buildings | — <u>1</u> buildings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> site | — sites | — ___ sites |
| <input type="checkbox"/> structure | — structures | — ___ structures |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object | — objects | — ___ objects |
| | — Total | — <u>1</u> Total |

Name of related project report or multiple property study (Enter "N/A" if the property is not part of a multiple property examination).
 Title N/A *Historical Architectural Data Base Number* _____

6. Function or Use

| | |
|--|---|
| Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions) | Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions) |
| <u>02F04: Commerce / department store</u> | <u>08: Recreation and Culture / senior center</u> |
| <u>02E: Commerce / specialty store – shoe repair</u> | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |

7. Description

| | |
|--|---|
| Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions) | Materials (Enter categories from instructions) |
| _____ | foundation <u>04: Stone</u> |
| _____ | walls (visible material) <u>02: Wood</u> |
| _____ | roof <u>08B: Rolled Asphalt</u> |
| _____ | other _____ |

Narrative Description (SEE CONTINUATION SHEETS, WHICH MUST BE COMPLETED)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" representing your opinion of eligibility after applying relevant National Register criteria)

| | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> More Research Recommended | A Property is associated with significant events. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> More Research Recommended | B Property is associated with the lives of significant persons. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> More Research Recommended | C Property has distinctive architectural characteristics. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> More Research Recommended | D Property yields significant information in archaeology or history. |

County Des Moines Address 501-505 Jefferson Street Site Number 29-01109
City Burlington District Number 29-03685

Criteria Considerations

- A Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B Removed from its original location.
- C A birthplace or grave.
- D A cemetery.
- E A reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F A commemorative property.
- G Less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

05: Commerce

Significant Dates

Construction date 1954 check if circa or estimated date
Other dates, including renovation 1884, 1980s

Significant Person

(Complete if National Register Criterion B is marked above)

Architect/Builder

Architect _____

Builder _____

Narrative Statement of Significance SEE CONTINUATION SHEETS, WHICH MUST BE COMPLETED

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography See continuation sheet for citations of the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form

10. Geographic Data

UTM References (OPTIONAL)

| Zone | Easting | Northing | Zone | Easting | Northing |
|------|---------|----------|------|---------|----------|
| 1 | _____ | _____ | 2 | _____ | _____ |
| 3 | _____ | _____ | 4 | _____ | _____ |

See continuation sheet for additional UTM references or comments

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ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION (Submit the following items with the completed form)

FOR ALL PROPERTIES

- Map:** showing the property's location in a town/city or township.
- Site plan:** showing position of buildings and structures on the site in relation to public road(s).
- Photographs:** representative black and white photos. If the photos are taken as part of a survey for which the Society is to be curator of the negatives or color slides, a photo/catalog sheet needs to be included with the negatives/slides and the following needs to be provided below on this particular inventory site:

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| Roll/slide sheet # | _____ | Frame/slot # | _____ | Date Taken | _____ |
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See continuation sheet or attached *photo & slide catalog sheet* for list of photo roll or slide entries.

Photos/illustrations without negatives are also in this site inventory file.

FOR CERTAIN KINDS OF PROPERTIES, INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING AS WELL

- Farmstead & District:** (List of structures and buildings, known or estimated year built, and contributing or noncontributing status)
- Barn:**
 - A sketch of the frame/truss configuration in the form of drawing a typical middle bent of the barn.
 - A photograph of the loft showing the frame configuration along one side.
 - A sketch floor plan of the interior space arrangements along with the barn's exterior dimensions in feet.

State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) Use Only Below This Line

Concur with above survey opinion on National Register eligibility: Yes No More Research Recommended
 This is a locally designated property or part of a locally designated district.

Comments: _____

Evaluated by (name/title): _____ Date: _____

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7. Narrative Description

This building has undergone two significant remodels since its original construction as a three-story brick building in 1882. In 1954, the upper stories were removed, and the upper portion of the first story was clad in yellow/tan enamel panels above large display windows. In the 1980s, the façade was remodeled to the current appearance, with wood paneling installed over the original upper portion and extending down to the ground, with smaller windows and a single entry. A small cornice with brackets was also installed. Thus, the current appearance of the building reflects this second remodel.

8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The Samuel Stern Block appears to be non-contributing within the potential Downtown Commercial Historic District (#29-03685). The building was built in 1882 for Samuel Stern, with stores on the first stories, offices on the second story, and a hall on the third story. In 1954, it was reduced to one story and remodeled with a modern streamlined design. While this modernization would contribute to the historic significance of this period within the Downtown Commercial Historic District, it has since been remodeled again with the installation of wood panels and smaller windows. Thus, this later remodeling results in the building as non-contributing within the district. The building is currently listed as non-contributing in the West Jefferson Street Historic District (1991, #29-00001), as the remodel falls after the period of significance for the district.

While this building was significantly modified in 1954, the original three-story, three-storefront, brick building was constructed in 1882 for \$13,000 by Samuel Stern (not Stein), who bought the large lot on March 25, 1882 (Transfer books, "The Building Boom," *Hawk-Eye*, January 4, 1883, 11). The city directories list Price and Henry Drug Store at 501 (1883-1901), tailor Herman Schier (1883) and then an Ice Cream/Candy/Bakery (1886-1901) at 503, and Charles Buettner, Furniture and Carpet Co., at 505 (1883-1913). The 2nd story housed offices and storage, while the 3rd floor was the AOUW Hall (1886 Sanborn Map). The 1900 Sanborn map shows a drug store at 501, bakery at 503, and furniture store at 505, which wraps around to the rear of the buildings to the west for an upholstery department. In the early 20th century, Frank Bickman (1906), Coe-Koett Co (1912), and J.H. Coe Co, dry goods (1916, 1920), were located at 501, Saylor-Neff Co (1912) and G.M. Saylor Co, shoes (1916, 1920), were located at 503, and C.H. Biklen Co, department store (1916-1933) was found at 505 Jefferson. 501 and 503 were combined by 1924 for the National Outfitting Company (listed here in 1924 to 1928). Then, long-time occupants, Brown, Lynch, Scott Co (department and hardware store), were at 501-503 Jefferson from the 1930s into the 1970s. Brown, Lynch, Scott Company operated at two previous locations before moving here in November 1930. The firm had been in existence since 1925 and grown substantially. They moved into the full first story of the Elks Building in 1928 as well as the room west of the corner that were formerly part of the Unterkircher funeral home ("Firm to Move to Elks Site When Vacated," *Hawk-Eye*, August 16, 1928, 5). Businesses at 505 included Dr. Harry's Shoe Hospital (1935-1954), White Spot Café (1937), Ideal Café (1940, 1942), Eddy's Café (1945), Jake's Place (1947), and Jefferson Street Cleaners (1951, 1954).

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As part of the modernization program sweeping downtown Burlington in the 1950s, the top two stories of the Samuel Stern Block were removed in 1954. The first story was remodeled for a modern streamlined design, with metal enamel panels and a glass storefront with aluminum windows. The 1963 Sanborn map shows the building reduced to one story, including the section to the south along 5th Street, and original one-story rear/side addition behind the 507-511 Jefferson buildings. The 1955 city directory lists Brown Lynch Scott Company at 501-503 Jefferson, with Harry Lafferty as president, Daniel Gilliland as vice president, and Kenneth Gooch as manager. They sold hardware, home appliances, farm supplies, and building supplies. Dr. Harry's Shoe Hospital remained at 505 Jefferson. These businesses remained listed here into the 1970s.

In 1978, The City of Burlington purchased the building from the descendants of Samuel Stern, and it became a Senior Community Center. The façade was later remodeled with the installation of wood paneling and smaller windows.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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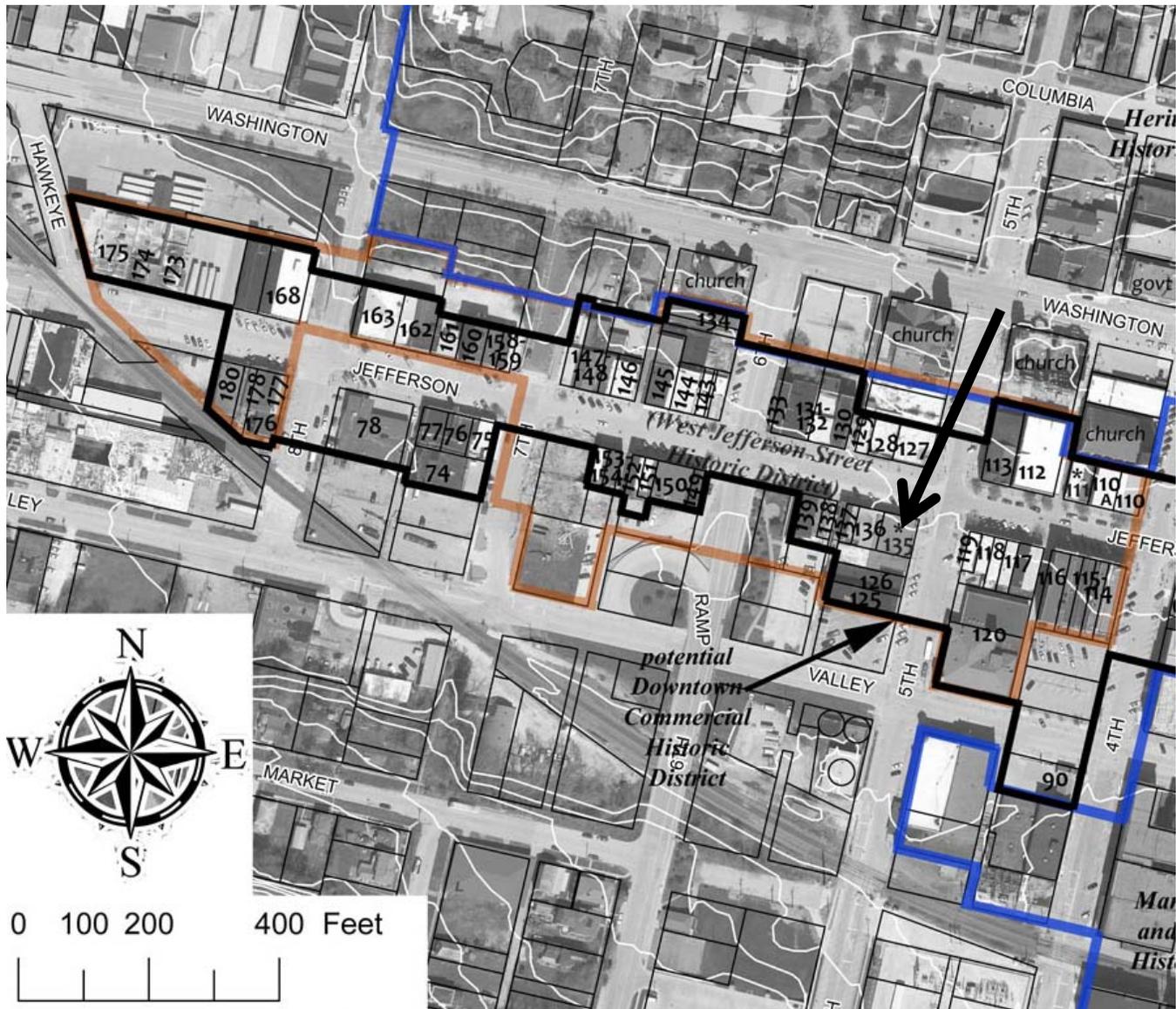
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Vertical files. Files on business/industry as well as individual businesses. Burlington Public Library, Burlington, Iowa.

Location map



Base aerial photography by Aerial Services Inc for Des Moines County GIS Commission, March 2010.

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Building plan (from assessor's website)



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Historic images



February 28, 1954 – top two stories ready to be removed (Downtown Partners)

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Building at 501-505 Jefferson around 1970 (Downtown Partners)

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South side of 500 block of Jefferson in 1971 (Downtown Partners)

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Digital photographs



Photograph 29-01109-001 – North elevation, looking southwest (McCarley, July 17, 2013).