

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

State Inventory No. 29-01110 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 Charles F. Gall Building
 other names/site number G.H. Alf – White Palace Furniture, Hertzler Shoe Store, Downtown Survey Map # J-128

2. Location

street & number 506-508 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 Starr & Grimes Sub of Original City Lot 660 Block(s) _____ Lot(s) 4-5

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:	
	Enter number of:		Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	—	buildings	<u>1</u>	— buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> district	—	sites	—	— sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site	—	structures	—	— structures
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	—	objects	—	— objects
<input type="checkbox"/> object	—	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>02E09: Commerce / furniture store</u>	<u>11D02: Health Care / medical supplies</u>
<u>02E: Commerce / specialty store - shoes</u>	_____
_____	_____

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)	Materials (Enter categories from instructions)
<u>09F05: Commercial / brick front</u>	foundation <u>04: Stone</u>
_____	walls (visible material) <u>03: Brick</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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input 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 506-508 Jefferson Street Site Number 29-01110
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 1889 check if circa or estimated date
Other dates, including renovation c.1945

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:

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 is a two-story brick building constructed around 1889. Historic photographs show that it originally had an ornate Victorian cornice, which was removed in the 1940s or 1950s during a period of modernization of downtown buildings. Black carrera glass was also installed on the storefront at that time. The storefront was again remodeled in the 1980s, either covering or removing this material. The building currently has recessed storefronts for both 506 and 508 Jefferson, with large display windows. The transom area is clad in a stucco-like material. The second story has a set of centered three one-over-one-light double-hung wood windows with transom windows, with a pair of one-over-one-light double-hung wood windows with transom windows to either side. This window configuration and style appears to be original. The cornice may have been rebuilt, and the brick façade has been painted.

8. Narrative Statement of Significance

This commercial building appears to contribute historically to the potential Downtown Commercial Historic District (#29-03685). The building was constructed by Charles F. Gall around 1889, and it served as a large furniture store from 1896 to 1929 and then a shoe store from 1933 to 1965. The building would not likely be individually eligible for listing on the National Register under Criteria A, B, or C. The building is currently listed as contributing in the West Jefferson Street Historic District (1991, #29-00001).

No building was located here on the 1886 Sanborn fire insurance map. On August 19, 1889, Charles F. Gall bought Lot 4 of Starr & Grimes Subdivision, and on September 20, 1889, Gall bought Lot 5, creating this double lot. This building was then likely constructed in fall of 1889 or spring of 1890. C.F. Gall was a cigar manufacturer at 407 N. Main per the 1896 city directory, and he appears to have constructed the building as a real estate investment. The Gall family continued to own the property until 1945. The Sanborn fire insurance maps show a double-storefront building at this location in 1892. The east half is designated as a tailor and the west half as a saloon. In 1892 M. Leyes and Son, tailors, were listed in 506 and O. M. Selson, restaurant, in 508.

On November 28, 1896, the White Palace furniture store, owned and operated by Giffen, McQuilken, and Alfs, celebrated a grand opening at this location (*Hawk Eye*, November 28, 1896, 8). Victor Gleudey, jeweler, moved into the 508 Jefferson space. The 1900 Sanborn map then shows 506-508 as a combined double storefront space. A very ornate Victorian cornice and large transom windows appear in early photos of this building while White Palace operated here. In March of 1904, the *Hawk Eye* reported that George Alfs had plans to expand into the building directly to the west. Although Mr. McQuilken left the partnership to begin a furniture business in Fort Dodge, George Alfs continued to occupy the space until 1928, and directory listings show the furniture business under his name. The building suffered heavy smoke damage at the time of the J. C. Penney fire. According to his obituary, George Alfs retired from his business in 1932 and thereafter devoted himself to projects of the local and state Kiwanis organizations (*Hawk Eye*, September 10, 1957, 4). The 1929 Sanborn map shows the building as a furniture store.

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The Gall family continued to own the building through this period. Minier Hardware Company is listed here in the 1930 city directory. From 1933 through 1942, the city directories list Lind's Bakery as the sole occupant of the building. The bakery was operated by Clayton R. Lind. It then moved to 602 Jefferson.

The building was sold by the Gall family to James B. and June E. Kriechbaum on March 3, 1945. They continued to own the property until May 1970 when they sold it to Benson Corporation. They also owned the building to the west at 510 Jefferson in this period.

In 1945, Hertzler Shoe Company is listed at this location. The city directory lists Daniel E. Hertzler, president; Mildred M. Hertzler, vice president; Erwin H. Hertzler, secretary-treasurer. They sold men's Florsheim Shoes, women's Selby Arch Preserver and Vitality Shoes, and children's Poll Parrot Shoes. It was likely around 1945 that the façade of the building was remodeled, removing the decorative cornice and installing black carrera glass. They continued to be listed here until the 1955 city directory.

In 1957, Brown's Shoe Fit Company opened a location here. They were an Iowa chain of shoe stores, based in Shenandoah. In 1958, Brown's Shoe Fit Company had 37 stores in four states (www.brownsshoefitco.com/browns_heritage.html). If the black carrera glass was not previously installed on the storefront, it was likely completed for a remodel for this shoe store. Brown's Shoe Fit Company bought out the Snyder & Hertzler shoe store at 212 Jefferson in February 1965 and clad this façade in concrete (later removed, Map #51), and they moved from their earlier location at 506 Jefferson ("Three Ways to Look at Our Downtown," *Hawk-Eye*, November 27, 1966, 17; "Shoe Store is Purchased," *Hawk-Eye*, February 28, 1965; "Building Permits," *Hawk-Eye*, August 17, 1965).

Peterson's Christian Book Shoppe is listed here in the 1968 directory. In 1970, the directory indicates that J. C. Penney had expanded into that location as well, west from their main location at 500-504 Jefferson. The building was sold by Benson Corporation to Charjan, Inc. (Walsh family company) in July 1985, and they continue to own the building. It was likely after this time that the storefront was remodeled. Most recently, Home Caring Services, a home care and nursing service, has occupied the street level of the building.

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Location map



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

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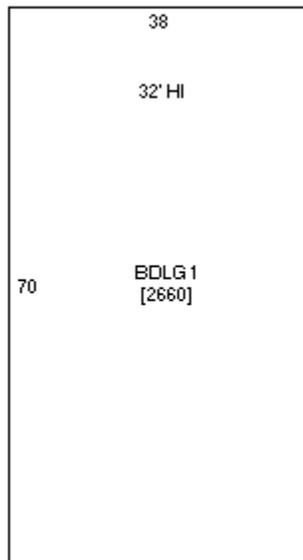
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Building plan (from assessor's website)



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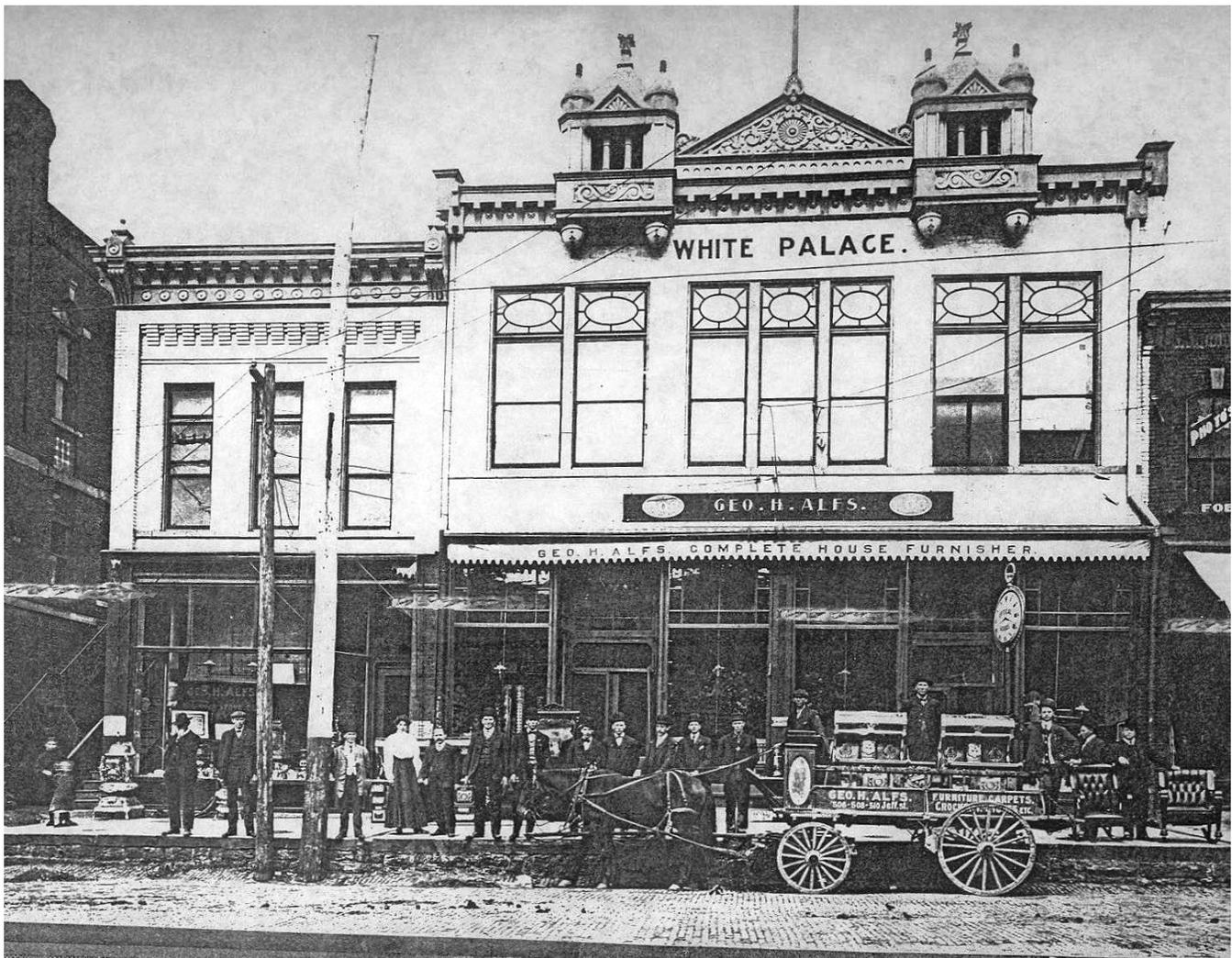
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Historic images



White Palace furniture store – George H. Alfs (Downtown Partners)

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North side of 500 block of Jefferson - August 5, 1937 - Lind's Bakery (Downtown Partners)

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North side of 500 block of Jefferson in early 1970s, looking west (Downtown Partners)

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Digital photographs



Photograph 29-01110-001 – South elevation, looking north (McCarley, July 17, 2013).