

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

State Inventory No. 29-01127 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 Richard Howard Building

other names/site number Downtown Survey Map # J-151

2. Location

street & number 609 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) east 20' of west 40' of Lot 796

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)

02E05: Commerce / hardware

02E: Commerce / specialty store

02E08: Commerce / barber

02A08: Commerce / laundry or dry cleaners

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

09F05: Commercial / brick front

foundation 04: Stone

05B: Italianate

walls (visible material) 03: Brick

roof 08B: Rolled Asphalt

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)

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|--|---|--|
| <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input 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 609 Jefferson Street Site Number 29-01127
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
02: Architecture

Significant Dates

Construction date 1875 check if circa or estimated date
Other dates, including renovation _____

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, three bay, brick Italianate building. The building was built in conjunction with the Thomas Hedge Block to the east (603-605-607), though under separate ownership at construction and through the decades since then. The storefront has been remodeled, with a recessed single-door entry at the right/west and large display windows. Panels are found in the transom windows and bulkhead across the storefront. The second story has three two-over-two-light double-hung windows with segmental arch brick lintels and stone keystones. They have a continuous stone sill. The frieze/cornice has brickwork that continues from the building to the east constructed at the same time. A row of brick dentils extends across the frieze with triangular brick "brackets" along the cornice line.

8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The Richard Howard Building appears to contribute historically and architecturally to the potential Downtown Commercial Historic District (#29-03685). The building was constructed in 1875 by Richard Howard, filling in the remainder of this half block of Jefferson Street. A variety of businesses operated here through the 19th and 20th centuries, contributing to the historic significance of the downtown district. The Italianate architecture of the building remains readily conveyed, contributing to the first period of architectural significance for the historic district. The building is currently listed as contributing in the West Jefferson Street Historic District (1991, #29-00001).

The east 20 feet of the west 40 feet of Lot 796 was originally bought by Richard Howard. The buildings from 603 to 609 Jefferson were built at the same time in 1875, with Thomas Hedge building the three from 603 to 607. They were referred to as the Hedge-Howard Block upon completion. The construction completely filled the vacant middle part of this half block from Ost's corner building to Beck's building (*Hawk-Eye*, May 11, 1875, 8; *Hawkeye*, October 5, 1875, 8). Richard Howard (1813 – 1904) was a carpenter and building contractor, and he may have built all of the buildings. In 1876, W.H. Burge & Co advertised their second-hand store here, buying and selling all kinds of household goods. By 1882, John P. Miller ran a stoves and tinware store here. On March 8, 1884, R. Howard & wife sold 609 Jefferson St. to Kaufer & Weber. The 1886 Sanborn map continues to show a stoves and tinware shop here, with Ebert & Hafner listed as running it in the 1890 and 1892 city directories. On March 11, 1891, John Kaufer and wife sold their interest in 609 Jefferson Street to Henry Weber. On October 19, 1892, Henry Weber and wife sold the building to Wm. Gillie.

In the 1896 city directory, W.M. & H.F. Hagemeyer, brothers, were barbers at 609 Jefferson St., and John A. Hiltz was selling cigars from the same location. The 1900 Sanborn map shows a cigar factory on the second story. According to the 1902 city directory, Hagemeyer Bros. barbers were still at 609 Jefferson. Only William Hagemeyer, barber, was the listed here in the 1907 directory, and he continued to operate a barber shop here through 1924. In 1912, Bert Barr, a clerk at Wm. Ihrer's grocery at 601 Jefferson, lived at 609 ½ Jefferson Street with his wife Mary. George Wales was then listed in the second story apartment in 1916. On October 30, 1922, Elizabeth Gillies et al sold 609 Jefferson St. to H.S. Rand. On October 1, 1923, H. S. Rand & wife sold the building to A.J. Meyer, trustee. On July 29, 1926, Clara Meyer, a widow, sold the building to C.H., M.A. & J.W. Walsh. Per the 1926 city

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directory, the first story store was vacant while Mrs. Ethel O'Dale lived upstairs. On December 24, 1931, Mark A. Walsh transferred his 1/3 interest in 609 Jefferson Street to his wife, Marjorie.

In 1928, Miller & Lundgren operated a cleaning and pressing shop at 609 Jefferson St. Guy E. McIntyre was a veterinarian at 609 ½ and was equipped to treat pet animals. The 1930 city directory lists H.O. Lundgren and J.E. Waugh as operating "Lundgren & Co.", a cleaner and dyer business here, while the upstairs was vacant. Nine cleaners and dyers were in business in Burlington at this time. Miller Cleaners are then listed here from the 1933 to 1945 city directories, operated by Louis Miller. The upstairs at 609 ½ Jefferson was listed as the poultry, cream station, and produce store of Harley Horn from 1937 through 1943. From 1947 to 1958, Miller Cleaners, cleaner and dyers, was operated by Roy Miller, and the upstairs was vacant. In 1951, thirteen cleaners and dyers are listed in the Burlington city directory.

According to the 1960 city directory, Whyles Pastry Shop was at 609 Jefferson and 609 ½ is not mentioned. On July 27, 1961, the title was changed with the 1/3 interest of Catherine M. Walsh estate transferring to C. H. Walsh et al, trustees. From 1963 to 1965, 609 Jefferson St. was listed as vacant. Directories from 1968 through 1978 list Pet Land, a pet shop, operated by Mrs. Luella Thomas at 609 Jefferson, with no listing for 609 ½. The building was then vacant from 1980 to 1990. The Walsh family continues to own the property. Kyle Bezer operated Midwest Antiques & Variety Stores here in 2013.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Brower, Steven. *West Jefferson Street Historic District*. National Register of Historic Places nomination form. On file at State Historic Preservation Office, Des Moines, IA. Listed on April 9, 1991.

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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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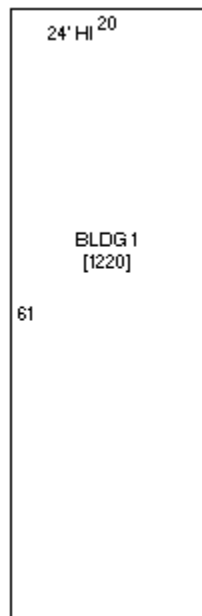
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Building plan (from assessor's website)



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Historic images



South side of 500 block of Jefferson in 1977 (Downtown Partners)

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Digital photographs



Photograph 29-01124-001 – North elevation, looking south (McCarley, July 17, 2013).