

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

State Inventory No. 29-03508  New  Supplemental  
 Part of a district with known boundaries (enter inventory no.) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Relationship:  Contributing  Noncontributing  
 Contributes to a potential district with yet unknown boundaries (29-00001)  
 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 Farmers & Merchants Motor Bank  
 other names/site number 2009-10 Survey Field Site #WH-37

**2. Location**

street & number 405 Valley 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) 527

**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 Enter number of:	If Eligible Property, enter number of:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)		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 Intensive Level Survey of the "warehouse district" in Burlington, Des Moines County, Iowa Historical Architectural Data Base Number 29-029

**6. Function or Use**

<b>Historic Functions</b> (Enter categories from instructions)	<b>Current Functions</b> (Enter categories from instructions)
<u>O2D02: Commerce / Bank</u>	<u>O2D02: Commerce / Bank</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____

**7. Description**

<b>Architectural Classification</b> (Enter categories from instructions)	<b>Materials</b> (Enter categories from instructions)
<u>09F08: Roadside Commercial</u>	foundation <u>10B: Poured Concrete</u>
<u>06B: 20th Century Colonial Revival</u>	walls (visible material) <u>03: Brick</u>
_____	roof <u>08A: Shingle Roof</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 type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" 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 405-407 Valley Street Site Number 29-03508  
City Burlington District Number \_\_\_\_\_

**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  
17: Industry

**Significant Dates**

Construction date 1960  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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city or town Burlington state Iowa zip code 52601

**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 motor bank was noted to be of the "Colonial Style" in a 1962 advertisement featuring a photograph of the building. The brick building has a large gable-roof canopy to the south for three drive-thru lanes. The main building at the north end reflects this style in the cupola, pediments on the entries on the north and west, and multi-light bay window on the east. These elements appear to be original. The large gable-roof canopy to the south for the three drive-thru lanes is currently supported by brick columns. Historic photographs show two teller booths, which have been removed.

## 8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The Farmers & Merchants Motor Bank does not appear to be associated with the Manufacturing and Wholesale District immediately to the south and east of this building. Thus, it has been excluded from the boundary of this potential historic district. It does, however, relate to the more retail/commercial area along Jefferson Street to the north, and it is directly connected to the Farmers & Merchants Savings Bank at Jefferson and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. With an expanded retail/commercial historic district along Jefferson Street, this building would likely contribute to this expanded district, historically and architecturally. Additionally, the building may be individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C for its relatively intact architecture of a motor bank from this period. With more information and comparison of related buildings, it may have architectural significance for an individual nomination. Likewise, it may be historically significant under Criterion A for its association with the development of motor banks in this period.

The Farmers & Merchants Savings Bank was established in Burlington in 1916, with branches at Oakville and Sperry by 1938. The main building was located on the southeast corner of Third and Jefferson (*Daily Hawk-Eye Gazette*, September 2, 1938, 18). In October 1959, the Farmers and Merchants Building Corporation bought this property at the southwest corner of Valley and 4<sup>th</sup> Street. The motor bank was likely constructed the following year in 1960. An advertisement in the July 7, 1962 special edition of the *Hawk-Eye* includes a photograph of this building. The main portion appears nearly original, with the two teller booths under the canopy removed and replaced with brick columns. Interestingly, the building plan on the assessor's website appears to show these booths still.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

*Burlington Hawk-Eye*, various articles and dates. On microfilm at the Burlington Public Library.

City Directories, Burlington, Iowa, various dates. On microfiche at the Burlington Public Library

Transfer books, Des Moines County Auditor's Office, Burlington, Iowa

Vertical files, Burlington Public Library, Burlington, Iowa.

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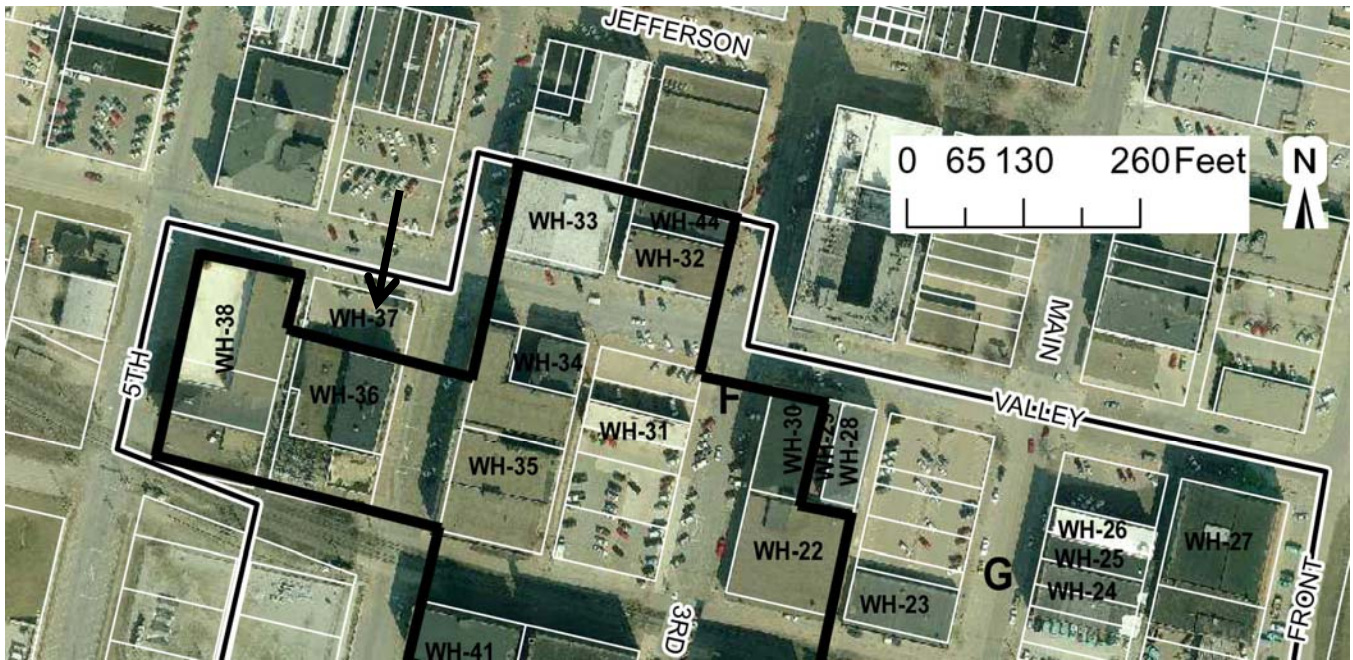
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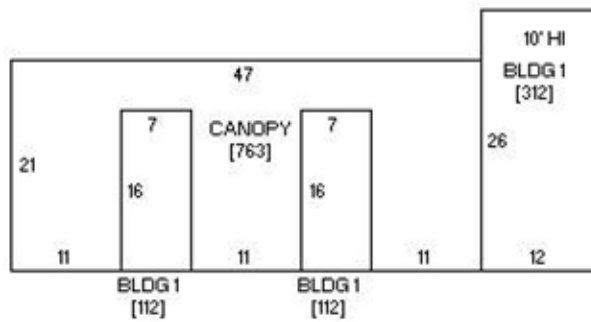
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**Location map**



**Building plan (from assessor's website)**



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## Historic image

In our nearly half a century of banking... 

# Remember When

... banks were far different from today in methods and appearance. Many tellers wore green eye shades and bookwork was done laboriously by hand. There were no high speed posting machines. There were no motor banks, and some of the services commonplace today were non-existent 46 years ago when the F&M entered the banking field in Burlington.



The horse and buggy days of banking are gone forever . . .



Colonial Style Motor Bank at 4th and Valley handles growing volume of F&M customers in speed and efficiency.



Today the F&M Bank has at your command modern facilities, experience personnel, and resources in depth to meet complex and challenging business and personal financial demands.

Our 46th Year

## FARMERS & MERCHANTS SAVINGS BANK

"Considerate, helpful banking"

MEMBER FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

1916 to 1962

Ad in *Hawk-Eye* on July 7, 1962, sec 2, page 40



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**Photograph (digital image)**



**Bank, looking southwest  
November 2, 2009  
R.L. McCarley**

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**Bank, looking southeast  
January 12, 2010  
R.L. McCarley**