

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

State Inventory No. 29-01240 New Supplemental
 Part of a district with known boundaries (enter inventory no.) 29-03685
 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 Alex Hood Building
 other names/site number 2009-10 Survey Field Site #WH-25

2. Location

street & number 110 N. Main St.
 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) 93 S1/2

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>	—
<input type="checkbox"/> district	—	sites	—	—
<input type="checkbox"/> site	—	structures	—	—
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	—	objects	—	—
<input type="checkbox"/> object	—	Total	<u>1</u>	—

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

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)	Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)
<u>02E03: Commerce/Specialty/Dry Goods (notions)</u>	<u>02G: Commerce/Restaurant</u>
<u>10G01: Industry/Storage/Warehouse</u>	_____
<u>14D09: Transport./Road Related/Auto Service</u>	_____

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)	Materials (Enter categories from instructions)
<u>05H: Victorian/Renaissance</u>	foundation <u>04C: Stone/Limestone</u>
_____	walls (visible material) <u>03: Brick</u>
_____	roof <u>08B: Asphalt/Rolled</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 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 110 N. Main St Site Number 29-01240
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 1869-70 check if circa or estimated date
Other dates, including renovation 1900 fire, 1910 interior remodel

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 three-story brick Renaissance Revival commercial building constructed around 1869. The first story was previously modified by the installation of structural glass panels. The overall form of the storefront redesign remains intact, though the panels appear to have been painted or clad. The upper story windows retain six-over-six-light double-hung windows with brick segmental arch hoods with keystones and shoulders. The decorative brick cornice also remains intact. Segmental arch windows are found on the rear of the building.

8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The Alex Hood Building appears to contribute historically and architecturally to the potential Downtown Commercial Historic District (#29-03685). The building was constructed around 1869 during a period of construction associated with the completion of the Chicago, Burlington, & Quincy railroad bridge over the Mississippi River. The building retains six-over-six-light double-hung windows, decorative window hoods, and a decorative brick cornice. It provided early space for several successful businesses that outgrew this space and continued in larger buildings, such as wholesale grocers Biklen, Winzer & Co and wholesale dry goods company of Schramm & Schmieg. It was associated with other locally significant businesses after the 1900 fire, including N.J. Burt & Company and Barngrover Glass. The building stands among a handful of buildings on this block constructed in this period, reflecting the growth of Burlington at this time. This history and architecture contributes to the significance of the district.

This commercial building was previously evaluated as individually eligible in 1978. The survey form states that "although altered on the first story, this building retains its original detail on the upper floors and is an excellent example of the Renaissance Revival as applied to a Victorian commercial building." The building does not appear to have been substantially changed since this 1978 evaluation. The altered storefront appears to have had its structural glass panels clad or painted. The upper story windows and brick detailing remain intact. Thus, it appears to remain individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C. Additionally, it was associated with locally significant businesses, such as Schramm & Schmieg, N.J. Burt & Company, and Barngrover Glass. Thus, it likely would also be individually eligible under Criterion A.

Barton T. David owned the property at 110 N. Main (south half of Lot 93) prior to 1866. He sold it to Alex Hood on April 27, 1869 for \$5,250 (Transfer Book 1 pg 8; Deed book 36: 116). The railroad bridge was completed over the Mississippi River in Burlington in 1869, spurring significant construction. A note in the *Hawk-Eye* in August 1869 states that the Barton T. David building was being demolished for Hood to build a new block. On October 30, 1869, the *Hawk-Eye* reported that work was progressing on David and Hood's new block. John S. David owned Lot 94 to the south (106-108 N. Main), and he appears to have then built a three-storefront building in conjunction with Alex Hood (110 N. Main). Work was noted as being finished on David and Hood's Block in the *Hawk-Eye* on March 20, 1870. Alex Hood then sold the property to Rand & Carson on December 31, 1870. They continued to own it until their deaths in the 1890s. Rand & Carson were partners in a lumber business on Jefferson, as

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well as heavily involved in real estate and owning other property on this block. Thus, it appears that they owned the property as an investment.

The first business listed at 10 N. Main Street was J.H. Wyman & Co., Wallpaper & Window Shades, and Mrs. Merrill, Dyers and Scourers (City Directory 1869: 110). Wyman then advertised in the *Hawk-Eye* later in 1869 at 16 (116) N. Main, so it is unknown if he was here and moved or if the directory is indicating a location to the north (misprint or renumbering with new construction). The next identified business at 110 N. Main is T.W. Barhydt & Co, boots and shoes, with ads in the *Burlington Hawk-Eye* on February 14, 1871 and March 10, 1871 (page 2). It is referenced as located in David's Block, further suggesting a connection with the building/section to the south. T.W. Barhydt and A.G. Barhydt then continued the business at 10 N. Main after M.E. Gillette withdrew (*Hawk-Eye*, February 12, 1873). Around 1874, he moved south to 108 N. Main. Starker, Hagemann & Co then apparently moved from 106 to 110 N. Main, as they were located at 10 N. Main when they dissolved in 1875. The successor business of Biklen, Winzer & Co then continued in their space at 110 N. Main. In 1876, Bilklen, Winzer & Co., wholesale grocers and tea dealers, were listed at 110 N. Main Street. They organized in 1875, located at 110-112 N. Main Street – a space 60 feet by 120 feet. They were a major wholesale grocery business, operating throughout Iowa, Illinois, and Missouri (*Portrait and Biographical Album of Des Moines County, Iowa* 1888: 765).

However, fire then struck the building to the south at 100-104 N. Main in June 1877, which appears to have then significantly damaged the two sections of this 1869-70 block owned by David at 106-108 N. Main. Bicklen, Winzer & Co were then occupying 110 N. Main, and the *Hawk-Eye* notes in June 1877 that the damaged wall of that building is being torn down and replaced. Assuming that it was the south wall, then the full building at 106-108 N. Main was then likely rebuilt at this time. The façade details on 106-108 currently are different than 110, suggesting two periods of construction. The style of windows and cornice detail would likely be consistent with an 1869-70 date for 110 and an 1877-78 date for 106-108. Biklen, Winzer & Co was operating at 110 N. Main again by December. The *Hawk-Eye* reported on July 16, 1882 that Biklen, Winzer & Co were moving to Central Block, and that Schramm & Schmiege were remodeling 110 N. Main prior to moving in.

Schramm & Schmiege Wholesale Dry Goods & Notions became major tenants at 110 N. Main from 1882 to 1900, having organized as the only exclusively wholesale dry goods house in Burlington. The three-story building is noted to be 30 by 117 feet. Charles F. Schramm and Frederich Schmeig were the partners (*Commercial & Statistical Review of the City of Burlington* 1882: 150). Schramm & Schmiege continued their successful business at this location until the last day of the year 1900 when their store and this location was destroyed by a fire (Antrobus 1915: 83). The business was incorporated in 1905 and in 1908 it was moved to the corner of 3rd and Valley (Antrobus 1915: 83). This new building was constructed for the company, and they continued to operate here for several decades (see #29-00092, 201-205 N. 3rd Street). Based on historic photographs, it appears that the exterior of the building at 110 N. Main remained standing after the 1900 fire. City directories do not list the address in 1902 and 1906.

After an interior remodel, N.J. Burt & Company purchased the building in May 1910 and opened its wholesale and retail seeds and florist business (Transfer Book 7 pg 17, City Directory 1910-11: 533). A

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1920-21 Advertisement states that NJ Burt & Co. specialized in Garden, Field and Flower Seeds (City Directory 1920-21 Ad. no pg number – see ad.). It appears that the Great Depression may have affected the NJ Burt & Co. as the mortgage went back to First Iowa State Bank in September 1929 (Transfer Book 7 pg 13).

The building took a turn towards the auto industry in 1924 and 1930 with Eastern Iowa Motors Company, Burlington Auto Market, and Western Armature Service were occupants during that time (City Directory 1924, 1930 pg 330, 316, 1931 Sanborn Map).

CD Barngrover Burlington Glass Company occupied 110 N. Main in 1933 and purchased the building from the bank in May of 1939 (City Directory 1933 pg 383, Transfer Book 7 pg 13). They remained in at this location until the late 1950's when they moved to 219-223 Valley (#29-01640).

In 1957 Bill & Jim Beverage Company, Beer Distributors were listed in this building (1957 City Directory pg 96). The property was purchased by Armond Bibb & Henry Knebel in April of 1958 (Transfer Book 7 pg 13). The Palace Recreation and Billiards Parlor are listed in the 1960 and 1963 City Directories (pgs 163, 145).

In December of 1968, Burlington Sporting Goods Company Inc. purchased the building and had their business there until they sold to Thomas and Linda Clayton, Clayton's Cyclery and Sports in October of 1992 (Transfer Book 13 pg 15). Then the property was acquired by Cliff and Linda Wilson, Hawkeye Guns Unlimited (Transfer Book 13 pg 15).

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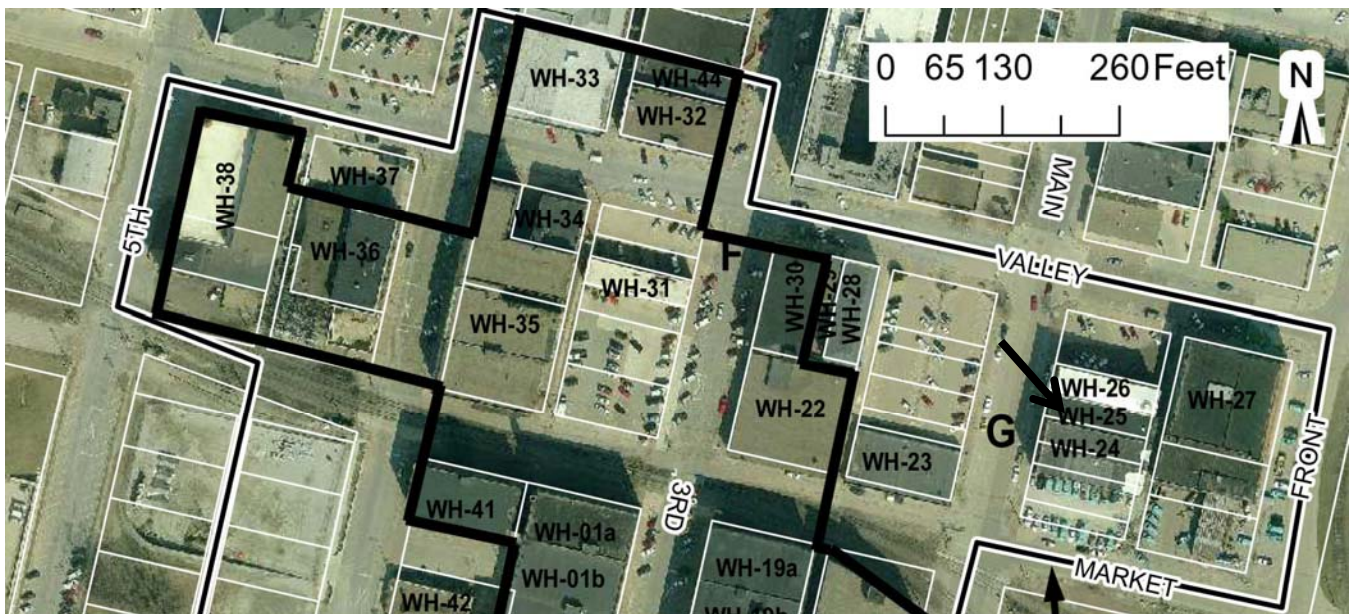
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Location map



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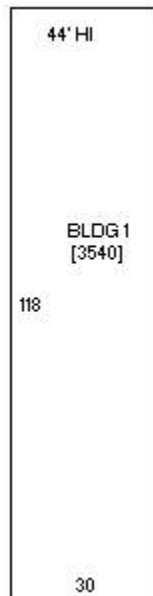
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Building plan (from assessor's website)



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Historic Photograph



Schramm & Schmiegl in 1896 *Souvenir of Burlington*, page 72.

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Photograph (digital image)



**Building, looking east
November 2, 2009
R.L. McCarley**

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**Building, looking northwest
January 12, 2010
R.L. McCarley**