#### **Iowa Site Inventory Form State Inventory Number:** 44-00441 ☐ New ☐ Supplemental **State Historic Preservation Office** 9-Digit SHPO Review & Compliance (R&C) Number: \_\_\_\_\_ (January 2016) □ Non-extant Year: Read the lowa Site Inventory Form Instructions carefully, to ensure accuracy and completeness before completing this form. The instructions are available on our website. **Property Name** A) Historic name: Capitol Savings and Loan B) Other names: 2023 downtown survey # DT-002 Location A) Street address: 100 W. Washington St B) City or town: Mount Pleasant ( Vicinity) County: Henry C) Legal description: Rural: Township Name: Township No.: Range No.: Section: Quarter: of Quarter: Urban: Subdivision: Original Block(s): 8 Lot(s): 5 Classification A) Property category: Check only one B) Number of resources (within property): If eligible property, enter number of: □ Building(s) If non-eligible property, ☐ District Contributing Noncontributing enter number of: ☐ Site 1 Buildings Buildinas ☐ Structure Sites Sites ☐ Object Structures Structures Objects Objects Total **Total** C) For properties listed in the National Register: National Register status: Listed De-listed NHL NPS DOE D) For properties within a historic district: Property contributes to a National Register or local certified historic district. Property contributes to a potential historic district, based on professional historic/architectural survey and evaluation. Property *does not* contribute to the historic district in which it is located. Historic district name: Mt Pleasant Downtown Historic District Historic district site inventory number: 44-02280 E) Name of related project report or multiple property study, if applicable: MPD title Historical Architectural Data Base # Intensive Level Historical and Architectural Survey of Downtown Mt Pleasant, Iowa HADB-02986 Function or Use Enter categories (codes and terms) from the lowa Site Inventory Form Instructions A) Historic functions **B)** Current functions 02D01: COMMERCE/TRADE / financial institution 02D02: COMMERCE/TRADE / financial institution / savings & loan / bank **Description** Enter categories (codes and terms) from the lowa Site Inventory Form Instructions A) Architectural classification **B) Materials** 09F: Commercial Foundation (visible exterior): 10B: Concrete Walls (visible exterior): 03: Brick, 10B: Concrete Roof: 15C: Rubber

Other:

Site Number: 44-00441 Address: 100 W. Washington St	City: Mt Pleasant County: IA District Number: 44-02280
Statement of Significance	
A) Applicable National Register Criteria: Mark your opin Criterion A: Property is associated with significant events. Criterion B: Property is associated with the lives of significant per Criterion C: Property has distinctive architectural characteristics Criterion D: Property yields significant information in archaeology	<ul> <li>Yes ☐ No ☐ More research recommended</li> <li>ersons. ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ More research recommended</li> <li>∴ ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ More research recommended</li> </ul>
B) Special criteria considerations: Mark any special cons  ☐ A: Owned by a religious institution or used for religious p ☐ B: Removed from its original location. ☐ C: A birthplace or grave. ☐ D: A cemetery	
C) Areas of significance Enter categories from instructions 05: Commerce	D) Period(s) of significance
02: Architecture	
E) Significant dates Construction date  1976	F) Significant person Complete if Criterion B is marked above
G) Cultural affiliation Complete if Criterion D is marked above	H) Architect/Builder Architect Kirk Gross Co, Waterloo Builder/contractor
	Kirk Gross Co, Waterloo
I) Narrative statement of significance $\boxtimes$ SEE CONTIN	UATION SHEETS, WHICH MUST BE COMPLETED
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-	n by Pat White Date: February 26, 2024
Organization/firm: SPARK Consulting / Mt Pleasant HF	
Street address: 1630 Park Ave SE	Telephone: 319-200-9767
City or Town: Cedar Rapids	State: IA Zip code: 52403
ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION Submit the following	ing items with the completed form
A) For all properties, attach the following, as specified	I in the Iowa Site Inventory Form Instructions:
<b>1. Map</b> of property's location within the community.	
<ol><li>Glossy color 4x6 photos labeled on back with pr unique photo number.</li></ol>	roperty/building name, address, date taken, view shown, and
	ap and/or floor plan, using arrows next top each photo
number to indicate the location and directional vi	
	boundaries, public roads, and building/structure footprints.
B) For State Historic Tax Credit Part 1 Applications, h See lists of special requirements and attachments in	
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State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) Use Only B The SHPO has reviewed the Site Inventory and concurs with all	
Yes ☐ No ☐ More research recomme ☐ This is a locally designated property or part of a loc	ended
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## 7. Narrative Description

This is a one-story building constructed in 1975-76 for Capitol Savings and Loan, formerly Insurance Plan Savings and Loan. Kirk Gross Company of Waterloo designed and built the building for the company, marketing themselves as a full-service firm for bank construction. The building is located on the southwest corner of W. Washington St and S. Main St, with the design oriented to the corner. The front of the building, facing northeast, includes a recessed entry with large windows and glass doors. The flat roof design consists of an overhanging parapet, providing a strong modern horizontal element above the walls. The walls at the northeast corner are constructed of concrete panels with vertical ribbing. The north elevation, facing W. Washington St, has walls clad in brick veneer, with 10 inset vertical bands consisting of single-light vertical windows with concrete panels with vertical ribbing above and below the window. The east elevation, facing S. Main St, has walls clad in brick veneer, with five inset vertical bands consisting of vertical windows with concrete panels with vertical ribbing above and below the window. The west elevation is clad in brick veneer, with a recessed double-door entry from the parking to the west of the building. The south elevation is likewise clad in brick veneer, with a drive-thru window and canopy extending from the west portion of the building. The canopy reflects the architecture of the building, with a thickened flat roof and brick columns. Overall, the building retains an excellent level of integrity.

### 8. Narrative Statement of Significance

This commercial building appears to be eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places as a contributing building within the potential Mount Pleasant Downtown Historic District. The building contributes to the historic commercial character of the downtown, and it reflects the final period of downtown development in the 1970s that included projects for several financial institutions. The building also contributes architecturally to the historic district. The building retains sufficient integrity to convey its significance as a historic commercial building in a historic district.

Based on research and evaluation conducted to date, this building appears to be potentially individually eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The building retains excellent integrity and strongly reflects designs for financial institutions in this period. Further research and assessment of the interior features and modifications would be required for a full evaluation of the individual eligibility of the building.

### Developmental history of property

This one-story commercial building was built in 1976. Several earlier buildings were on this lot prior to its construction, including a two-story brick building built by William Hoaglin after the 1914 fire destroyed earlier buildings on this half block and a gas station at the corner.

On 31 December 1960, Standard Oil Company transfers the W 19 1/3' of the E 58' of lot 5 block 8 and also the E 20' and the W 18'8" of the E 38'8" of lot 5 to American Oil Company. On 9 December 1964, F.M. Edwards, single, sells the W 92' of lot 5 to Charles N. and Donna R. Hanna. On 17 April 1974, Amoco Oil Company (formerly American Oil Company) sells the property acquired on 31 December 1960,

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to United Service Corporation. On 25 April 1974, the lot is then sold to Insurance Plan Savings and Loan Association. On 26 February 1975, Charles N. and Donna R. Hanna sell the W 92' of lot 5 to Don E. and Mary L. Kiesey allowing perpetual use of the alley. On 28 February 1975, Don E. and Mary L. Kiesey sell the property to Insurance Plan Savings and Loan (Transfer Book "2", page 9). Thus, on March 1, 1975, Insurance Plan Savings and Loan Association owns all of lot 5 block 8.

The Insurance Plan Savings and Loan Association had operated in Mt Pleasant since August 1937, starting at 136 N. Main St and moving to the building at the northwest corner of the square at 101 N. Jefferson around 1944 (which they remodeled in 1952-53) (see site inventory form). By March 1975, they had assets over \$52 million and savings over \$44 million, with over 1,365 borrowers and 11,000 savers. In addition to the home office in Mt Pleasant, they had branch offices in Washington, Anamosa, Maquoketa, and Dyersville. They were then approved to open a branch office in Muscatine as well ("Muscatine office for Insurance Plan," *Mt Pleasant News*, March 11, 1975, 1).

Initial plans for a new building for Insurance Plan Savings and Loan were announced in April 1974. The new building would occupy the east half of the block on the south side of the square, occupied then by Home Furniture and the former Standard Oil Service station. Demolition of those buildings was slated to begin in March 1975, with construction to span about a year. The new brick structure would have a basement and ground story level, with the basement devoted largely to a community room and kitchen for use by community groups. The 15,000 square foot building included drive-in windows and parking. Insurance Plan Savings and Loan had operated for about 30 years at 101 N. Jefferson, at the northwest corner of the square. Architect and contractor for the building was Kirk Gross Company of Waterloo ("New building for Insurance Plan," *Mt Pleasant News*, April 26, 1974, 1). Kirk Gross Company was a specialty bank designers and contractor, offering all services under one roof. They also designed banks in Henry County in this period in Wayland and Winfield.

An article in the *Mt. Pleasant News*, March 24, 1975, announces "Home Furniture has moved to its new location on Washington and Jefferson and Insurance Plan Savings and Loan will build on the old location (corner of Washington and Main). The new Insurance Plan building will consist of 7,400 square feet on the main floor – construction will begin as soon as the ground is cleared and weather permits. Officials hope to be in operation by July 1, 1976."

On January 1, 1976, Insurance Plan Savings and Loan officially changes the name of its organization to Capitol Savings and Loan. A photo of Charles R. McCuen, president, is shown accepting the new state charter (*Mt. Pleasant News*, January 13, 1976, page 9).

Capitol Savings & Loan Association invited the public to an open house and to inspect its new facility at No. 1 Washington Street. General contractor of the project was Kirk Gross Company of Waterloo (*Mt. Pleasant News*, March 18, 1976, page 11).

Mount Pleasant city directories reflect the name changes of the bank: Capitol Savings & Loan (1976-1983), Hawkeye Bank of Mt. Pleasant (1993), Mercantile Bank of Henry County (1997), Henry County Bank (2000) and Two Rivers Bank & Trust (2011).

This commercial building is currently occupied in 2024 by Two Rivers Bank & Trust, a financial institution. The building has been owned since October 2007, by Two Rivers Bank & Trust.

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### Earlier history of this site

The 1886 Sanborn fire insurance map shows four buildings, with seven addresses, on this Washington Street lot. Starting at the west of the lot is a large, 2-story brick building used for general merchandise. Next is a small, narrow, 1-story, frame storage building used for a second-hand store. At the corner of Washington and Main is a very large, 2-story, brick building with a gable roof. The building is divided into 3 sections, with 3 addresses: 52, 51 and 50 Washington. There are offices on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. #52 and #51 are used for temperance saloons/salons and #50 is vacant.

The 1892 Sanborn fire insurance map shows nearly the same footprint of the buildings as the previous map: the large, 2-story, brick building at the alley is used for general merchandise with address of 56 – 55 W Washington. To the east, the two 1-story, frame buildings now have a passage way between them and the building has been extended to the south. The buildings are used for storage and a warehouse (54 – 53 W Washington). The large, 2-story, brick building at the corner of Washington and Main has 3 separate businesses: marble works at 52 /104 W Washington, a restaurant at 51 /102 W Washington and a meat market at 50 W Washington, with a tailor shop on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

The 1899 Sanborn fire insurance map shows the large, 2-story, brick building at the alley is used for general merchandise with address of 56 / 55 W Washington. The frame buildings in the center of the lot are gone, replaced with a large, 1-story, frame building. The address is 54 / 53 W Washington and the building is used for agricultural implements and vehicles. The large, 2-story, brick building (25' in height), at the corner of W Washington and S Main has 3 separate businesses: a print shop (with concrete floor, gasoline engine at the rear of the building) is at 104 W Washington, a general store is at 102 W Washington and a drug store is at 50 W Washington.

The 1909 Sanborn fire insurance map shows the large, 2-story, brick building at the alley is used for a grocery store at 56 W Washington and a storage room at 55 W Washington. The large, 1-story, frame building to the east is used for a second-hand store at 54 W Washington and a restaurant at 53 W Washington. The large, 2-story, brick building, at the corner of W Washington and S Main, has 3 separate businesses: a print shop (with concrete floor, gasoline engine at the rear of the building) is at 104 W Washington, a feed/warehouse, with rendering in the rear addition is at 102 W Washington and a grocery store is at 50 W Washington.

On August 14, 1914, a disastrous fire swept through the eastern half of the south side of the square, destroying or severely damaging all of the buildings ("Disastrous Fire on South Side Friday Afternoon," *Mt Pleasant Daily News*, August 15, 1914, 1). A large brick building was constructed by William Hoaglin on south side of square immediately east of alley in 1915. The post office was approved to move into the new building with a 10-year lease ("Post Office is Settled," *Mt Pleasant Daily News*, March 18, 1915, 3). The Mt. Pleasant House / Mason Hotel is listed here in the 1915 and 1917 city directories. The east half of the first story was a dining room before the Julian Theater opened in the space in the late 1910s, operated by his son Earl Hoaglin. The post office operated in the west half until moved it to its new 1936 building at 200 N. Jefferson. The second story was apartments or rooms for rent after the hotel closed. This two-story brick building was demolished in 1975 for the new bank building (Ruth Mallams, "Mt Pleasant Opera Houses and Theaters," HCHS clippings, Mt Pleasant Public Library).

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The 1920 Sanborn fire insurance map shows the following: The western  $\frac{1}{2}$  portion of the lot is made up of two, adjoining, 2-story brick buildings, 26' in height, with frame/stuccoed walls on the  $2^{nd}$  floor at the rear. Each building has a 1-story, brick addition. 55 - 56 W Washington is the Post Office. 53 - 54 W Washington is a "moving pictures" theater, with a seating capacity of 500. The eastern  $\frac{1}{2}$  portion of the lot is made up of three buildings, with three businesses: a clothing store is at 104 W Washington, a garage (with capacity for 5 cars) is at 102 W Washington and a wallpaper store is at the corner with an address of 50 Washington.

The Standard Oil Station built a small building at this corner in the 1920s. This was a prime location along Washington St, which was Highway 34 through Mt Pleasant. In September 1935, they bought the William Crane building to the west of their building and demolished it as well as their earlier station. K.A. Bergdahl and sons built a larger, modern one-stop service station, which had enameled bricks ("Standard Oil to Build Station Soon," *Mt Pleasant News*, September 6, 1935, 1).

The 1942 Sanborn fire insurance map shows the footprint of the western  $\frac{1}{2}$  portion of the lot has not changed. The west half of the two-story building (55 - 56 W Washington) is a bowling alley. The usage for 53 - 54 W Washington is not shown. The eastern portion of the lot has a brick filling station with three gas tanks at the corner of W Washington and S Main. There are two sections to the building, both with 8' ceilings. The address is 102 W Washington.

The Standard Oil Station operated at this corner, east of the large brick building, from the middle of the 1940s to the 1970s.

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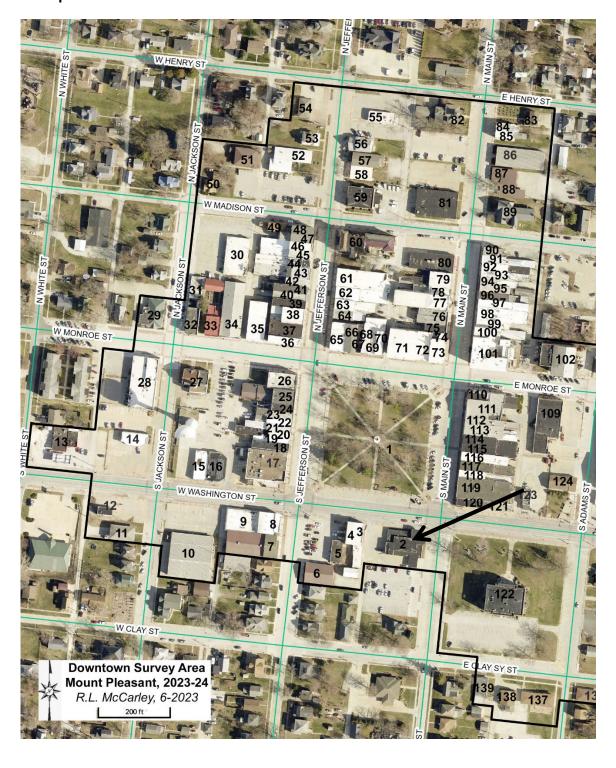
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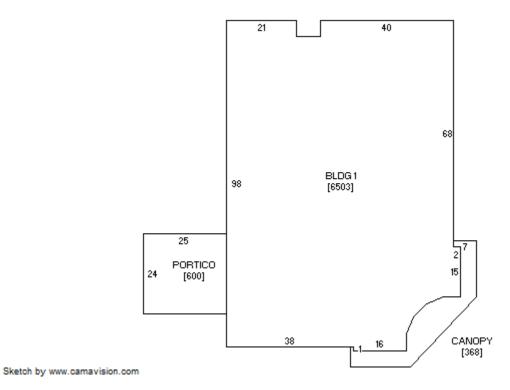


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## **Building footprint**



Henry County Assessor (https://beacon.schneidercorp.com)

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## **Historic images**



Earlier buildings on east portion of the south side of the 100 block of W. Washington St in July 1965 (HCHT collection)

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East elevation of building from courthouse block, looking west (1976 bicentennial capsule ceremony, HCHS, Mt Pleasant library binder)

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Capitol Savings and Loan in early 1980s (HCHT Facebook album)



1987 photograph for sign permit, City of Mt Pleasant

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Photograph 44-00441-002. North elevation, looking south (October 2023)

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Photograph 44-00441-003. Entry to building, looking southwest (October 2023)

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Photograph 44-00441-005. South elevation, looking north (October 2023)