

# Iowa Site Inventory Form

State Historic Preservation Office

(January 2016)

State Inventory Number: 44-02239  New  Supplemental

9-Digit SHPO Review & Compliance (R&C) Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Non-extant Year: \_\_\_\_\_

*Read the Iowa 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: Skerik Parts Service Co

B) Other names: 2023 downtown survey # DT-031

• **Location**

A) Street address: 104 N. Jackson 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): 4 Lot(s): Lot 3 - W 37.5' exc N 3'

• **Classification**

**A) Property category:** *Check only one*

- Building(s)
- District
- Site
- Structure
- Object

**B) Number of resources (within property):**

<i>If eligible property, enter number of:</i>		<i>If non-eligible property, enter number of:</i>	
<u>Contributing</u>	<u>Noncontributing</u>		
<u>1</u>	Buildings	<u>—</u>	Buildings
<u>—</u>	Sites	<u>—</u>	Sites
<u>—</u>	Structures	<u>—</u>	Structures
<u>—</u>	Objects	<u>—</u>	Objects
<u>1</u>	<b>Total</b>	<u>—</u>	<b>Total</b>

**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 Intensive Level Historical and Architectural Survey of Downtown Mt Pleasant, Iowa Historical Architectural Data Base # HADB-02986

• **Function or Use** *Enter categories (codes and terms) from the Iowa Site Inventory Form Instructions*

**A) Historic functions**

02E: COMMERCE/TRADE / specialty store

**B) Current functions**

70: Vacant

• **Description** *Enter categories (codes and terms) from the Iowa Site Inventory Form Instructions*

**A) Architectural classification**

09F: Commercial - other

**B) Materials**

Foundation (visible exterior): 10B: Concrete

Walls (visible exterior): 16: Clay tile

Roof: 15C: Rubber

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**C) Narrative description**  *SEE CONTINUATION SHEETS, WHICH MUST BE COMPLETED*

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• **Statement of Significance**

**A) Applicable National Register Criteria:** *Mark your opinion of eligibility after applying relevant National Register criteria*

- Criterion A: Property is associated with significant events.  Yes  No  More research recommended  
Criterion B: Property is associated with the lives of significant persons.  Yes  No  More research recommended  
Criterion C: Property has distinctive architectural characteristics.  Yes  No  More research recommended  
Criterion D: Property yields significant information in archaeology/history.  Yes  No  More research recommended

**B) Special criteria considerations:** *Mark any special considerations; leave blank if none*

- A: Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.  E: A reconstructed building, object, or structure.  
 B: Removed from its original location.  F: A commemorative property.  
 C: A birthplace or grave.  G: Property less than 50 years of page or  
 D: A cemetery achieved significance within the past 50 years.

**C) Areas of significance**

*Enter categories from instructions*

05: Commerce

**D) Period(s) of significance**

**E) Significant dates**

*Construction date*

1955  *check if circa or estimated date*

*Other dates, including renovations*

2002

**F) Significant person**

*Complete if Criterion B is marked above*

**G) Cultural affiliation**

*Complete if Criterion D is marked above*

**H) Architect/Builder**

*Architect*

*Builder/contractor*

**I) Narrative statement of significance**  **SEE CONTINUATION SHEETS, WHICH MUST BE COMPLETED**

• **Bibliography**  *See continuation sheets for the list research sources used in preparing this form*

• **Geographic Data** *Optional UTM references*  *See continuation sheet for additional UTM or comments*

Zone	Easting	Northing	NAD	Zone	Easting	Northing	NAD
1				2			
3				4			

• **Form Preparation**

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City or Town: Cedar Rapids State: IA Zip code: 52403

• **ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION** *Submit the following items with the completed form*

**A) For all properties, attach the following, as specified in the Iowa Site Inventory Form Instructions:**

- 1. Map** of property's location within the community.
- 2. Glossy color 4x6 photos labeled** on back with property/building name, address, date taken, view shown, and unique photo number.
- 3. Photo key showing each photo number on a map and/or floor plan, using arrows next to each photo number to indicate the location and directional view of each photograph.**
- 4. Site plan** of buildings/structures on site, identifying boundaries, public roads, and building/structure footprints.

**B) For State Historic Tax Credit Part 1 Applications, historic districts and farmsteads, and barns:**

*See lists of special requirements and attachments in the Iowa Site Inventory Form Instructions.*

**State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) Use Only Below This Line**

*The SHPO has reviewed the Site Inventory and concurs 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: \_\_\_\_\_

SHPO authorized signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**7. Narrative Description**

This is a one-story tile block commercial building constructed for an automotive parts and service business in 1955. The tile block construction reflects a typical choice for construction of this type of building in this period. The west elevation facing N. Jackson St originally had a service bay at the north end, a set of two large display windows, a set of three large display windows, and a pedestrian door at the south end. Tall eight-light metal windows were located on the north and south sides. After the auto parts business closed, the building was remodeled for a physical therapy business and a financial office in 2002. The service bay at the north end was converted into a pedestrian entry with two tall large windows. The two sets of display windows were replaced with windows half of the original size (two tall large windows instead of one large window). The door remained at the south end, with a new glass door installed. The window openings on the north, south, and east walls are currently covered with plywood. A side entrance remains on the north elevation. Overall, the building retains good historic integrity, with the tile block construction and large window openings clearly discernible.

**8. Narrative Statement of Significance**

Skerik Parts Service Company 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 period of downtown development in the 1950s. The tile block construction is typical for buildings constructed for automotive related businesses in this period, and it retains its large window openings. The location on the edge of the downtown is also consistent with this type of business. 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 does not appear to likely be individually eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. 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 1-story, commercial building located at 104 North Jackson Street was built in 1955.

The 1886 and 1892 Sanborn fire insurance maps show a 2-story, frame blacksmith shop, with several 1 and 2-story frame additions. The address in 1892 is 411-412 N Jackson. The 1899 and 1909 Sanborn fire insurance maps now show several, 2-story, frame stables, all attached, extending from N Jackson, east towards the alley. The address is 411 N Jackson. The 1920 and 1942 Sanborn fire insurance maps show no structures on this lot facing N Jackson. There is a small brick/tile shed attached to the garage located on the property to the east. The address is 411 N Jackson.

On 2 January 1946, A.R. Monson and Lucille F. Monson sold the W 37 1/2' of lot 3 (except the N 3') and lot 4 to Ray Scarff for \$25,000 (Transfer Book "1", page 5). This sale included the Masters Building to the south at 225 W. Monroe and this vacant lot.

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Skerik Parts Service Co operated in a building on the east edge of downtown built around 1947 at 107 S. Adams St (demolished), just north of the Swailes Auto Supply (extant). The company was established in Burlington, with the branch store opening in Mt Pleasant in August 1951. Jim Skerik managed the local branch, with his father J.F. Skerik remaining at the store in Burlington. Wholesale distribution of automotive parts and equipment was their primary focus, with a machine shop department also operating as part of the business (“Jim Skerik Provides Motorist of Trade Area with Replacements & Accessories,” *Mount Pleasant News*, May 12, 1952, 3). With the success of the branch, they looked to move to a larger building. This tile block building was then built by Ray Scarff for the Skerik Parts Service Company in 1955 on the west edge of downtown.

In December 1955, an article noted: “James Skerik is starting his fifth year in business in Mt. Pleasant in the new location on North Jackson, just north of the Benesh Heating and Plumbing establishment. A new block tile building was constructed for the firm by Ray Scarff, owner of the tract. The firm, formerly located on Adams, north of Washington, is a distributor of auto, truck and tractor parts and supplies” (“Skerik Firm in New Location,” *Mt Pleasant News*, December 30, 1955, 1).

Mount Pleasant city directories from 1957 through 2000 show Skerik Parts Service Company operating at 104 N Jackson, with different managers: Wm. D. Skerik (1960s), Earl D. Reynolds (1970s), Glenn Hamm (1980s) and Kenny Kracht (1997). Skerik Parts Service Company continue to be listed here in the 2001 city directory.

On 26 December 1970, Lillian Scarff (executor of the Ray Scarff Estate) transferred the property (W 37 ½' of lot 3 (except the N 3')) to Lillian Scarff (Transfer Book “2”, page5). On 15 July 1985, Lillian Scarff sold the property to Mary Lou Skerik (Transfer Book “3”, page 5).

In January 2002, the building was sold by Mary Lou Skerik to David J. Hazell for \$41,750. A building permit was then issued in January to David Hazell to remodel the building for physical therapy offices (City of Mt Pleasant building permits). Office space was also created in the south quarter of the building for Cummings Financial. In August 2003, David J. Hazell transferred the property to Hazell & Cummings LLLP.

The 2011 Mount Pleasant City Directory shows Physical Therapy Service operating a business at this address.

The building has been owned since October 2022, by Lexington Properties, LLC, who purchased it from Hazell & Cummings, LLLP. This commercial building located at 104 North Jackson Street currently appears to be vacant.

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**Location map**



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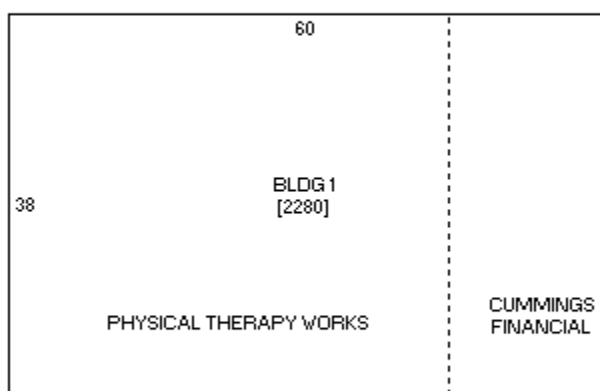
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**Building footprint**



Sketch by [www.camavision.com](http://www.camavision.com)

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

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**Historic images**



East side of 100 block of N. Jackson St in July 1965, looking northeast (HCHT collection)



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2000s photograph from Henry County Assessor  
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**Digital photographs**



**Photograph 44-02239-001. West elevation, looking east (October 2023)**

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Photograph 44-02239-002. North elevation, looking south (October 2023)

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Photograph 44-02239-003. South elevation, looking northeast (October 2023)

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**Photograph 44-02239-004. East elevation, looking west (June 2024)**

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Photograph 44-02239-005. East elevation, looking southwest (October 2023)