

Iowa Site Inventory Form

State Historic Preservation Office

(January 2016)

State Inventory Number: 44-00199 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: Shannon Building

B) Other names: 2023 downtown survey # DT-048-49

• **Location**

A) Street address: 129 N. Jefferson 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 5 - E 55.86' of N 21'

• **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>	Total	<u>—</u>	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 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

02A08: COMMERCE/TRADE / laundry

02E03: COMMERCE/TRADE / clothing store

B) Current functions

02B: COMMERCE/TRADE / real estate office

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

A) Architectural classification

09F05: Commercial / brick front

B) Materials

Foundation (visible exterior): 04C: Limestone

Walls (visible exterior): 03: Brick

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 age 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

1869 *check if circa or estimated date*

Other dates, including renovations

1945

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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• **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 three-story building was constructed around 1869 as the northernmost building of a series of five buildings at the north end of the west side of the block. The façade was remodeled with new brick in 1945, and the building retains historic integrity from this later period. The storefront dates to remodeling in the 1960s or 1970s. The main entry and upper story entry are located in a recessed area to the south/left on the storefront, with a large, angled display window and two additional large display windows to the north/right. The aluminum windows have a red brick bulkhead under them. The brick on the storefront column and transom is a dark multi-color red brick. This brick is slightly darker than the multi-color red brick on the remainder of the façade on the second and third stories. Each story has two one-over-one-light double-hung windows with concrete sills and no lintel detail. No decorative detail is found on the façade, with this lack of decorative typical of the simplified façades after World War II. Red brick has been added to the top of the parapet, likely at the time of the addition of the gable roof to this building and the one to the south in the 1980s.

The north side elevation has windows in original openings and windows in openings that were later modified. The original window openings have stone sills and decorative segmental arch brick lintels with flared ends, which were found on the original façade and match the buildings further to the south in this set of five buildings at the north end of the block. The modified or later window openings have concrete sills and no lintel detail, similar to the windows on the façade dating to 1945. The first story has paired double-hung windows, a single double-hung window, paired double-hung windows, and a rear side entry on the middle and west/right half of the building. All of the windows are within later window openings. A stone lintel extends across the west/right two openings, suggesting a larger rear side entrance at one point. The second story has a single double-hung window, paired double-hung windows, smaller single double-hung window, smaller single double-hung window, and a single double-hung window across the width of the building. The latter/west window is original with the flared segmental arch lintel, while the other windows are within later/modified openings. The third story has four spaced double-hung windows, all within original openings with flared segmental arch brick lintels and stone sills.

The rear/west side of the three-story building has an addition covering the first story, two double-hung windows on the second story, and a door on the third story. The windows and door have simple segmental brick arch lintels and stone sills. A small metal balcony is outside the door on the third story.

The rear of the building has several additions, which were originally part of the property, sold separately, and then sold back to joint ownership with the three-story building. The addition immediately behind/west of the building is a one-story addition likely built in 1946. It is clad in vinyl siding, and it has a centered entry with a small gable-roof hood. The next addition was likely built in 1948, connecting the earlier addition with a building at the west end of the lot. The 1990 survey photo shows both of these sections clad in vertical wood siding. This second addition is also currently clad in vinyl siding, and it has a Neo-Mansard roof typically found in 1970s construction. This section has two eight-light metal windows on the first story. It is unclear if the second story was added in the 1970s or modified to the current roof configuration in that period. The second story has three double-hung windows set within the roofline, with the west/right window smaller than the other windows. The south side of this addition has three double-hung windows on the second story, with the Neo-Mansard roof only on the north half of this section. There is a garage door on the south half of the west side of the addition, extending south of the rear/west section. The west/rear section is an earlier tile-block outbuilding constructed around 1931,

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which has also been clad in vinyl siding. It has an entry and a double-hung window on the north side and a double-hung window on the south side. The 1990 survey photo shows a rear side entry at the junction between this section and the middle section, which has been covered with siding. The current entry on this rear section was modified from a window opening.

8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The Shannon 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 periods of downtown development in the 1860s and the 1940s. A millinery store operated here from the 1880s to 1920s, one of the longest women owned and operated businesses in Mt Pleasant. The façade was remodeled for Shannon Dry Cleaners in 1945, and they expanded the building with rear additions in 1946 and 1948. Though the gable roof detracts from the historic appearance, 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

The three-story commercial brick corner building at 129 N Jefferson was built around as part of a series of five business spaces, later referenced collectively as the Harlan Block. W. Fletcher Dougherty owned the N½ of Lot 5 in Block 4 in the 1860s, with an earlier building for his furniture store and factory on this parcel as shown on the 1859 map of Mt Pleasant. On September 9, 1867, James Harlan purchased the land for the three buildings to the south (S½ of Lot 5 and the N 30' of Lot 6, Block 4) from P Saunders (Admin). The *Mt Pleasant Journal* reported on September 20, 1867, "A new block of buildings is to be erected on the lots lying north of the new buildings recently erected by Martin & McAdam on North Jefferson street, by Senator Harlan and Fletcher Dougherty. The building will extend up to the corner of Jefferson and Madison streets and will be one hundred and ten feet in length. This will be divided up into five business rooms, each sixty feet deep, and the second story of the building will be so arranged that it can be used for dwellings or office rooms" (p. 8). On November 11, 1867, W.F. Dougherty sold the N 21' of Lot 5 to William A. Harlan (son of James Harlan), prior to the construction of the buildings at the north end of this set. The five parcels along N. Jefferson included three owned by James Harlan, one owned by Dougherty, and then this north/corner one sold by Dougherty to William Harlan. The south two storefronts were two-story buildings, and the north three storefronts were built as three-story buildings. This building is located at the corner, with similar brick details historically as the three buildings constructed to the south of Dougherty's building by James Harlan.

On June 4, 1869, the *Mt Pleasant Journal* reported, "The Post Office was moved on last Tuesday, to the corner building in Harlan's block. The room is large, well ventilated, well lighted, cheerful and commodious" (p. 8). The new post office was described in detail in an article in August 1869 when new boxes had been fabricated and installed by W.F. Dougherty, furniture manufacturer. There were a total

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of 1,056 boxes and 64 lock boxes and drawers. The boxes were walnut and hexagonal, designed to be easily taken apart and reinstalled in a new location ("Our New Post Office," *Mt Pleasant Journal*, August 6, 1869, 8). The 1870 City Directory listed the Post Office at 45 N Jefferson and also, James H White, Postmaster, at 45 N Jefferson. In 1872, the post office moved to a new building constructed on the north side of the square by George B. Corkhill (123 W. Monroe).

In 1874, the *Free Press* reported, "Baines & Putman have removed their Butter and Egg Depot to the Old Post Office building opposite the Harlan House where they are prepared to pay the highest price in cash for Butter, Eggs, and Poultry" (Feb 12, 1874, p. 2). In 1876, the H.M. Ingram Grocery was located "opposite the Harlan House." Ingram respectfully invited "all persons indebted to him in account for groceries to call and settle as promptly as possible" (*Free Press*, Jan 13, 1876, p. 3). In 1880, Newbold, Houseman & Co. opened a seed and grain warehouse "on North Jefferson Street, opposite the Harlan House" (*Mt Pleasant Journal*, Aug 26, 1880, p. 3). A notice in the *Free Press* in 1882 said that "The Mt. Pleasant Creamery has changed hands." The new owners, Evarts [sic] and Clark, rented rooms in Harlan's Block on North Jefferson and planned to begin business as soon as they could move in (Mar 30, 1882, p. 3). The story in the *Mt Pleasant Journal* said that Everett and Clark planned to "occupy the building opposite the Harlan House" (Mar 30, 1882, p. 2).

The 1886 Sanborn map shows a three-story brick building at the corner, with four buildings of equal footprints to the south. Interior stairs are located at the rear of the building, access from Madison St to the north. The building is a grocery store.

In 1888, the *Mt Pleasant Journal* reported that Mrs. Albert Anderson was opening a millinery and fancy goods store "in the fine room opposite the Harlan House" (March 29, 1888, p. 2). The "city guide" in the *Free Press* on January 17, 1889, lists Mrs. A. Anderson, millinery and fancy goods, opposite Harlan House.

The Hugh O'Hare Grocery operated three doors to the south in the middle of the 1880s, apparently moving here by 1889. A "Business Directory" in the *Free Press* on January 10, 1889, lists the Hugh O'Hare Grocery as on N Jefferson (p. 2). In February 1889, he is advertising as located specifically at 45 N. Jefferson, which would be this building. O'Hare's patent muzzle, designed to prevent horses from nipping corn while cultivating crops, was available at this location (*Free Press*, February 14, 1889, 3). In April 1889, the *Free Press* ran a notice to "Call at O'Hare's grocery and trade your butter and eggs for groceries. No. 45 Jefferson street" (Apr 11, 1889, p. 8). It does also appear that the millinery store continued to operate here, if this is the correct location for opposite the Harlan House. It is possible that the millinery was on an upper story and then moved to the first story after 1889.

The 1892 Sanborn map shows the same three-story brick building as the 1886 map, but it now has a L-shaped frame one-story rear addition. The use is indicated as millinery. The address is 143 N. Jefferson on the map.

This space continued as a millinery shop until about 1923. The 1893 City Directory lists Mrs. A. Anderson, Milliner, at 143 N Jefferson. In 1894, the *Mt Pleasant Journal* ran a story about the holiday displays in the shops around town, and for 143 N Jefferson they wrote, "Anderson and Harrison have lovely displays of trimmed bonnets and fancy articles in their window" (Dec 27, 1894, p. 1). In 1896, the *Mt Pleasant*

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Journal reported that Mrs. Albert Anderson, who had been engaged in the millinery business for several years, was leaving Mount Pleasant (Mar 5, 1896, p. 3).

In March 1896, Miss Harrison, successor to Mrs. Anderson, opened her millinery rooms for the grandest display of goods ever seen in town ("Grand Easter Opening," *Mt Pleasant Daily News*, March 31, 1896, 4). The millinery shop was then known as T Harrison & Co. An ad in 1897 announced that "Miss T. Harrison & Co. invite the public to their Grand Easter Opening of Millinery, April 13 and 14, Opposite Harlan House" (*Free Press*, April 8, 1897, p. 3). Apparently "Opening" in this context is for a new spring line, because the shop had an "Easter Opening" each year. In 1898, the *Free Press* announced, "T. Harrison & Co's Grand Easter Opening will occur at their place of business opposite the Harlan House, April 6 and 7, 1898" (March 31, 1898, p. 4). Bessie Harrison, proprietor of a prosperous millinery store on N. Jefferson, married Harry Bennett in December 1898. She would return to the store after a brief absence, with the store continued by her two sisters in the meantime ("Happily Married," *Mt Pleasant Daily News*, December 29, 1898, 1). Her sisters were Fannie Harrison and Alice (Harrison) Corcoran, with the latter's husband William dying in July 1886 (*Mt Pleasant Daily News*, July 30, 1896, 4). Both Fannie Harrison and Mrs. Bessie Bennett were affiliated with the store in March 1899 (*Mt Pleasant Daily News*, March 8, 1899, 4). In August 1899, Fannie Harrison married barber William M. Mason ("Were Wedded," *Mt Pleasant Daily News*, August 24, 1899, 4).

The 1899 Sanborn map has the same footprint as the 1892 map, with the three-story brick building and rear frame addition. The use is a millinery store, and the address is 143 N. Jefferson. There is a small two-story building at the rear of the lot along the alley that is a carpenter shop. It is an iron clad frame building, coded green for increased fire risk.

In 1899, a notice in the *Mt Pleasant Daily News* announced a "Christian Science meeting in the front room upstairs over the Misses Harrison's millinery store, across west of the Harlan House. Services at 10:15 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Subject: "Everlasting Punishment." Devotional meeting Wednesday at 7:30. A cordial invitation is extended to the public" (Apr 20, 1899, p. 1). Notices for Christian Science services at this location continued for a number of months. The last notice for services "over the Misses Harrison's millinery store" was on Jan 20, 1900 (*Mt Pleasant Daily News*, p. 4).

On Feb 16, 1900, Robert and Mary (Harlan) Lincoln (sister of William A. Harlan) sold the building (N 21' of Lot 5) to Dr. G.E. Smith for \$2500. On May 21, 1900, G.E. Smith sold the N 21' of Lot 5 to R.B. Brewster for \$3000.

The 1909 Sanborn map (#143) shows the same footprint as previous maps, and it continues to be a millinery store. The small rear addition is distinguished as two separate additions. The two-story building along the alley is a telephone storage room.

In August 1905, Miss Hattie McCormick purchased the half interest of Mrs. Corcoran in the T. Harrison & Co millinery store and became an equal partner with Mrs. Bennett. She had been head trimmer for the past two years. Mrs. Corcoran had been associated with for her sister in the business for a long time and planned to retire. The firm would continue to be known as T. Harrison & Co ("Millinery Stock Sold," *Mt Pleasant Daily News*, August 17, 1905, 3). However, by December 1907, Mrs. Corcoran was associated again with the firm, with Mrs. Bennett moving to Des Moines and the firm of T. Harrison & Co continued by Mrs. Corcoran and Miss Hattie McCormick ("A Business Change," *Mt Pleasant Daily News*,

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December 23, 1907, 4). In August 1910, Miss Hattie McCormick of the millinery firm of T. Harrison & Co returned from a two week trip to Niagara Falls, Cleveland, and Chicago, purchasing the fall stock of millinery for the store in Chicago (*Mt Pleasant Daily News*, August 29, 1910, 4). The 1911-12 City Directory lists Harrison Millinery Company at 143 N Jefferson, and also Mrs. Winifred E Edwards, Dressmaker, at 143 N Jefferson. The *Mt Pleasant Journal* announced the "Annual Easter Opening Of the Old Established and Reliable Harrison Millinery Co. N Jefferson Opposite Harlan House" on March 22nd and 23rd. T. Harrison & Co, Millinery, was listed on N Jefferson in the 1913 telephone directory.

A large fire struck the area to the rear of the west side of the 100 block of N. Jefferson St on June 17, 1914, starting in a barn at the rear of the grocery store of H.A. Duncan, spreading to the Warhurst store to the south, to the rear of the Wilkins' bakery to the north, and then further on the block. The iron-clad frame buildings were noted to be a fire trap, with no way to get water into the building to fight the fire. The fire had to be fought from the front of the buildings. Brick or concrete walls and iron roofs would be rule insisted on by city council in the rebuilding. This building at the end of the block occupied by Harrison Millinery Co was noted to have escaped damage, though there was extensive damage to the rear of the building to the south. The shed at the rear of the lot was destroyed ("Many Business Houses Are Destroyed by Fire," *Mt Pleasant Daily News*, June 29, 1914, 3).

The 1920 Sanborn map shows the same three-story brick building as the earlier maps. There is now a one-story brick rear addition in place of the earlier frame addition. The address is 143 N. Jefferson and the use is a millinery store.

The 1915, 1917, 1919, 1921, and 1923 telephone directories continue to list the millinery store of T. Harrison & Co on N. Jefferson. However, ownership changed in 1918. In July, the Harrison Millinery Co had dissolved the partnership of Miss Hattie McCormick and Mrs. Alice Corcoran, with McCormick selling out to Corcoran. The name of the store would remain the same, as well as the location. Mrs. Corcoran would be assisted by her daughter, Mrs. Vittetoe. Hattie bought a millinery store in Osceola and moved there ("A Local Business Change," *Mt Pleasant Daily News*, July 24, 1918, 4). They continued the store into the early 1920s. Alice Corcoran moved to Des Moines where her sister Bessie Bennett was living by 1923. A clearance sale was advertised in January 1924 for Harrison Millinery Co, and the store was closed (*Mt Pleasant Daily News*, January 8, 1924, 4).

On June 2, 1923, R.B. Brewster sold the building (N 21' of Lot 5) to Charles S Roger and wife for \$3500. The original intention was to make this the home of the *Mt Pleasant News*, published by Rogers. The building was occupied by the Harrison Millinery store with a three-story building on the property with a full basements and paved alley at the rear. It would be some time before remodeling would begin (*Mt Pleasant Daily News*, June 11, 1923, 1). However, on July 19, 1929, Charles S Roger and wife sold the building (N 21' of Lot 5) to Glenn Shannon.

In 1923, Glen Shannon of Fairfield opened a dry cleaning establishment on the south side of the square ("25 years ago," *Mt Pleasant News*, May 25, 1948, 2). They then moved to this location in 1927. In March 1927, the *Mt Pleasant Daily News* reported, "The work on the modern front on the Shannon building on North Jefferson Street is also moving along rapidly and will be one of the handsomest fronts in town. The building will be occupied by Mr. Shannon" (March 29, 1927, p. 1). The "front" referenced in this article is a storefront. Several days later, an ad by Shannon the Dry Cleaner announced, "At Our New Location; Open for Business. We have moved to our new location on North Jefferson St. opposite

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Harlan Hotel and are prepared to do your dry cleaning and pressing.” The location was given as “Corner North Jefferson and Madison Sts.” (*Mt Pleasant Daily News*, April 6, 1927, p. 4). In January 1931, Glen Shannon filed an application to construct a building in a restricted area to the rear of his establishment on N. Jefferson St to be used for dry cleaning work. It was referred to the mayor for further investigation (“Applications for Buildings Filed,” *Mt Pleasant News*, January 22, 1931, 1).

The 1938 city directory lists Shannon Dry Cleaners on N. Jefferson under the categories of dry cleaners, hat cleaning, and cleaners/pressers/dyers. They are listed on N. Jefferson in the 1937, 1939, and 1944 telephone directories.

The 1942 Sanborn map has the same footprint as the 1920 map and is still labeled “Millinery” although the occupant is now a dry cleaner. There is a one-story tile block building at the rear of the lot near the alley that is noted as a cleaning plant with a concrete floor.

In 1943, the *Mt Pleasant News* reported on a fire at the Shannon cleaning business, writing, “A flash fire, intensely hot for a few minutes, damaged the interior of the Shannon cleaning establishment’s cleaning room located at the rear of the lot away from the main buildings this morning” (May 3, 1943, p. 1).

Improvements were made to this three-story building in 1945. In October 1945, scaffolding was erected for the building of the new front of the upper two stories of the Shannon building housing the Shannon cleaning establishment (“Building New Front,” *Mt Pleasant News*, October 15, 1945, 1). This work is the current brick façade.

In October 1946, the *Mt Pleasant News* reported that work was well advanced on the extension at the rear of the Glen Shannon building at North Jefferson and Madison streets. Part of the extension would be used for an addition to the cleaning establishment (*Mt Pleasant News*, October 15, 1946, 3).

In April 1948, a permit was issued to Shannon Dry Cleaners to extend their building in the rear of their present location (“Council Has Busy Session,” *Mt Pleasant News*, April 23, 1948, 1). The earlier rear addition and cleaning room building at the alley appear to have been retained, with an addition constructed to fill the remaining space between them, effectively extending this building to the alley.

In October 1948, the *Mt Pleasant News* reported that Joe Ruby had sold Mt Pleasant Plumbing and Heating Co to Edward and James Kitch of the E.E. Taft & Sons company and that he had purchased the Shannon Cleaners from Glen Shannon. He would take over on November 1. Shannon had been operating the cleaning business here for many years, and Ruby had previous experience in the dry cleaning business (“Two Important Business Changes Are Announced,” *Mt Pleasant News*, October 11, 1948, 1). Ruby Cleaners held a grand opening at the former Shannon Cleaners location on November 6 (*Mt Pleasant News*, November 5, 1948, 1). Ruby Dry Cleaners was listed on N. Jefferson in the 1950 and 1952 telephone directories. Ruby Dry Cleaners were listed in the 1955 City Directory at 143 N Jefferson. They remain here until moving to 117 S. Jefferson in 1957.

In 1957, Dr. Raymond Hanks Jr., Chiropractor, announced his new location at 129 N Jefferson (the new number for this location), which was “Formerly the Ruby Cleaners location” (Oct 1, 1957, p. 2). Dr. Raymond Hanks, Jr. was listed at 129 N Jefferson in the city directories in 1957, 1960, and 1962.

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An apartment was listed on the upper story by the 1955 city directory. The 1955 city directory also lists Emery G. Burket living in the rear section at 204 W. Madison. Telephone directories in 1950 and 1952 list him living on W. Madison. The address then shifted to the current number of 202 W. Madison. In 1957, "Mr. and Mrs. J. William White of 202 West Madison St., Mount Pleasant, are the parents of a baby son, John William" (*MP News*, Aug 23, 1957, p. 2). A notice in 1958 says, "Mr. and Mrs. Glen [sic] Shannon have moved to an apartment at 202 W Madison after selling their home at 105 S Brazelton" (*MP News*, Dec 27, 1958, p. 6). In the 1962 City Directory, Glenn Shannon is listed at 202½ W. Madison.

On November 26, 1964, the estate of Glenn Shannon transferred the full building (N 21' of Lot 5) to Elizabeth Shannon and Don Shannon with a change of title. On June 2, 1967, Elizabeth R Shannon transferred the building to Elizabeth R Shannon & Betty Jean Kirkman. The building was then split into two parcels – the three-story building on the east 55.56' and the rear addition on the remainder of the N 21' of Lot 5 to the west. On April 1, 1968, Richard M and Twyla Chaney sold the three-story building (E 55.86' of the N 21' of Lot 5) to Gary Whittaker and Sandra Lee Williams. Elizabeth R Shannon & Betty Jean Kirkman retained the rear section, which had the address of 202 W. Madison St.

The 1964 City Directory lists a new occupant at 129 N Jefferson, the Time Loan Co. The 1968 City Directory lists the Seaboard Finance Co at 129 N Jefferson.

The 1964 City Directory lists M.V. LeMaster at 202 W Madison. In 1964, there is an ad in the *MP News* for The Gun Room at 202 W. Madison (Sep 9, 1964, p. 6). A later ad in 1968 gives Maurice LeMaster as the owner of The Gun Room (*MP News*, Nov 2, 1968). The Gun Room is listed at 202 W Madison in the city directories in 1968, 1970, 1972, 1973, 1976, and 1977. Maurice LeMaster is listed as living at 202½ W Monroe in the same directories.

The city directories from 1972 to 1982 list Williams Clothing, a men's clothing store, at 127-129 N Jefferson. They had started at 127 and expanded into this space. There is no listing in the City Directories from 1983 to 1989 for 129 N. Jefferson.

City Cab is listed at 202 W Madison in the City Directories in 1981 and 1982, and Maurice LeMaster is still at 202½ W Monroe. In 1983, an ad in the *MP News* says, "Wanted. Men's Jeans for Resale. Nu-Tu-U Classics. 202 W Monroe" (Nov 2, 1983). On February 7, 1985, Betty Jean Kirkman sold the rear section of the building (W 93.54' of N 21' of Lot 5) to Maurice and Doris LeMaster. Maurice LeMaster continues to be listed at 202 W Madison from 1985 to 2009, but no business is listed at that address.

On Nov. 26, 1991, Gary Whittaker and Sandra Lee Williams sold the three-story building (E 55.86' of the N 21' of Lot 5) to Rande A. McAllister. The 1993 City Directory lists Rosalie's Resale at 129 N Jefferson.

A building permit was issued for interior remodeling at 129 N. Jefferson for an office in April 1994 (City of Mt Pleasant building permits). The city directories from 1996 to 2022 list the State of Iowa Juvenile Probation office at 129 N Jefferson. The city directories from 2011 to 2023 have no separate listing for 202 W Madison, either business or residential.

On September 4, 2003, Rande McAllister sold the three-story building (E 55.86' of the N 21' of Lot 5) to Richard and Teresa Mertens for \$72,000. The Mertens previously bought the building to the south at 127 N. Jefferson. On May 17, 2010, Maurice and Doris LeMaster sold the rear section (N 21' except the

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E 55.86' of Lot 5) to Richard and Teresa Mertens. Thus, the full building was under joint ownership again. The buildings were transferred by the Mertens to RTM Jefferson, LLC in May 2013.

RTM Jefferson, LLC sold this three-story building, the rear section, and the building to the south to M D Properties LLC in January 2020. M D Properties LLC sold the same three parcels to Van Mor Properties LLC in July 2021.

The 2023 City Directory lists Southeast Iowa Realty at 129 N Jefferson, which is the current business.

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Building footprint

Sketch by www.cam4vision.com



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West side of 100 block of N. Jefferson St in 1900s (HCHT Facebook album)

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West side of 100 block of N. Jefferson in 1909, looking southwest (*Mt Pleasant Beautiful 1909: 5*)

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**Building at corner in background of photograph likely of post office construction in 1935
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North portion of west side of 100 block of N. Jefferson St in July 1965 (HCHT files)

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1990 survey photograph (Naumann 1991)

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1990 survey photograph of rear section (Naumann 1991)

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Photograph 44-00199-001. East elevation, looking west (October 2023)

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Photograph 44-00199-002. North elevation, looking south (October 2023)

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Photograph 44-00199-004. West elevation, looking northeast (October 2023)