

Iowa Site Inventory Form

State Historic Preservation Office

(January 2016)

State Inventory Number: 44-02256 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: Masonic Temple

B) Other names: 2023 downtown survey # DT-086

• Location

A) Street address: 206 N. Main 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): 13 Lot(s): Lot 2, except N 5'

• 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>		
—	Buildings <u>1</u>	—	Buildings
—	Sites —	—	Sites
—	Structures —	—	Structures
—	Objects —	—	Objects
—	Total <u>1</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

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 Iowa Site Inventory Form Instructions*

A) Historic functions

03A04: SOCIAL / fraternal meeting hall

B) Current functions

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• **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): 10B: Concrete

Walls (visible exterior): 03: Brick / 05: Metal

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

D) Period(s) of significance

E) Significant dates

Construction date

1990 *check if circa or estimated date*
Other dates, including renovations

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 top 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 building was constructed as the new Masonic Temple in 1989-1990. The CECO (metal) building is clad in brick veneer on the façade (west), which wraps around the north and south corners. The metal construction is visible for the remainder of the north and south elevations, as well as the east elevation. The façade has brick quoins at the corners. The double-door entry is centered on the façade and recessed, with a concrete lintel that states “Masonic Temple.” The masonic insignia is centered on the brick wall above the entry. A single-light horizontal window is found to the north and south of the entry on the façade. A blade sign is located near the south corner. The side elevations are brick for the west third and metal cladding for the remainder, with side entrances into the middle and rear section of the north elevation. The east (rear) elevation has a rear entry towards the south side. The building footprint stretches nearly back to the alley.

8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The Masonic Temple was constructed in 1989-1990, which falls after end of the period of significance for the potential Mount Pleasant Downtown Historic District. Thus, while it will likely fall within the boundary for the potential historic district, it would be counted as a non-contributing building. The Masons occupied several other locations in downtown Mt Pleasant prior to the construction of this building, and their continued presence in the downtown area with this new construction reflects this earlier history and is part of the later history of the downtown.

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 at this time. A full evaluation of the individual eligibility of the building is recommended as the building approaches 50 years in age. New buildings for Masonic Temples were constructed less frequently by the late 20th century in Iowa, and this building reflects the long history of the Masons in Mt Pleasant.

Developmental history of property

The Masonic Temple was built on this site in 1990, replacing an earlier house associated with the commercial building (Will Dyall photography studio) to its south.

The 1886 Sanborn fire insurance map shows a 2-story frame dwelling, with two 1-story open frame porches, a bay window and an entry porch. The 1892 and 1899 maps show the same footprint for this house. By the 1899 map, the address is shown as 206 N. Main St. The porches on the front and rear were enlarged by the 1909 map. This footprint remains the same on the 1920 and 1942 maps. By 1942, a much larger, 1-story, frame garage was built along the alley, with room enough for 3 cars.

While the maps show a residence at this location, it was utilized for businesses throughout much of its history. The 1893 city directory list J.C. Harbin, real estate, at 206 N. Main. The 1911-12 city directory lists 206 N. Main as the residence of Miss Belle Robinson, dressmaker. Katherine's Beauty Shop is listed here from the 1937 to 1948 telephone directories. The 1941 Mount Pleasant City Directory lists Katherine's Beauty Shop, John Hancock Mutual Insurance and G.H. Lindsay at 206 N. Main. From the

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1955 Mount Pleasant and Henry County Directory, 206 N Main (this appears to be apartments): Roscoe Calloway, Elva Bramhall, Mrs. Margaret Lindsay, Marguerite McCosh and Freda Neu.

In July 1958, Divine Studio received a building permit to remodel the house at 206 N. Main St into a photography studio. On 22 April 1961, Mary Shipp Dyall (second wife and widow of Thomas Dyall (1866-1954), the photographer) sold lot 2 of block 13 to J.E. and Emma Divine. Divine Studio, a photography studio, is then listed at 206 N. Main St, moving from 204 N. Main St to the south. Divine Studio is listed at 206 N. Main St starting in the 1960 city directory. After J.E. Divine's death in March of 1969, the lot transferred to his wife Emma Divine on 16 October 1969. An email from the Divine's grandson, Mark Divine, written to Pat White in June of 2009: "Jennings and Emma lived in the same house as the studio at 204 N Main Street until the house deteriorated and had to be torn down. At that time in the early 1960s, they bought the place next door at 206 N Main and lived there while the photography studio was in the front of the house". The 1966 city directory lists Divine Photography Studio, Jennings E. Divine, owner. From the 1974 Mount Pleasant City Directory, 206 N Main: Emma Divine (widow of Jennings Divine), Laura Hemmie and Margaret Wolfe. Emma Divine then sold the lot to David and Josephine Rodd on 26 July 1974 (Transfer Book "2", page 14). The 1976 city directory lists Joseph Corfits, R.D. Harned, Laura E. Hemmie, F. Lillyblade (#2), and Margaret Wolfe (#3) at 206 N. Main St. Three residents are listed here in the 1981 city directory. A demolition permit was issued in the 1980s to demolish the fire damaged apartment. 206 N. Main St is no longer listed in the 1986 city directory.

Mount Pleasant Lodge, No. 8, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons, was chartered on January 8, 1845, and they met in several locations in downtown Mt Pleasant before moving to their remodeled building at 115 N. Main St in 1923. In July 1989, the members of the Mt Pleasant Masonic Lodge announced that they planned to begin construction in the fall on a new Masonic Temple on a currently vacant lot to the north of the office of Drs. Wettach on N. Main St. Their building at 115 N. Main St had been sold to Peter Frederick of Des Moines, including the lodge hall and theater on the first story. The new building would be a 50 by 150 CECO building with a brick veneer ("New Masonic Temple," *Mt Pleasant News*, July 19, 1989, 2). The new Masonic Temple was dedicated on May 5, 1990. Groundbreaking had been held in October 1989, with the building completed on February 8, 1990. Construction was funded through private individual gifts to the Mt Pleasant Masonic Temple Board Association. The new building was home to Mt. Pleasant Lodge #8, A.F. & A.M., as well as affiliated lodges ("Masons dedicate new temple Saturday," *Mt Pleasant News*, May 3, 1990, 3). The Masonic Temple is listed at 206 N. Main St in the 1993 city directory.

This building is currently occupied in 2023 by the Masons, a fraternal organization. The building has been owned since the building was built in 1990, by the Masonic Temple Association of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

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Building footprint



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

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Historic images

none identified

Digital photographs



Photograph 44-02257-001. West elevation, looking east (October 2023)

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Photograph 44-02257-002. North elevation, looking southeast (October 2023)

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Photograph 44-02257-003. East and north elevations, looking southwest (October 2023)