Iowa Site Inventory Form State Inventory Number: 44-00293 ☐ New ☐ Supplemental 9-Digit SHPO Review & Compliance (R&C) Number: _____ **State Historic Preservation Office** (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: Henry County Savings Bank B) Other names: 2023 downtown survey # DT-110 Location A) Street address: 100 S. 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): 10 Lot(s): Lot 1 - W 60' of N 22' 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 02B04: COMMERCE/TRADE / insurance office 02D02: COMMERCE/TRADE / bank 02G02: COMMERCE/TRADE / restaurant 02E06: COMMERCE/TRADE / jewelry store Description Enter categories (codes and terms) from the Iowa Site Inventory Form Instructions A) Architectural classification **B) Materials** 05G: Late Victorian / Italianate (late) Foundation (visible exterior): <u>04C: Limestone</u> Walls (visible exterior): 03: Brick 05G: Late Victorian / Romanesque Roof: 15C: Rubber

Other:

Site Number: <u>44-00293</u> Address: <u>100 S. Main St</u> C	City: Mt Pleasant County: IA District Number: 44-02280	
Statement of Significance		
A) Applicable National Register Criteria: Mark your optocriterion A: Property is associated with significant events. Criterion B: Property is associated with the lives of significant property is associated with significant property is associated with significant property is associated with significant property.	cs. Yes No More research recommended	
B) Special criteria considerations: Mark any special con ☐ A: Owned by a religious institution or used for religious ☐ 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 1891	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 CONTI	NUATION SHEETS, WHICH MUST BE COMPLETED	
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Name and Title: Rebecca Lawin McCarley / research by Deb Savage & Pat White Date: March 21, 2024 Organization/firm: SPARK Consulting / Mt Pleasant HPC		
ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION Submit the follow	wing items with the completed form	
 A) For all properties, attach the following, as specified in the lowa 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, identifyinB) For State Historic Tax Credit Part 1 Applications,	ng boundaries, public roads, and building/structure footprints. historic districts and farmsteads, and barns:	
See lists of special requirements and attachments in	<u> </u>	
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7. Narrative Description

The Henry County Savings Bank was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1991. The narrative description in the nomination by Molly Myers Naumann states:

This narrow (22'x52') two story brick commercial building is located at the north end of the east side of the Square (the southeast corner of Main and Monroe). It is directly across the street from the Brazelton House Hotel (NRHP). Built as a bank in 1891, it features the chamfered entrance common to bank designs of the period. A pair of narrow windows are located on the second floor above the door. The primary elevation (Main Street) features a group of four windows, and a single window on the second floor. This reflects the spacing on the first floor below, a single large display window, and a narrow door leading to the second floor. The secondary elevation (Monroe) has four evenly spaced individual windows on each floor. Windows throughout are segmental arched, with simple brick patterning. A corbeled brick frieze is found just below the bracketed metal cornice, and a round arched identification pediment is located over the chamfered entry (BANK, 1891). The metal finials from the cornice have been lost. Just below the pediment is a rectangular panel created by a terra cotta egg and dart motif, with textured brickwork in the center. Primary and secondary elevations are of St. Louis pressed brick with narrow recessed joints.

Alterations to this building are located at street level and include: replacement of the original front door; a new display window on the Main Street side, with the possibility that the original transom remains in place beneath the signboard; imitation stone below the display window may cover the original panels; and windows on the north elevation (Monroe Street) have been partially closed in and have small windows near to the bottom. The alterations are not so intrusive as to negate eligibility, but it is recommended that these be reversed if possible, or a sympathetic rehabilitation done.

On the interior, all signs of the bank have been removed. The first floor is primarily open space, with one removable wall near the east end. A metal ceiling is intact above the dropped ceiling. A stairway to the basement is located along the south wall, directly under the stairway leading to the second floor. The second floor is divided into office space, with transoms above doors, and oak trim with bull's eye corner blocks. Ceilings on the second floor have also been lowered. A narrow two story addition was made to the east end in 1932. It does not impair the integrity of either the interior or exterior.

This two-story brick commercial building is located at the north end of the east side of the square at the corner of S. Main and E. Monroe streets. The building was designed for the corner location with a chamfered corner, which originally had a double-door entrance on the first story. Paired narrow one-over-one-light double-hung window under a shared segmental arch brick lintel remain on the second story. This corner has a round pediment with "Bank 1891" on it. Arch brickwork is found under the pediment, with a rectangle panel on the frieze under it that is created by a terra cotta egg and dart motif with textured brickwork in the center. The storefront was remodeled initially in the 1930s when a restaurant was located in this space, and then it was remodeled again in 1963 when Becker's Jewelry moved into this space. The height of the storefront was reduced with the first storefront remodel, with paneling currently over this transom area. The entry remains at the corner, recessed with large windows to either side. Large aluminum windows with permastone on the bulkhead under the windows remain in place from the 1963 remodel. The upper story entry at the south end of the storefront originally had a tall segmental arch transom, which was filled in with a smaller aluminum glass door installed in 1963 as well. The second story of the west elevation has two pairs over narrow one-over-one-light double-hung

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window within a large opening, with decorative brickwork for the segmental arch above the group of windows. A typical one-over-one-light double-hung window is located to the right/south of the large set, also with a segmental arch lintel. The windows on the west side and on the chamfered corner have a shared continuous stone sill. The building has an elaborate decorative cornice, one of the few buildings in downtown Mount Pleasant to originally have one and continue to retain it. A corbelled brick frieze is found under the bracketed cornice. The decorative cornice and brick frieze extend across the west/front elevation and around the north/side elevation (with the pediment at the corner). Larger brackets on the cornice are found at each corner. The north elevation, facing E. Monroe St, has four double-hung window openings with segmental arch brick lintels and stone sills on each story. The lower windows have been partially filled in, with small windows installed. The second story windows retain one-over-one-light double-hung sashes. A small two-story rear addition was added to the rear of the building in 1935, creating space for the kitchen of the restaurant and thus additional dining room space. The interior of the building reflects its later remodels as a restaurant and then jewelry store, rather than its original bank interior. The interior was not assessed as part of the survey project.

8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The Henry County Savings Bank appears to be eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places as a contributing building under Criteria A and C within the potential Mount Pleasant Downtown Historic District. The building was constructed as the third bank building at the northeast and northwest corners of the square, and Henry County Savings Bank had outlasted all of the other banks in town by 1930 when it moved out of this building. The building contributes to the historic commercial character of the downtown, and it remains one of the few buildings reflecting construction in downtown in the 1880s and 1890s. The building retains sufficient integrity to convey its significance as a historic commercial building in a historic district.

The Henry County Savings Bank was previously individually listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1991 under Criterion C for its architecture. The nomination written by Molly Myers Naumann states:

This building is significant under Criterion C as a good example of a Type III building with elements of late Italianate design from 1891. This building was constructed specifically to serve as a bank. For this reason, it featured the chamfered corner commonly used to visually denote banks during the last quarter of the 19th century. The other design elements found on the building are illustrative of the late Italianate style that was used for commercial buildings in Mount Pleasant, and throughout the country during the last three decades of the century. The buildings in most communities were simple brick boxes or rectangles to which Italianate details were added. This is true in Mount Pleasant as well. The details of the style seen on this building include segmental arched windows, in this case with very simple brick patterning above, and a corbeled brick frieze or cornice. The metal cornice which capped the building could be ordered by the running foot in a variety of designs. This one has single brackets, with embossed patterns in between. The rounded corner pediment has the same embossed patterns across the bottom. The integrity of this bank building has been maintained at a high level, and it is one of the best examples of late Italianate commercial design Mount Pleasant.

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Developmental history of property

This narrow 2-story, brick building located at 100 South Main Street is historically referred to as the Henry County Savings Bank. It was built in 1891 and in use by January 1892.

The property was owned by the Congregational Church, who had their building setback at the corner on the 1886 Sanborn fire insurance map.

The Henry County Savings Bank was organized on February 24, 1891, to "do business as a savings bank" with \$15,000 capital stock. Officers included George H. Spahr, president; J.G. Budde, vice president; and C.V. Arnold, cashier. The bank opened on April 1, 1891 in the office of the Henry County Treasurer. Arrangements were made to lease ground at the corner of S. Main and E. Monroe St from the Congregational Church to build a bank building ("Henry County Savings Bank Linked with First Mt. Pleasant Bank," *Mt Pleasant News*, November 13, 1961, 24). A history of the bank at the time of its 100th anniversary in 1991 notes Henry County Savings Bank was organized on February 24, 1891, in the reception room of the First National Bank to "do business as a savings bank." The first board of directors was George Spahr, John G. Budde, Charlie Snider, W.S. Withrow, and A.S. Kauffman. The bank's temporary quarters were established at the office of the county treasurer, John G. Budde, in the courthouse. Interest was set at 4% annually on deposits. The bank immediately began investing in the community, purchasing Mt Pleasant City Water Bonds. This tradition of community support continued 100 years later ("Henry County Savings Bank marks 100 years," *Mt Pleasant News*, February 21, 1991, 5).

On December 21, 1891, the building committee of the bank made the following report after the bank was completed (*Cornerstones*, Mt. Pleasant Beautiful Committee, 1991, pages 103-104). A photo taken during the building's construction appears on page 22 of the book.

0	Building, sidewalks and sewer	\$4,256.01
0	Furniture and fixtures	\$549.08
0	Bank vault with fixtures	\$3,700.00
	Total Cost	\$8,505.09

In January 1892: "Corner Main and Monroe, Henry County Savings Bank is now doing business" ("New Bank Building," *The Free Press*, January 7, 1892, page 1).

The 1892 Sanborn Fire Insurance map shows a 2-story, brick building labelled "Bank". The building is situated at the corner of E Monroe and S Main. The south/rear wall is adjacent to the Congregational Church, which remains setback from S. Main St. The south/front wall is adjacent to an open area. The address is 102 S Main. The 1899 Sanborn Fire Insurance map shows the same footprint for this building.

The 1893 directory notes that the Henry County Savings Bank was organized in spring 1891 and had proven a success. The bank had \$258,000 in assets and its own building at the corner of Main and Monroe streets with a fireproof safe. Officers included G.H. Spahr, president; J.G. Budde, vice president, and C.V. Arnold, cashier. The directors were G.H. Spahr, T.J. Van Hon, J.T. Whiting, W.E. Keeler, and A.T. Higgins (*Mt Pleasant City Directory* 1893: 130). It is listed at 102 S. Main St.

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The initial lease from the Congregational Church of the corner lot to the bank extended for 10 years, with the lease renewed annually through 1906. A discussion on an increase in the lease amount led to discussions on selling the property to the bank, with an agreement struck in April 1907 to sell the property to the bank for \$5,500 ("Buys Corner Lot," *Mt Pleasant Daily News*, April 30, 1907, 3). On 1 May 1907, the Congregational Church officially sold the property for the bank building (W 60' of the N 22' of lot 1 block 10) to the Henry County Savings Bank for \$5,500. (Transfer Book "C", page 15). The Henry County Savings Bank owned this property for the next several years.

The 1909 Sanborn Fire Insurance map shows the same footprint for this 25', 2-story bank building as the previous map. The address is 102 S Main. The Congregational Church (to the south) is now gone, replaced by a 2-story, brick building used for a boots and shoe store. The 1920 Sanborn Fire Insurance map shows the same footprint for this bank building as the previous maps. The addresses are 102 S Main and 100 E Monroe.

The 1911-12 county directory lists the Henry County Savings Bank at the northeast corner of the square. The telephone directories from 1913 to 1927 list the bank at 100 Main St and E. Monroe. Various law offices were located above the bank on the second story per city and telephone directories, including attorneys Babb & Babb (1901-1905), W.F. Kopp, Attorney (1911-1919), and Judge W.S. Withrow (1917-1927).

By 1921, the total capital of the Henry County Savings Bank was over \$100,000 for the first time, with the initial subscription of \$15,000 growing to capital accounts of \$111,740. The savings bank showed only certificates of deposits and savings accounts in its statements of condition during the early years. The character was later changed to a commercial bank. George H. Spahr served as president until 1922 when W.S. Withrow became the bank's second president. The bank's conditions were good despite the farm crisis in the early 1920s. In 1925, the Farmers and Merchants Bank failed, with the state banking superintendent depositing money in the Henry County Savings Bank to pay their second dividend. In 1927, Henry County Savings Bank showed a loss for the first time, amounting to \$5,285. However, the bank was again showing a profit over the next two years prior to the stock market crash in 1929 ("Henry County Savings Bank marks 100 years," *Mt Pleasant News*, February 21, 1991, 5).

On November 25, 1930, the Henry County Savings Bank assumed the assets and liabilities of First National Bank. As First National Bank had a newer building constructed in 1923, the Henry County Savings Bank moved across the square to their building at 101 S. Jefferson St. Henry County Savings Bank was noted as one of the strongest banks in any agricultural county in the state with total deposits of \$2 million ("A Two Million Dollar Bank," *Mt Pleasant News*, November 25, 1930, 1; "\$2,000,000 Bank at Mt. Pleasant," *Burlington Hawk-Eye*, November 26, 1930; "Henry County Savings Bank Linked with First Mt. Pleasant Bank," *Mt Pleasant News*, November 13, 1961, 24).

On 27 December 1930 (recorded 24 September 1931), Henry County Savings Bank sold the W 60' of the N 22' of lot 1 to the lowa Investment Company. And on 31 July 1933, the lowa Investment Company sold the property to Gino Sodini and Roy Bacino for \$3,050 (Transfer Book "1", page 12). The Hi-Hat Café then opened in this building, with a rear addition built in 1935.

Building Addition at Hi-Hat Café – Addition will be built at the rear of the Hi-Hat café operated by Gerald Shaw, to provide kitchen space and permit the expansion of the dining room back into the area now

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occupied by the kitchen – the addition will be separated from the dining room by the brick wall – New steps were being constructed into the basement today. (*Mount Pleasant News*, July 13, 1935, page 1).

"One gets a real thrill walking about the business district...An addition is being put on the old Henry County Savings bank building, now occupied by the Hi-Hat Café." ("The Bystander's Notes," *Mt. Pleasant News*, August 3, 1935, page 2).

Beer Permit Granted Ferrells – Ferrell brothers expect to open a beer parlor in the location now occupied by the Hi-Hat Café, which will be moved to the former Oxford (café) location... ("Beer Permit Granted Ferrells," *Mount Pleasant News*, May 22, 1936, page 1).

The Brown Derby Will Open Soon – In the building formerly occupied by the Hi Hat Café. The Hi-Hat is now completely settled in the new location of the former Oxford Café (*Mount Pleasant News*, June 2, 1936, page 2).

The Brown Derby was sold by the Ferrell brothers to Walter and Robert Lamm in November 1936, who operated it for about a year ("Lamm Brothers Open Restaurant," *Mount Pleasant News*, November 6, 1936, page 1, "Brown Derby Café Closed," *Mount Pleasant News*, August 16, 1937, page 1). The Brown Derby is listed in the 1937 telephone directory at the northeast corner of the square.

The Polly Café was then opened by Max Stith in the former location of the Brown Derby in September 1937. Estelle Lamm won the cash award for the slogan picked – "It speaks for itself" ("Max Stitch to Open New Café," *Mount Pleasant News*, September 20, 1937, page 1 and *Mount Pleasant News*, September 28, 1937, page 1). The 1938 city directory lists the Polly Café at the northeast corner of the square under restaurants, cafés, and beer parlors. They are listed here in the 1939 and 1944 telephone directories as well. Max Stith obtained a renewal of his beer permit at the Polly Café at the northeast corner of the square (*Mount Pleasant News*, September 4, 1941, page 1). An announcement was made in September 1946 that the Polly Café would be closed (*Mount Pleasant News*, September 18, 1946, page 1).

The 1942 Sanborn Fire Insurance map now shows a small, 2-story, brick addition has been added to the east of the building. The addresses are 102 S Main and 100 E Monroe. The building is used for a restaurant.

Various offices continued to be located on the second story at 100 ½ S. Main St throughout this period. Professional offices included Dr. Byron D. Hartley (1937-1950), Dr John R. Beebe and Dr. Kenneth P. Beebe (1949), Dr. Robert W. Lofgren, dentist (1949-1951), and Dr. N.E. Dakins, chiropractor (1951). In 1952 to 1955, Paul Thager and Rudolph Eckey operated the State Farm Insurance Agency here. Garretson Real Estate and attorney Charles O. Garretson are listed here starting in 1957 through the 1960s.

Polly Café had been closed so that Larry Coffman and Max Stith could open a radio shop and sports goods store (*Mount Pleasant News*, September 18, 1946, page 1). Radio & Record Shop then operated from 1947 to 1952. A newspaper ad for Radio & Record Shop in May 1949 places the business at the northeast corner of the square.

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By the 1955 city directory, Ty's Grill is listed in this location at 102 S. Main St, which shifts to 100 S. Main St by the 1957 directory. It remains listed here in the 1960 and 1962 city directories.

On 15 October 1968, the Estate of Gino Sodini changed the title of the property to Nellie Mae Roppel Sodini (Transfer Book "2", page 11).

Milton Becker started his business in a 'corner' off the north side of the lobby of the Brazelton Hotel where he repaired watches. In 1963, he leased a building on the northeast corner of the square, formerly occupied by Ty's Grill. Milton Becker completely remodeled the interior and installed a new storefront on the building. Becker Jewelry then moved to this location in September 1963. They remained here for 18 years ("Becker Jewelry at New Location," *Mt Pleasant News*, September 20, 1963, 1; *Mt. Pleasant News*, June 5, 1991, page 4). City directories from 1964 to 1981 show Becker's Jewelry at this location. In 1981, they purchased the building at 123 W. Monroe St, extensively remodeling it before moving in. They continue to operate there in 2024, with the next generation owning the business.

On 21 May 1985, the Estate of Roy Bacino changed the title of the property to Joseph Nicholas Bacino, Vincent Richard Bacino, and Sara Jane Peiffer (Transfer Book "3", page 11).

In 1986, the building is listed in the city directory as home of "The Deli Depot". According to a local photo in the *Mt. Pleasant News*, the building was still red brick.

According to the March 2, 1989, *Mt. Pleasant News*, Judy Hasty came back to Mount Pleasant to operate a new restaurant—Goo Cheez: Designer Diner.

Mount Pleasant city directories (1993, 1997 and 2000) show CSI Industries/Employment Services located at 100 S Main.

In 2007, after sitting vacant for a few years, American Family Insurance, owner Mark Hamilton, rented the building. The building has been owned since November 2010 by Hankins & Hamilton, LLC (Mark A. & Barbara Hamilton), who purchased it at auction from Shirley Sodini Henderson for \$52,000.00.

This commercial building located at 100 South Main is currently occupied in 2024 by American Family Insurance, an insurance agency owned and operated by Mark Hamilton.

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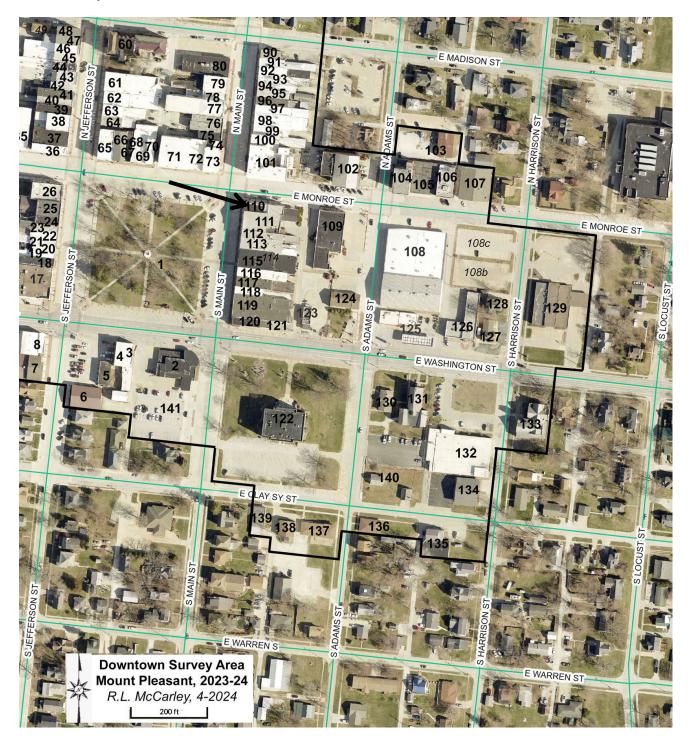
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Location map

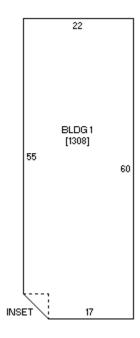


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Building footprint



Sketch by www.camavision.com

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

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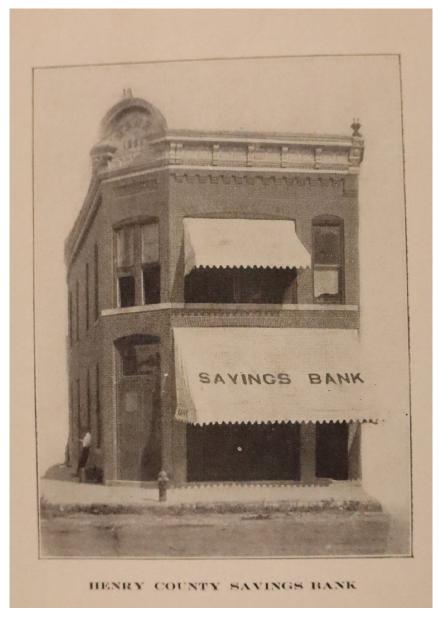
Historic images



Early photograph of the building (HCHT Facebook album)

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Henry County Savings Bank in 1909 (Mt Pleasant Beautiful 1909: 9)

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Building prior to move of church (HCHT Facebook album)

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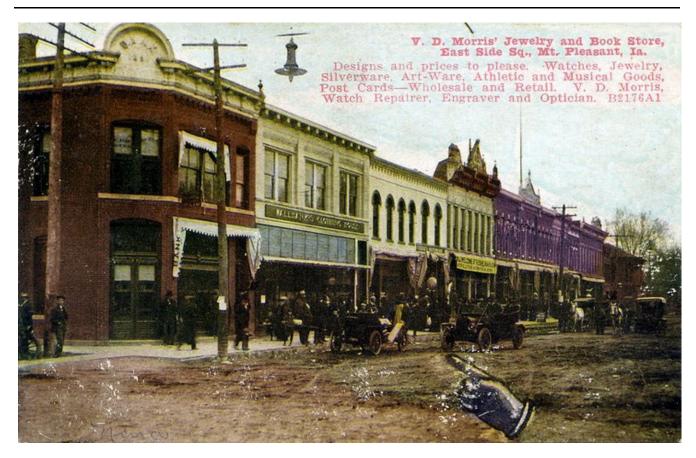
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100 block of S. Main St around 1915 (HCHT Facebook album)

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100 block of S. Main St in 1940s (HCHT Facebook album)

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North end of 100 block of S. Main St in 1950s (HCHT Facebook album)

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Side of bank at right along E. Monroe St, looking southwest (HCHT collection)

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1990 survey photograph (Naumann 1991)

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Digital photographs



Photograph 44-00293-001. North and west elevations, looking southeast (October 2023)

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Photograph 44-00293-002. West elevation, looking east (October 2023)

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Photograph 44-00293-003. North elevation in June 2024 with paint removal underway and old sign visible, looking south (June 2024)