Iowa Site Inventory Form State Inventory Number: 44-00297 ☐ New ☐ Supplemental 9-Digit SHPO Review & Compliance (R&C) Number: _____ **State Historic Preservation Office** ☐ Non-extant Year: (January 2016) 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: Schliep Building B) Other names: 2023 downtown survey # DT-114-115 Location A) Street address: 110-112 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): S 30' of Lot 2 and N 15' of Lot 3 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 02E: COMMERCE/TRADE / specialty store 02E: COMMERCE/TRADE / specialty store 02G02: COMMERCE/TRADE / restaurant 02F: COMMERCE/TRADE / department store 10A02: INDUSTRY / factory Description Enter categories (codes and terms) from the Iowa Site Inventory Form Instructions A) Architectural classification **B) Materials** 05B: Late Victorian / Romanesque Foundation (visible exterior): <u>04C: Limestone</u> Walls (visible exterior): 03: Brick 09F05: Commercial / brick front Roof: 15C: Rubber

Other:

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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 p Criterion C: Property has distinctive architectural characteristics Criterion D: Property yields significant information in archaeology.	s.
B) Special criteria considerations: Mark any special con ☐ 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 1883	F) Significant person Complete if Criterion B is marked above
G) Cultural affiliation Complete if Criterion D is marked above	H) Architect/Builder Architect
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7. Narrative Description

This is a two-story brick commercial building, which was originally built with three sections/storefronts in one commercial block in 1883. The southern third of the overall block was later sold and remodeled, with the northern two-thirds of the block remaining intact and generally under joint ownership. Thus, the Schliep building currently consists of two sections of the original commercial block, including the middle section with the tall parapet and name/date plate. The storefront on both of these sections was previously remodeled when a major tenant moved into this building in 1929 and 1961. The current storefront remodel dates to 2007, with smaller windows installed and EIFS applied to the walls. The entries for each part of the building are located near the center, a different configuration than the original remodeling. The south/right/112 section of the building is the original middle of the block, with a tall decorative metal parapet. The parapet on this section stands above the flanking sections, and it has a triangular pediment in the center. The center section reads "1883" with "W.H. Schliep" under it. The second story retains its original design and features from 1883, with a larger center window opening and flanking windows. The center window has a pair of narrow one-over-one-light double-hung wood sashes under a shared brick segmental arch lintel with stone keystone. The windows to either side have one-over-one-light doublehung wood sashes and brick segmental arch lintels with stone keystones. The windows have a continuous stone sill that extends across this portion of the building and continues to the north section. Stone courses are also visible near the top and near the bottom of the windows. The north/left/110 section has four one-over-one-light double-hung wood windows with brick segmental arch lintels with stone keystones. As noted, the stone band for the sills continues across this section, and stone courses are located near the top and near the bottom of the windows. The metal cornice is decorative with elaborate brackets on this section. The east/rear elevation of the original building is visible above the one-story concrete block addition that was constructed on the rear of the building in 1961 to expand the floor space for the store. The rear addition has a rear entry on each half of the building, accessed by concrete steps. A step of fire escape stairs leads from the alley to roof of the addition to the doors on the rear of the second story for the apartments.

8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The Schliep 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. Constructed by a successful businessman, W.H. Schliep, in 1883, it reflects the period of downtown development in the early 1880s, and it was noted as a marked improvement on the east side of the square, which then sustained a fire on the south portion of the block in the same year. 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.

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Developmental history of property

A 2-story, brick building with three storefronts was built in 1883 by William H. Schliep and occupied the same year by three separate businesses. It is known historically as the Schliep building. The three separate storefronts/buildings continued to be owned by Schliep family members until 1914, when the southern portion was sold to Carl Stith (currently 114 S. Main St, see DT-116, lowa #44-00298).

A circa 1860 photograph of the east side of the square shows a two-story side gable brick building on the south 30' feet of Lot 2 and a slightly shorter two-story building to its south on the north 37' of Lot 3. On April 17, 1871, William Schliep acquired the N ½ of the S 30' of Lot 2 from Henry Ambler and wife (Deed Book "A", page 488; Transfer Book "A", page 11). On 20 January 1876, J. Frame and wife sold the S 15' of lot 2 to W.H. Schliep. Thus, Schliep owned the property associated with the earlier side-gable two-story building. William Schliep was an early and successful businessman in Mt Pleasant, moving to town in 1855 immediately prior to the arrival of the railroad and operating a cigar manufacturing business for many years. He was noted in January 1876 as one of the town's best German citizens ("Mt Pleasant!" The Free Press, January 6, 1876, 6). Newspaper ads place his business on the east side of the square in the 1870s, noted by the sign of "Big Injin" on the east side. He sold cigars, tobacco, snuff, and pipes.

On 31 March 1882, Henry Ambler and wife sold the N 17' of lot 3 to W.H Schliep. On July 30, 1883 (recorded 15 January 1884), J.B. Hart and wife sold the S 20' of the N 37' of lot 3 to Wm. H. Schliep (Transfer Book "A", page 53). Thus, Schliep then owned the property with the two-story building to the south by July 1883.

Prior to the last formal acquisition of the south half of the building, William Schliep made plans in early 1883 for the construction of a new brick building on the parcels. Newspaper articles chronicle the construction and completion of the building:

- March ..with W.H. Schleip's 67 feet of new front the east side will have a boom next summer (*Mt. Pleasant Journal*, March 15, 1883, 2)
- May An accident, which will disable one of the workmen, happened on the rear scaffolding of the new building of W.H. Schliep. Omer Stough with David Bowman was lifting some heavy stone window caps in place when the scaffolding gave away...
- August J.W. Hampton has rented the south rooms of Mr. Schliep's new building. Mr. Hampton and Will Virden will go east and select twelve to fifteen thousand dollars stock of clothing...
- September A. Hettich has removed to his new rooms in Schliep's block... has the nicest and cleanest lunch rooms... also keeps a good assortment of confectionery goods...
- October fire in Ambler building on south portion of block...spread north to Timmerman's shoe store and stopped there before the new Schliep block... wind from the north ("A Big Blaze!" Free Press, October 4, 1883, 3)
- December A. Hettich, Fancy Groceries and a lunch counter, No 41, Schliep's block...
- December W.H. Schliep's building among those constructed by masonry contractor O.V. Stough during 1883 – large amount of construction in year (*Mt Pleasant Journal*, December 13, 1883, 2)
- January 1884 Our City Improvements W.H. Schliep's three two story buildings, \$15,000.

Per the original numbering system, the three new storefronts in the Schliep building were No. 40, No. 41, and No. 42 Main St, from north to south.

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The 1885 Gazetteer advertises: Wm H Schliep (Manufacturer of cigars wholesale and retail dealer in tobacco), August Hettich (restaurant), and James W. Hampton (clothing). Women's Relief Corps "will soon occupy its new rooms in the Schliep's block" in December 1886 (*Mount Pleasant Journal*, December 23, 1886, page 2).

The Sanborn fire insurance map of 1886 shows a large, 2-story, brick building, comprised of three store fronts, with addresses: #40, #41 and #42 Main. It is shown to have an elaborate cornice that still (currently in 2024) exists on a portion of the building. #40 Main is a cigar factory with offices on the second floor; a staircase is shown on the south side of the building. #41 is a restaurant and confectionary shop. There appears to be an opening in the shared wall between #40 and #41. These two buildings are currently (in 2024) joined by a metal cornice and have historically functioned and housed one business. The southern portion at #42 Main is a clothing store, with no openings in the walls and a hoist in the back of the building.

The manufacturing interests of Mt Pleasant were noted in the 1888 biographical history of Henry County as not particularly well developed or fostered. There were only a handful of manufacturers, which included two cigar manufacturing businesses, those of W.H. Schliep and William Fehse (*Portrait and Biographical Album of Henry County* 1888: 678).

The Sanborn fire insurance map of 1892 shows the same footprint for these three buildings as the previous map. 40/114 S Main is a cigar factory, with offices on the 2nd floor, 41/116 S Main is a restaurant and confectionary shop and 42/118 S Main is a hardware store.

The 1893 Mount Pleasant City Directory shows Wm. Schliep Cigar Manufacturer (114 S Main), A. Hettich, lunch room/confectionery (116 S Main), and W.R. Janes, hardware (118 S. Main).

The 1899 Sanborn fire insurance map shows the same footprint for these three, 2-story buildings (28' in height) as the previous maps. 114 S Main continues to be a cigar factory, with offices on the 2nd floor, 116 S Main is a restaurant and confectionary shop, and 118 S Main is a hardware store, with a very small, 1-story frame structure added to the rear of the building.

In April 1909, the Schliep Factory was purchased by Henry Bickenbach and Frank Lyons... sold by Will Schliep... building belongs to W.H. Schliep who started the business... one time had a factory with a dozen men... Will continued until on account of ill health, obliged to turn the business to others ("Cigar Store is Sold," *Mt. Pleasant Daily News*, April 8, 1909). A circa 1909 image of "The Schliep Block, East Side of the Square" (*Mt. Pleasant Beautiful*, 1988, page 28) shows three storefronts: Lyons & Bickenbach (cigars), Post Office (center of the block, at No. 41) and Pastime Theatre. By 1911, the cigar business is being operated by Frank Schliep.

The 1909 Sanborn fire insurance map shows the same footprint for these three buildings as the previous maps. 114 S Main has an exterior stairway leading towards the alley; the building is used for a cigar store. 116 S Main is now the Post Office. 118 S Main is vacant.

The post office moved here around 1908 from its location in the Spahr building on the north side of the square at 103 W. Monroe (east room). It would then move to the new building on the south side of the square (west part of lot with bank, roughly 108 W. Washington) after its construction in 1915.

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The 1911-1912 Henry County Directory lists Frank Schliep (cigar manufacturer, 112 S Main) and Pastime Theatre (theater, east side of the square). The Pastime Theatre is advertised on the east side of the square by May 1909, and it remained listed here through the 1917 telephone directory. Carl Stith operated this motion pictures theater. He initially rented the building and then purchased it ("10 Years Ago Today," *Mt Pleasant Daily News*, April 3, 1922, 3).

On April 21, 1914, William H. Schliep sold the south third of the building (S 22'3" of the N 37'10") of Lot 3 to Carl Stith for \$7,000 (Transfer Book "C", page 15). The other two-thirds of the building remained under joint ownership of the Schliep family.

The 1920 Sanborn fire insurance map shows the same footprint for 114 and 116 S Main. 114 S Main is a cigar store; 116 S Main is a meat shop. The 2nd floor of these two buildings is a "Hall".

On 12 February 1925, the estate of W.H. Schliep (deceased) transfers ownership of the N 23' of the S 30' of lot 2 to Frank Schliep. On 14 February 1925 (by Will), W.H. Schliep (deceased) transfers ownership of the S 7' of lot 2 and the N 15' of lot 3 to Wm. Schliep. On 12 February 1927 (via warranty deed), E.E.? Phelps (executor for Wm. Schliep Estate) sells the S 7' of lot 2 and the N 15' of lot 3 to Frank Schliep for \$6,000 (Transfer Book "1", page 12). Note: After these 1925 & 1927 transactions, Frank Schliep owns the lots that currently in 2024, are 110 & 112 S Main.

It was announced in April 1929 that J.C. Penney would open a store in Mt Pleasant, with a lease for ten years, renewable, with Frank Schliep, owner of the building. It will be located in buildings occupied by the Schliep Cigar Store and Roederer's Bakery, making a store with a 45-foot front and ninety feet in depth... building will contain 4,000 square feet of floor space... The north room cigar store was separated from the bakery by a stairway. The stairway will be moved to the south wall of the bakery to create a uninterrupted space... about \$15,000 will be expended in the remodeling. A new "Penney" front will be installed, the present walls torn out, making one large room, a new steel beam, new floors throughout, a completely finished basement, steam heating plant. The work of remodeling under the direction of Mr. Leigh, a Penney construction expert. Mr. Schliep will remove his business to the south side of the upstairs and will conduct a wholesale and retail cigar store dealing in cigars only... ("J.C. Penney Company to Open New Store Here," *The Mount Pleasant News*, April 17, 1929, page 1). The enclosure was built around the two storefronts in June to install the new combined storefront (*Mt Pleasant News*, June 13, 1929, 6). The boards were removed from the front of the building in the middle of August, with J.C. Penney opening under the direction of Mr. Montgomery at the end of the month ("The Bystander's Notes," *Mt Pleasant News*, August 17, 1929, 1).

A profile of the business in 1934 notes: "J.C. Penney has served the public since 1929, located on the east side of the square. They have a complete department store for the entire family. The present manager is Mr. Klum who recently came here from Ottumwa, where he worked for the same firm" ("Several Merchants in Business Here Over Fifty Years," *Mt Pleasant News*, September 25, 1934, 5).

The 1938 city directory lists J.C. Penney Co on the east side of the square, noted as a department store. They were listed under the categories of clothing, ladies ready-to-wear, ready-to-wear clothing, men's furnishings, dry goods, millinery, and shoes. The 1941 Mount Pleasant City Directory shows J.C. Penney Company at 114-116 S Main.

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The 1942 Sanborn fire insurance map shows the same footprint for these three buildings as the previous map. There are iron columns on the first floor between 114 - 116 S Main, which is now used for a large store. 118 S Main is indicated to be a store, separate from 114-116 S Main.

The telephone directories from 1944 to 1960 continue to list J.C. Penney Company on the east side of the square. In 1948, they are listed as a department store, milliners, and shoe store. In 1952, they are noted as a department store, millinery, and ready-to-wear clothing. By 1955, they were advertising stretch hosiery. In 1957, they are listed at 110-112 S. Main St.

An announcement was made in January 1961 that J.C. Penney would move to the former Harney Implement location, just north of square on Jefferson. Harrison Co, currently adjacent to the Penney store on the east side would then move into the building vacated by Penney store. Harrison Co had leased the Schliep building starting on July 1, with J.C. Penney to move before then after remodeling their new location. An addition was to be built on rear to extend the building a total of 145 feet from the front. It would also be remodeled and redecorated. According to manager Eddie Walker, it would offer about 1/3 more space than their current location ("Penney's and Harrison's Will Move and Expand," *Mt Pleasant News*, January 28, 1961, 1).

Work started in early July 1961 for the Harrison company on the store formerly occupied by J.C. Penney store on east side of square, creating an enlarged and completely remodeled store. The building known as the Schliep Building would have a new storefront, and the interior be redecorated. Floor space would be extended 55 feet at rear with basement for over 6,000 square feet of store space per manager Eddie Walker. H. Eugene Smith was the general contractor. The Harrison store would move to the new location when work was completed ("Start Work on Harrison's New Location," *Mt Pleasant News*, July 3, 1961, 1). Grand opening of Harrison's Variety Store was held on October 25-28, with Harrison's moving from their adjacent store into the enlarged, remodeled, and modernized space ("Harrison's Grand Opening," *Mount Pleasant News*, November 13, 1961; "Mt Pleasant Makes Many Gains and Changes in Year of Great Progress," *Mt Pleasant News*, November 13, 1961, 1).

Frank Schliep died in 1935. After his death, it appears the property transferred to his wife Lillian Schliep. After her death in 1965, title in the property was changed to their children. On June 16, 1965, the estate of Frank Schliep changed title of the S 30' of lot 2 and the N 15.7' of lot 3 to Mary Catherine Jones, Arthur B. Schliep, Freida L Thorson, and Anna B. Schliep Collins (Transfer Book "2", page 11).

While the store was called Harrison's Variety Store in this period, it was listed officially as Harrison Dime Store in the 1960s and 1970s city directories, remaining located at 110-112 S. Main St. In October 1983, announcement was made that Harrison's Variety Department Store on the east side of the square soon will close its doors... could close as early as December 31 (Mount Pleasant News, October 13, 1983, page 1).

In 1984, Arthur B Schliep, single, Freda L. and Orval Thorson (03/22/84), Mary Catherine Jones (03/20/84), single and Carol Ann and Ronald Meese (04/20/84) sold this parcel of land S 30.15 of Lot 2 and the S6' of lot 3 to Snyder, Norman and Linda B. and Micheal C. and Carolyn Byrum. They formed the Central Park Association, ran a realty business out of the building. A sign on the building from this period identifies it as Central Park Plaza.

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For the first time, the north portion was separated from the original middle portion of the Schliep Block, with a sale of the middle portion at 112. This group sold the middle portion of the building (112) to Donald and Debra Morin on April 25, 1984, retaining ownership of the north portion (110).

The 1986, 1987 and 1989 city directories list Byrum Realty at 110 and Morin's New and Old Things Plus at 112. A beauty shop, the Hair Designer, was in the middle section of the building.

On May 31, 1994, the north portion of the building (110) was sold to Roger L. Beckman and Dale E. Beckman. Then, the Beckmans acquired the middle portion of the building (112) from the Morin Family Ltd Partnership on January 15, 2007, with a final sale on March 25, 2008. Thus, both parcels were retuned to joint ownership, as they had been for the majority of the history of the building.

The 2001 city directory lists Breadeaux Pizza at 110 S. Main and Old & New Things Plus at 112 S. Main.

After the rest of the building was purchased by Roger L. and Dale W. Beckman, the lower space was remodeled and became Breadeaux Pizza and Anna's Pantry (named for daughter Anna). The storefronts were jointly remodeled in 2007. The Beckmans replaced the second-floor windows with wooden framed windows. Four apartments were created in 2008 on the second floor and a stairway was added for access. The 2011 city directory lists Breadeaux Pizza at 110 and Anna's Pantry at 112.

The building is currently in 2024, occupied by Main Street Pizza, a business owned and operated by the Beckmans at 110 S Main Street, and Cherry's Nails is located at 112 S. Main St.

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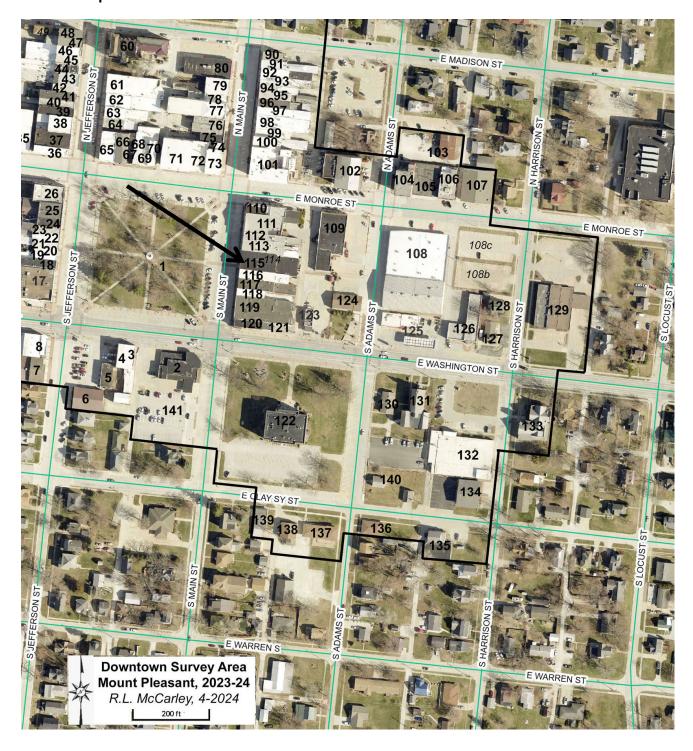
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Location map

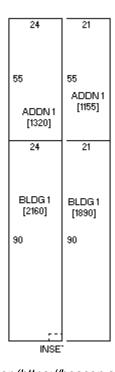


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Building footprint



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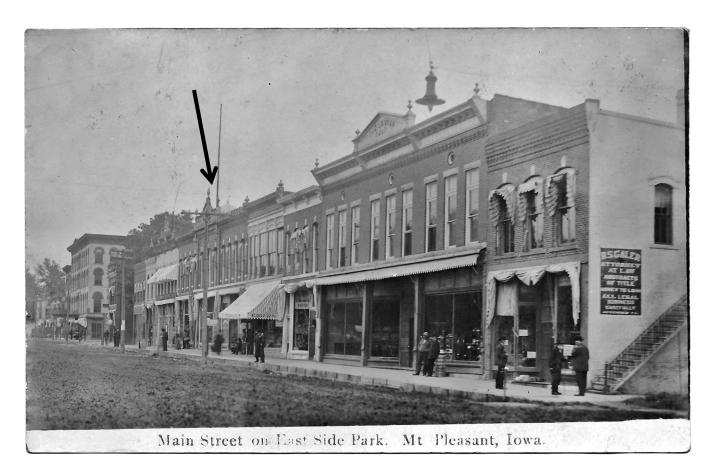


Central Park with 100 block of S. Main St in background in 1885 (HCHT Facebook album)

different exterior façade than original 1870 image portion for Crane Hardware to north is same as earlier

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1908 postcard of 100 block of S. Main St (HCHT Facebook album)

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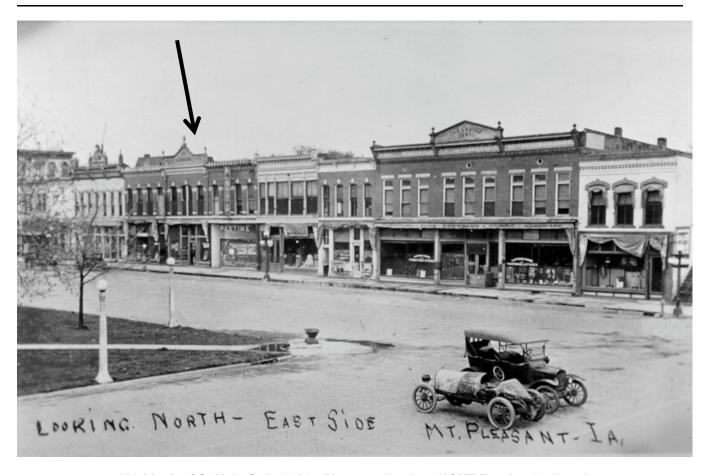
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Schliep Block in 1909 (Mt Pleasant Beautiful 1909: 28)

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100 block of S. Main St in 1910s (Hayes collection, HCHT Facebook album)

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100 block of S. Main St around 1925 (HCHT Facebook album)

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

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Middle of 100 block of S. Main St in 1953 (HCHT Facebook album)

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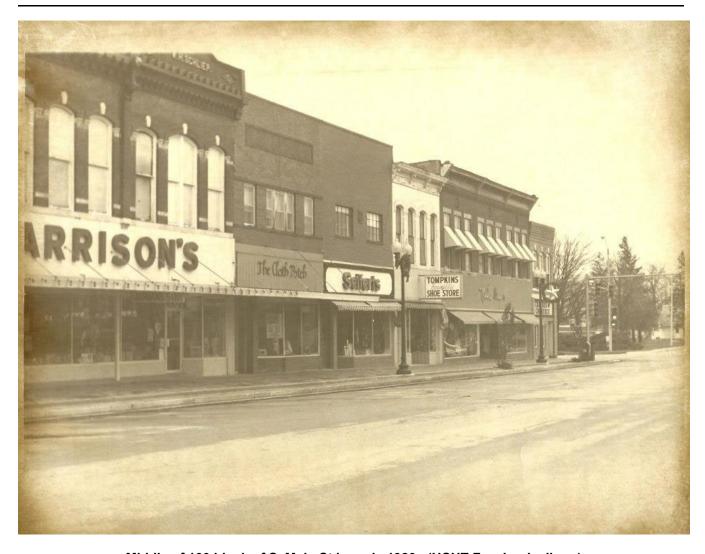
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Building in early 1970s (HCHT files)

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Middle of 100 block of S. Main St in early 1980s (HCHT Facebook album)

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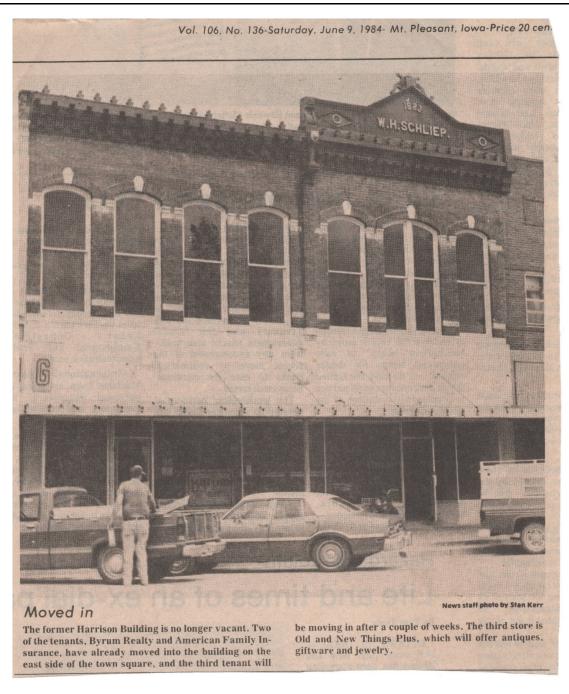


View of metal canopy extending across buildings on block in the early 1980s (City of Mt Pleasant building permits)

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Schliep Building after work in 1984 (Mt Pleasant News, June 9, 1982; HCHT clippings)

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Building in 1994 (City of Mt Pleasant building permits)

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Digital photographs



Photograph 44-00297-001. West elevation, looking east (June 2024)

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Photograph 44-00297-002. West elevation of 110 section, looking east (October 2023)

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Photograph 44-00297-003. West elevation of 112 section, looking east (October 2023)

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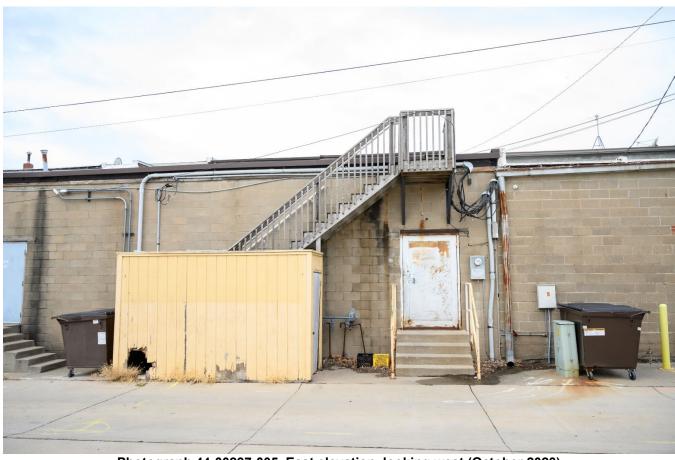
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Photograph 44-00297-004. West elevation, looking east (June 2024)

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Photograph 44-00297-005. East elevation, looking west (October 2023)

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Photograph 44-00297-006. East and south elevations, looking northwest (October 2023)