

Iowa Site Inventory Form

State Historic Preservation Office

(January 2016)

State Inventory Number: 44-02271 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: St. Michael's Rectory

B) Other names: 2023 downtown survey # DT-130

• **Location**

A) Street address: 200 E. Washington 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): 17 Lot(s): Lot 1 - W 1/2 - also W 1/2 Lot 2

• **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

06D01: RELIGION / parsonage

B) Current functions

06D01: RELIGION / parsonage

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

A) Architectural classification

10C: MID 20th CEN TYPES / ranch

B) Materials

Foundation (visible exterior): 10B: Concrete

Walls (visible exterior): 03: Brick

Roof: 05: Metal

Other: _____

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

Site Number: 44-02272 Address: 202 E. Washington St City: Mt Pleasant County: IA District Number: 44-02280

• **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

29: Social history

D) Period(s) of significance

E) Significant dates

Construction date

1961 *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 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 one-story brick ranch house was built as a rectory for St. Michael's Episcopal Church to replace an earlier house on this site. While the old house faced E. Washington St to the north, this new house was built to face S. Adams St to the west on this corner lot. The house sits on a concrete foundation with brick veneer, and it has a side gable roof with metal roofing. The entry is located within a small entry vestibule on the center of the façade, with steps from the north to a brick stoop. The vestibule has a gable roof that extends above the main roof of the house. The roofs have wide eaves. The north/left half of the façade has a picture window flanked by single-light tall windows. The south/right half of the façade has a pair of single-light casement windows and a small pair of single-light casement window on the main level. The site slopes to the south, with the height of windows exposed on the south end of the façade on the lower level. This level has a picture window flanked by single-light tall windows. The north elevation has two pairs of single-light casement windows on the main level. The gable has diagonal wide wood siding. The rear/east elevation has a rear entry near the center, with a cross gable section to the south of the rear entry. This section has two pairs of single-light casement windows. The north portion of the rear/east elevation has a picture window flanked by single-light tall windows. The south elevation has the lower level fully exposed on this side, with a garage on the east/right half and a side entry and pair of single-light casement windows on the west/left half. There is a shed-roof awning that extends across the width of the elevation, supported by simple triangular brackets. The main level has two pairs of single-light casement windows, which are widely spaced. The gable has diagonal wide wood siding.

8. Narrative Statement of Significance

St. Michael's Episcopal Church 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. Churches were historically built on the edges of the commercial core of the downtown, with this one constructed on the block east on Washington in 1865-66. The edge of the commercial development extended east on Washington to the north side of this block in the 1930s. The church has retained its location on this site and relationship to the commercial development of the downtown from the 19th century to the 20th century. This rectory was built for the church in 1961, and it remains associated with the church. As the church is a contributing building, the parsonage would likewise be considered a contributing building, associated with the overall history of the property and significance related to the downtown. The house retains sufficient integrity to convey its significance as a historic building in a historic district.

Based on research and evaluation conducted to date, St. Michael's Episcopal Church appears to be potentially individually eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A and/or C. This rectory may be listed as an associated building of the church within a nomination for the church. Further research and 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

An earlier house on this property was constructed prior to the 1869 birds-eye view of Mt Pleasant, as this 1 ½ story house with a front gable-roof section is shown on this view. St. Michael's Episcopal Church is

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located on the lot to the east of this house. The church was organized in 1856, and this frame church was built in 1865-66. The church was later clad in brick veneer and a rear addition built for a parish house in 1917 (see Iowa #44-02272). The 1899 Sanborn fire insurance map is the first one to include this block. It shows a 1 ½ story frame house on this property, which is numbered as 200 E. Washington St. St. Michael Episcopal Church is located to the east of the house. The same 1 ½ story frame house is on this property on the 1909 Sanborn map, still numbered as 200 E. Washington.

Per church history, Miss Emma Schwenker and Mrs. F. W. Harmayer purchased and donated this house to the west of the church to the church for the purposes of a rectory ("History of St. Michael's Episcopal Church, Mt Pleasant, Iowa"; "St. Michael's Parish organized in 1856," *Mt Pleasant News*, January 27, 1973, 4). Transfer books show that the west half of Lots 1 and 2 in Block 17 were sold by Nina A. Howe and husband to Mary Bird Abbe and Nota M. Abbe on December 29, 1908. The property was then transferred by William Stewart, referee, to the Vestry of St. Michael's Episcopal Church on May 26, 1909.

Mount Pleasant Beautiful, published in 1909, included a photograph of the church and the earlier house, which is identified as the rectory. Rev. W.T. Jackson is listed as rector of the Episcopal Church in the 1911-12 county directory. The alphabetical listings identify him as William R. Jackson, Ph.D., professor of Greek and Christian Evidence at Iowa Wesleyan College. He is living at 200 E. Washington St with his wife Virginia. The 1920 and 1942 Sanborn maps continue to show this earlier 1 ½ story frame house, with an address of 200 E. Washington St.

The church was served by Rev. John Simpson-Atmore from 1957-1960, with a remodeling project completed on the interiors of the church and parish house in 1957 under the chairmanship of Dr. J. Stewart Jackson. Rev. Arthur P. Becker then served the church in 1961 to 1969 ("St. Michael's Parish organized in 1856," *Mt Pleasant News*, January 27, 1973, 4).

In 1961, St. Michael's Episcopal Church built new rectory this property, replacing the house that was noted as more than 90 years old. The new rectory was a red brick house, built into the hillside with a lower level accessible from the south side ("Parsonage and Rectory Built in Year," *Mt Pleasant News*, November 13, 1961, 18).

The house has continued to be used as a rectory for St. Michael's Episcopal Church since 1961.

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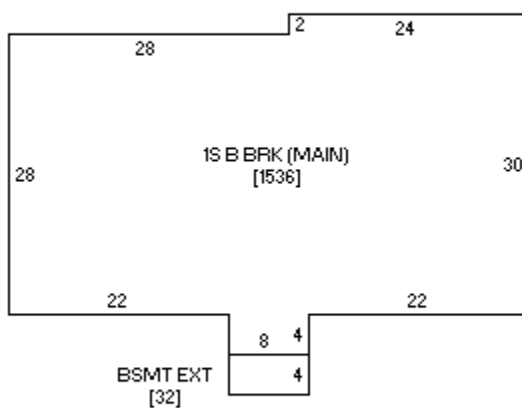
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Building footprint



Sketch by www.camavision.com

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

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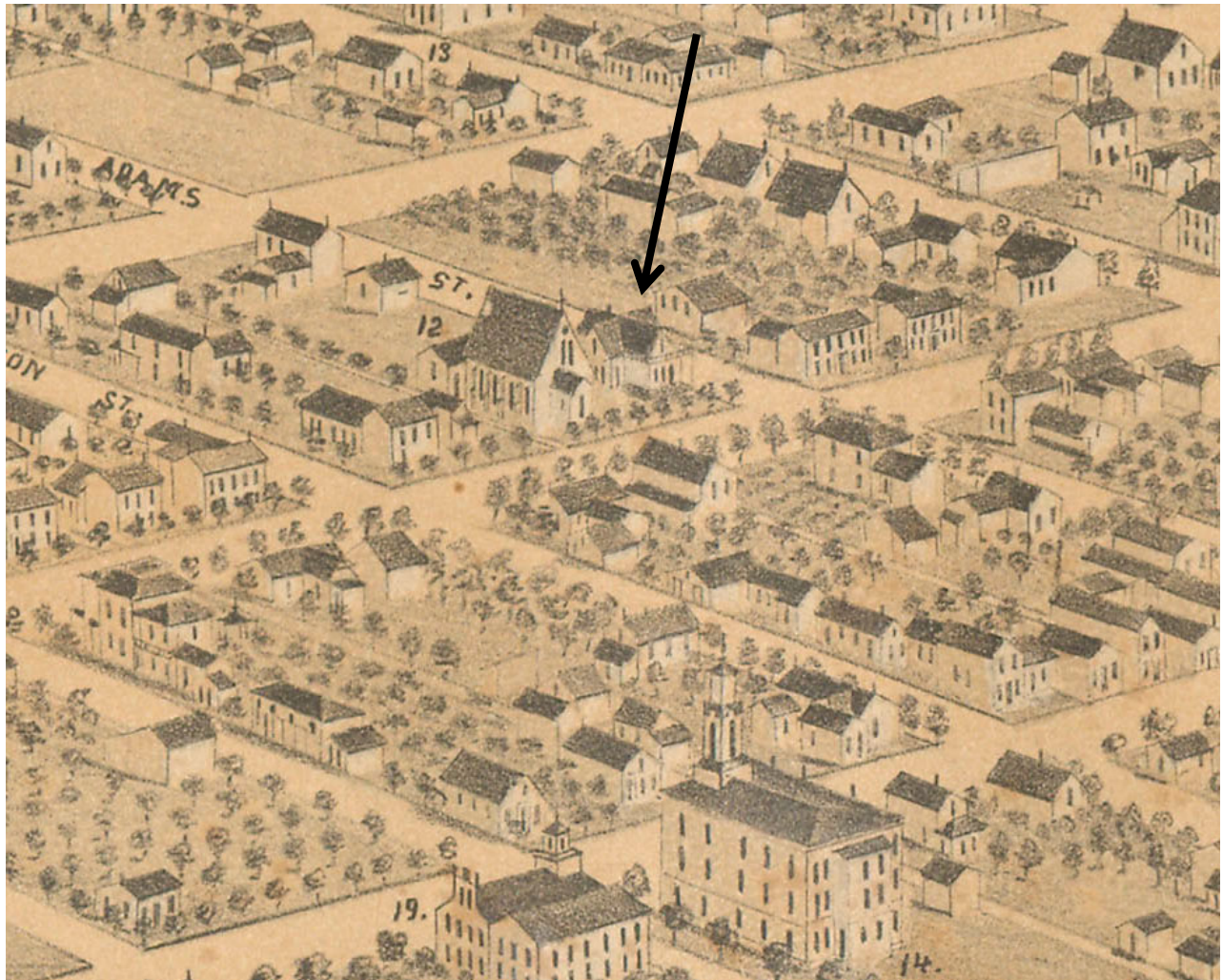
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Historic images



Earlier house on 1869 birds-eye view of Mt Pleasant, looking southwest

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Earlier house used as a rectory in 1909 (*Mt Pleasant Beautiful* 1909: 13)

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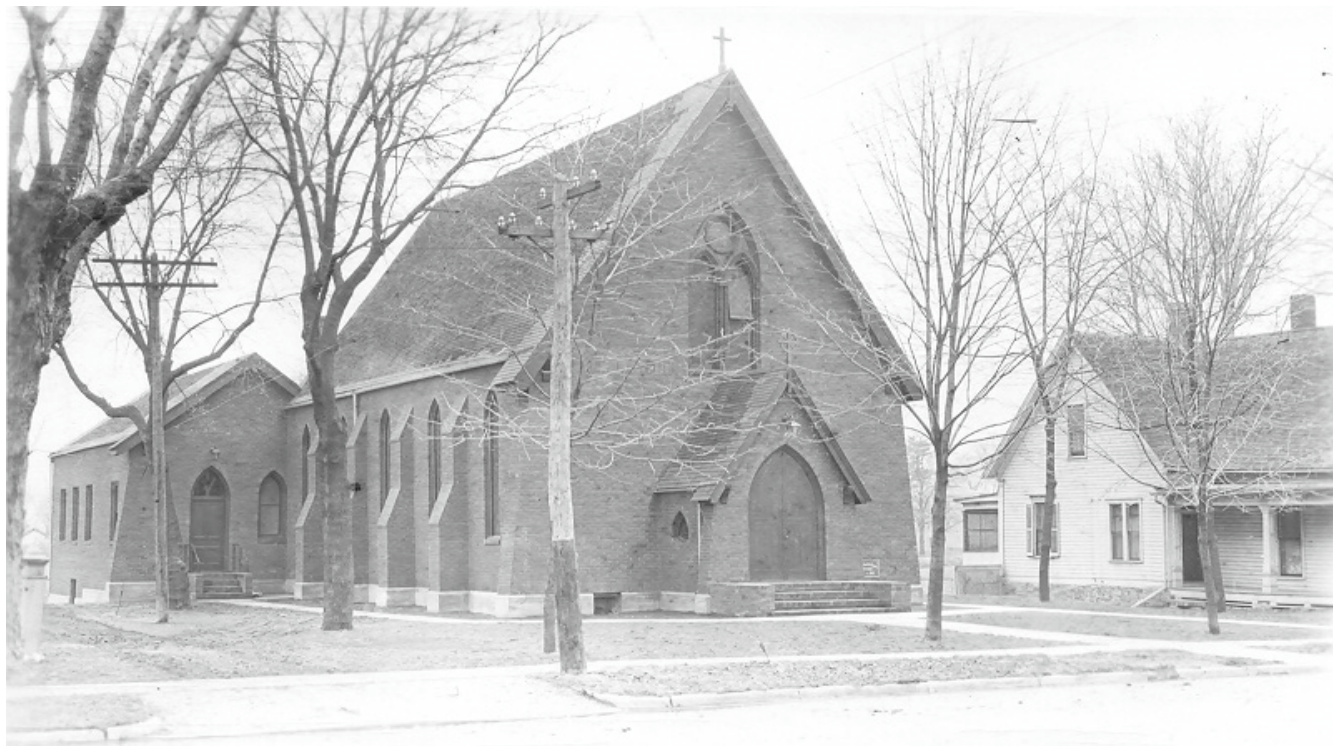
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**St Michael's Episcopal Church after brick veneer added in 1917, with rectory in earlier house to right/west
(Hayes collection, HCHT files)**

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**Rectory and church on east portion of 1947 aerial photograph of Mt Pleasant, looking north
(HCHT files, printed in *Des Moines Register*, April 27, 1947, sec 9, p3, p83)**

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Photograph 44-02271-001. West elevation, looking east (October 2023)

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Photograph 44-02271-002. North elevation, looking southeast (October 2023)

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Photograph 44-02271-003. East and north elevations, looking southwest (October 2023)

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Photograph 44-02271-004. South elevation, looking north (October 2023)