

Iowa Site Inventory Form

State Historic Preservation Office

(January 2016)

State Inventory Number: 44-02235 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: Henry County Jail and Sheriff's Residence

B) Other names: 2023 downtown survey # DT-137

• Location

A) Street address: 106 E. Clay 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): 12 Lot(s): east 2/3 of Lot 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>	
Contributing	Noncontributing		
<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

04C01: GOVERNMENT / police station

04C02: GOVERNMENT / jail

B) Current functions

04E: GOVERNMENT / offices

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

A) Architectural classification

08: MODERN MOVEMENT

B) Materials

Foundation (visible exterior): 10B: Concrete

Walls (visible exterior): 03: Brick

Roof: 08A: Asphalt shingle

Other: _____

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

Site Number: 44-02235 Address: 106 E. Clay 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 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

1963 *check if circa or estimated date*

Other dates, including renovations

1981

F) Significant person

Complete if Criterion B is marked above

G) Cultural affiliation

Complete if Criterion D is marked above

H) Architect/Builder

Architect

Stanley Engineering Co

Builder/contractor

H. Eugene Smith Construction Co

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 is a one-story building with full basement level that was constructed for the sheriff's residence, office, and county jail. The main/west portion of the building is the original building constructed in 1963, with an addition on the east end built in 1981. The building has a hip-roof with wide eaves reflective of the Contemporary style. The window bays are also inset in vertical panels with concrete panels that contrast with the yellow brick walls. The windows are placed immediately under the wide frieze board. The original building was raised for larger windows for the county jail on the lower level. The entry on the north side is accessed by a ramp from the northwest corner, elevated above ground level at the entry. The window bays are irregular, with a narrow bay, double window bay, wide window bay next to the entry, and double window bay from left/east to right/west across the façade (north). The windows are one-over-one-light double-hung windows in each bay on both levels. The west side has a side entry centered on the elevation, with a one-over-one-light double-hung window in a vertical window bay with concrete panel at the right/south. The south side has more evenly spaced window bays, again with a one-over-one-light double-hung window with a concrete panel under the window to create the vertical bay. There is a single window, rear entrance, wide window, single window, and single window from left/west to right/east across the south elevation of the original building. The rear entrance is accessed from a slightly elevated concrete stoop. The original east elevation of the building is covered by the addition constructed on the east end in 1981, which utilized similar brick and wide eaves as the original building. This section does not have the vertical window bays. The north/front elevation of the addition has two one-over-one-light double-hung windows with concrete sills, also placed immediately under the wide frieze board. Two similar windows are found on the east elevation of the addition. The south elevation of the addition has a rear entry at ground level at the left/west, with a one-over-one-light double-hung window under the frieze board at the right/east. There is a concrete patio area along the middle portion of the overall south elevation of the building.

8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The Henry County Jail and Sheriff's Residence 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 character of the downtown, reflecting the historic governmental functions found within the downtown. The building was constructed in 1963, replacing the earlier sheriff's residence and jail on this site immediately to the south of the courthouse. The addition was completed within the preliminary period of significance for the historic district as one of a series of downtown improvement projects in 1977 to 1981. 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, the Henry County Jail and Sheriff's Residence 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

The 1-story brick building, owned by Henry County and located at 106 E Clay was originally built in 1963, with an addition in 1981.

The 1909 Sanborn fire insurance map shows Centennial School centered on lots 5-6-7 on the east half of Block 12, located to the south of where this building sits. The old courthouse sat at the northwest corner of Block 11 to the north, with the sheriff's residence and county jail sitting to the south at 202 S. Main St. The 1920 Sanborn shows the new courthouse built in 1911-12 in the center of Block 11 to the north. The old sheriff's residence and county jail remains in its earlier building, which is to the west of the new courthouse. A brick building has been constructed across Clay St to the south, which is noted as the county heating plant. It is located on the west third of Lot 5 in Block 12.

In April 1921, bids were received for moving the brick building known as the sheriff's residence and building a new jail on the lot east of the courthouse house heating plant ("Notice to Bidders," *Mt Pleasant Daily News*, April 7, 1921, 3). In June 1921, the old sheriff's residence was moved to its foundation on the new site, and work proceeded on building the new jail to its rear. The old cells were utilized in the new building ("Sheriff's Residence Moved," *Mt Pleasant Daily News*, June 8, 1921, 3).

The 1942 Sanborn map shows the same footprint for the county heating plant on the west portion of this lot as shown on the 1920 map. The brick building used as the sheriff's residence has been moved from west of the courthouse and the new rear jail addition constructed on the site east of this early building on the east portion of Lot 5. Two frame buildings clad in metal siding sit to the south on lots 6 and 7 associated with the overall property, which are noted as county supply sheds. The 1947 aerial view of Mt Pleasant clearly shows the earlier buildings on this property owned by the county.

Discussions on the condition of the sheriff's residence and county jail spanned the 1950s, with proposals for alternatives for new construction. The grand jury in March 1960 again recommended the construction of a new jail and sheriff's residence, citing that the old building was in poor condition, inadequate, and a fire trap ("Would Build New Jail and Sheriff's Home; Move Shops," *Mt Pleasant News*, March 16, 1960, 1). A bond issue passed in November 1962 for the construction of a new county jail and sheriff's quarters.

In April 1963, bids were received for the construction of the new Henry County Jail and Sheriff's Quarters per plans on file in Henry County Auditor office. The building was to be one-story with a full basement, including jail equipment. It was a brick veneer residence type building to be used for sheriff's quarters and county jail facilities ("Public Legal Notification," *Mt Pleasant News*, March 26, 1963, 5). In May 1963, the Board of Supervisors let the contract for the construction of the Henry County Jail and Sheriff's Quarters to H. Eugene Smith Construction Co for \$63,300. They also accepted a proposal to demolish and remove the existing sheriff's quarters and county jail for \$800 ("Proceedings of the Board of Supervisors of Henry County, Iowa," *Mt Pleasant News*, May 10, 1963, 4). A building permit was issued in May 1963 for a new Jail and Sheriff's Quarters. The contractor was H. Eugene Smith Construction Company, Inc. The 59' x 26' building was masonry construction with a shingle roof. The heating plant for the courthouse is noted as existing on the site plan to the west. A three-bedroom mobile home was rented and placed on the driveway on the property for use as the sheriff's residence until the new building was completed, with the sheriff's office located in the courthouse ("Mobile Home is Sheriff's Residence," *Mt Pleasant News*, May 22, 1963, 1).

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The new Henry County Jail and Sheriff Residence was completed for an open house on November 30 and December 1, 1963 ("New County Jail and Sheriff Residence," *Mt. Pleasant News*, November 29, 1963, 1). The open house drew 1,200 visitors. Official greeters during the two-day event were Sheriff and Mrs. Van Tuyl and their children, Marlene, Jerry and Nancy Sue. There were two rooms on the west side for a reception room and sheriff's office, with the residence on the remainder of the main level. The basement area was devoted solely to the county jail quarters. One compound, known as a "bull pen", could hold eight occupants. ("Open House at Sheriff's Home and Jail," *Mt Pleasant News*, December 2, 1963, 1). The metal plaque remains on the building, stating: "Henry County Board of Supervisors: Elmer W. Bencke, L.T. Harlan, Wilbur Sater; Engineers: Stanley Engineering Co; General Contractor: H. Eugene Smith Construction Co. 1963."

The 1964 Mount Pleasant City Directory shows Russell K. Van Tuyl (Henry County Sheriff) living at 110 E Clay. Living with him are Gladys W (Wife) and children: Marlene K – 17, Jerry – 6, and Nancy Sue – 2. The Henry County Sheriff's Office is listed at 106 E Clay. In the September 1965, Iowa-Illinois Telephone Company Directory, the "Sheriff" and "Sheriff Residence" are at 106 E Clay; Russell Van Tuyl is listed at 106 E Clay. The 1966 Mount Pleasant City Directory shows Russell K. Van Tuyl (Henry County Sheriff) living at 106 E Clay. Living with him are Gladys V (Wife) and children: Jerry '58 and Nancy '62. Daughter Marlene K. (stenographer) is listed separately, living at 110 E Clay, but with the same phone number as her parents.

The 1970 Mount Pleasant City Directory shows the "Sheriff's Residence" at 106 E Clay. Van S Crawford is the County Sheriff. The 1973-1974 city directories show the Sheriff at 106 E Clay; Sheriff Residence at 106 E Clay. Van S. Crawford is the County Sheriff.

In 1975, the building was remodeled to also accommodate the city police department, which moved here from city hall on W. Monroe St. The city police and sheriff's department were combined as Henry County Law Enforcement Center ("Local construction book in '75," *Mt Pleasant News*, December 27, 1975, 1). An open house was held in March 1976, and the Henry County Public Safety Center was dedicated to Elmer Keuhnle, Mt. Pleasant city councilman, chairman of the county Public Safety Commission. Pier & Company of Fairfield directed the remodeling of the old jail and residence. Mayor Edd King said that for less the \$15,000, the city and county had a fine facility ("Public Safety Center Dedicated," *Mt Pleasant News*, March 27, 1976, 1).

In 1978-1979, Richard (Dick) Droz was the Henry County Sheriff and the city directories show the Henry County Sheriff at 106 E Clay. The Mount Pleasant Police Department is also located at 106 E Clay. The sheriff's residence is listed as Route 2.

A series of projects to improve downtown Mt Pleasant were completed as part of Operation Pride in 1977 to 1981. The addition to the Henry County Public Safety Center was among the later set of projects. A building permit was issued in August 1981 to build an addition on the east side of the building, noted as the Henry County Public Safety Center. The architect was Ervin C. Huneke of Fairfield, and the contractor was Jean C. Wiley & Sons. The addition was 25 by 29 feet with 16' tall walls. The addition had brick walls, a concrete foundation, a pre-cast floor system, and fiberglass shingles on the roof. The addition will be used for offices, conference rooms and storage. It will be of brick and cement construction ("Addition to public safety center OK'd", *Mt. Pleasant News*, June 12, 1981, page 1). The new addition

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to the Public Safety Center would be located and adjoin the east end of the present Public Safety Center and will consist of three new offices and a toilet room on the upper first floor level and a conference room, evidence room, visitor and prisoner room on the lower level ("Notice to Bidders", *Mt. Pleasant News*, July 16, 1981, page 2). The addition to the Henry County Law Center would give both officers and jail inmates more elbow room, with the 24-by-29-foot addition expanding the building by about one-third. Work began in mid-August and was anticipated to be completed by December 15. The ground floor would have new offices for the sheriff and Mt. Pleasant police chief, and an expanded squad room for officers. The basement will hold another squad room and visiting rooms for inmates. The law center, formerly the sheriff's home with a jail downstairs, has been headquarters for both county deputies and city police for six years. Both departments, with a total of about 20 people, had long complained of overcrowding ("Henry County Law Center addition half finished, *Burlington Hawkeye* (?) clipping, October 23, 1981).

The 1983-1985 Mount Pleasant city directories show both the Henry County Sheriff and the Mount Pleasant Police located at 106 E Clay.

The city police department then moved out of this building to a building at 300 W. Monroe St across from city hall in summer 1987 where the fire department and community center were located. The move created more room for city police and county sheriff offices, and it moved the police department closer to city offices ("Police complete move from Law Center," *Mt Pleasant News*, July 1, 1987, 1)

This building located at 106 E Clay was the sheriff's office and county jail until 2019, when the new office/jail was opened at 800 S. Grand Ave.

The building currently (2024) houses Henry County Veterans' Affairs, SE Iowa LINK Mental Health, Henry County General Assistance, and the Henry County Access Office.

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**Property 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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Power plant building and county jail building in 1977, looking northwest (HCHT Facebook album)

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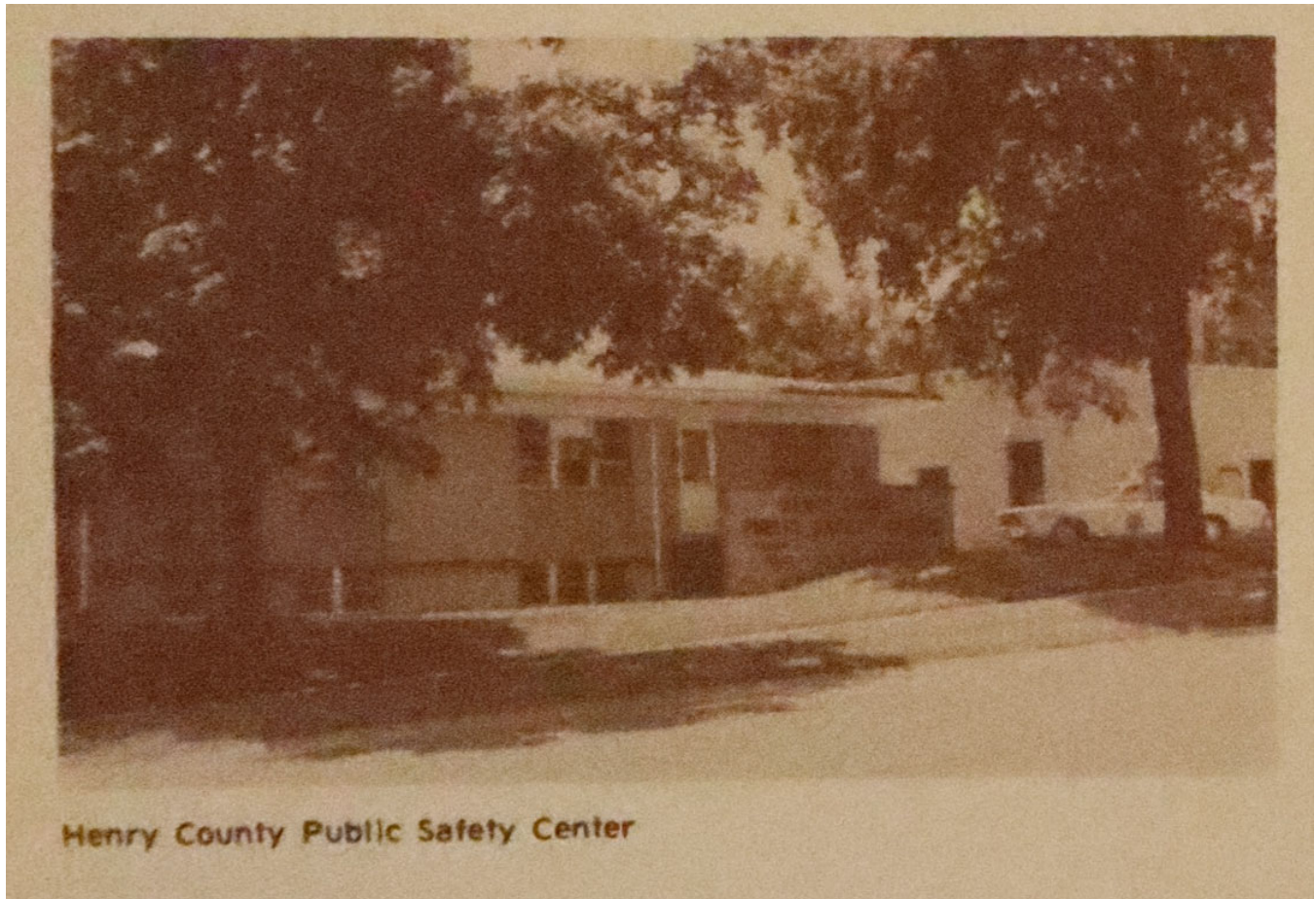
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Henry County Public Safety Center in 1978, looking southwest (MP Chamber of Commerce)

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Photograph 44-02234-001. North elevation, looking south (October 2023)

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Photograph 44-02234-002. East elevation, looking west (October 2023)

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