

# Iowa Site Inventory Form

State Historic Preservation Office

(January 2016)

State Inventory Number: 44-02279  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: Jesse and Florence Allender House

B) Other names: 2023 downtown survey # DT-140

• **Location**

A) Street address: 206 S. Adams 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): 4

• **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>2</u>	Buildings	<u>—</u>	Buildings
<u>—</u>	Sites	<u>—</u>	Sites
<u>—</u>	Structures	<u>—</u>	Structures
<u>—</u>	Objects	<u>—</u>	Objects
<u>2</u>	<b>Total</b>	<u>—</u>	<b>Total</b>

**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**

01A01: DOMESTIC / residence

14D09: TRANSPORTATION / auto service/repair

**B) Current functions**

02E08: COMMERCE/TRADE / beauty shop

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

**A) Architectural classification**

09A01: House – front gable roof

**B) Materials**

Foundation (visible exterior): 10B: Concrete

Walls (visible exterior): 05E: Aluminum

Roof: 08A: Asphalt shingle

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Site Number: 44-02238 Address: 207 S. Harrison 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*

05: Commerce

**D) Period(s) of significance**

**E) Significant dates**

*Construction date*

1870s  *check if circa or estimated date*

*Other dates, including renovations*

1930s

**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 is a one-story frame house that sits on a concrete foundation. It has a front gable roof clad in asphalt shingles. The entry is centered on the west side, with a hood with brackets. The rear entry on the east side likewise has a gable-roof hood. Based on the Sanborn maps, the house was either built here or moved here between 1920 and 1942. The two-over-two-light double-hung wood windows to either side of the centered entry, as well as the overall form and size, suggest construction in the 1870s. Thus, it is believed that the house was likely moved to this site in the late 1920s or early 1930s, placed on the current concrete foundation. Three two-over-two-light double-hung wood windows are found on the north side of the house, a typical pattern for rural schools. The south side retains a two-over-two-light double-hung window on the front/west/left, with the windows modified in the 1940s on the remainder of this side. A smaller pair of one-over-one-light double-hung windows is located on the south/eight portion, associated with the kitchen on the interior. The aluminum siding on this side covers any evidence of a window pattern that may match the north side. The east elevation likewise has a smaller one-over-one-light double-hung window on the south/left associated with the kitchen on the interior. The window to the north/right of the centered rear entry is an original two-over-two-light double-hung window. A brick chimney is located near the center of the house on the south slope of the roof, which appears to date to the 1920s or 1930s.

The large gable-roof garage sits behind/east of the house, facing E. Clay St to the south on this corner lot. The garage was likely built around 1941 for the automotive repair business of Jesse Allender, shown as "auto repair" on the 1942 Sanborn map. The frame building is clad in vertical metal siding, and it sits on a concrete foundation. The gable roof has asphalt shingles. There is a modern single-car overhead door on the west/left portion of the south elevation. There are no other openings visible on the building.

**8. Narrative Statement of Significance**

The house 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. It was moved to this site likely in the 1930s, with the property then used for residential and commercial purposes. As it was located between the courthouse and the professional office building, residents frequented this southeast portion of the overall central business district. Similar to other automotive-related businesses, it was located on blocks adjacent to the core of the retail downtown. Thus, it relates to the commercial development on blocks periphery to the downtown buildings around the square. The buildings retain sufficient integrity to convey its significance as a historic building in a historic district.

Based on research and evaluation conducted to date, the house is not likely individually eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. 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*

The house at 206 S. Adams Street appears to have been moved to this location in the late 1920s or early 1930s. Its earlier history has not been identified with research completed to date.

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The 1920 Sanborn map shows an earlier two-story, side-gable, frame house with a rear two-story ell and a rear one-story addition on Lot 4 in Block 17 at 206 S. Adams St, on the block to the east of the courthouse. A frame two-story outbuilding sits in the northeast corner of the lot. Carl (Charles) J. Lindberg lived at 206 S. Adams St per the 1900 census, with his household included daughter Martha. She married Walter Lund, and Charles J. Lindberg died in 1909. In March 1918, the property transferred from the estate of C. Lindberg to Walter Lund for consideration of \$1,100 (*Mt Pleasant Weekly News*, May 8, 1918, 2). Walter Lund was noted as a progressive and prosperous young farmer in Marion Township in 1922, developing a herd of Herefords. Mrs. Lund was specializing on ducks. Mr. Lund was noted to have "done a fine thing a few years ago" as director for school district. He advocated for preserving Prairie Gem School on Red Ball route at the corner where the highway goes to Trenton. Since it only had 5-6 students, it was proposed to close. He succeeded in keeping the school open, and it had 23 students in 1922. It was reported that an effort would be made to re-open the old Hickory Grove school ("Going into Herefords," *Mt Pleasant Daily News*, September 20, 1922, 3).

The current house on the lot was moved here in the 1920s or early 1930s, as it was not here on the 1920 map and is shown here on the 1942 map. No information could be identified on a move or fire on this lot in the 1920s or 1930s. The overall form of the school is similar to a traditional rural school. With the association of Lund with rural schools, it is possible that this house was a school that was moved here prior to the sale of the property by Lund in 1933. It is also possible that that it was simply a house moved from another location in town, or that the house was moved here after Lund sold the property in 1933. Further research may identify the date of the move and origins of the house.

On March 24, 1933, Walter and Martha Lund transferred the property (Lot 4, Block 17) to Ed Anderson, who was from the Swedesburg area, for \$1,000. Ed Anderson then transferred this property at the corner of Adams and Clay streets to Eugene Clare Moore of Spencer on August 24, 1933, for \$330 (*Mt Pleasant News*, August 30, 1933, 3). In March 1936, it was noted that the September Circle will meet with Mrs. Moore at 206 South Adams Street, with Mrs. Walker as assistant hostess ("Club News," *Mt Pleasant News*, March 17, 1936, 6). While it is possible that the house was moved during this period, it seems more likely to have been moved here prior to the 1933 sale.

On May 19, 1936, Eugene C. and Eleanor M. Moore sold the property (Lot 4, Block 17) to Vera Walker. In July, an ad for the De Luxe Beauty Shoppe at 206 S. Adams St appeared in the newspaper. The location was noted in proximity to the downtown as one block east and one block south of the southeast corner of the square. It offered soft water for shampooing. The shop was owned and operated by Vera Walker, who was formerly Vera I. Barr (*Mt Pleasant News*, July 30, 1936, 7). The Deluxe Beauty Shoppe advertised at 206 S. Adams St in February 1937 (*Mt Pleasant News*, Feb 17, 1937, page 2). It is also listed at this address in the 1937 telephone directory. In May 1937, Patrolman and Mrs. Richard Hohl moved to the Vera Walker house at the southeast corner of the court house block (*Mt Pleasant News*, May 10, 1937, 6). Then, in October 1937, the re-opening of the De Luxe Beauty Shop at 206 South Adams St was announced (*Mt Pleasant News*, October 14, 1937, 7). Vera Walker visited her sister Dessie Harries in Montana in early 1938, returning in July 1938 and expecting to be back to work soon (*Mt Pleasant News*, July 9, 1938, 4). She transferred interest in the property to Dessie Harris of Ferguson County, Montana, in August 1938 (*Mt Pleasant News*, August 29, 1938, 1). The property was foreclosed, and household goods sold, with the property officially transferred to Citizens State Bank of Donnellson in August 1940. The bank rented out the property to several tenants in 1940. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Allender

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lived at 206 S. Adams St in February 1940 (*Mt Pleasant News*, February 23, 1940, 6). The 1940 census lists Dalton and Eileen Tyner renting the house at 206 S. Adams St for \$8 per month. Everett Wrights moved to Mt. Pleasant from the McCabe station, east of town, in November 1940 to the house at 206 South Adams. (*Mt Pleasant News*, November 4, 1940, page 6). They are listed here in the 1941 city directory. In April 1941, Everett Wrights moved from the residence at 206 South Adams St to 403 North Adams today (*Mt Pleasant News*, April 1, 1941, 4). While it is possible that the house was moved during this period, it seems more likely to have been moved here prior to the 1933 sale.

On December 28, 1940, the Citizens State Bank of Donnellson sold the property at Adams and Clay streets to Jesse Allender for \$2,000 ("Deeds for Town Places Recorded," *Mt Pleasant News*, January 3, 1941, 1). Jesse Allender had married Florence E. Blythe of Mt Pleasant in 1930 ("Looking Backward – 10 Years Ago Today," *Mt Pleasant News*, January 29, 1940, 2). The 1939 telephone directory lists Jesse Allender at 208 S. Harrison St. The 1940 census lists them still in this earlier location at 208 S. Harrison St: Jesse Allender, age 36, mechanic in garage; wife Florence, age 24; son Harry L., age 9; and son Robert Dean, age 5. The family then likely moved to this location after Everett Wrights moved out in April 1941. Again, while it is possible that the house was moved here in the early 1940s, it is probable that it had already been moved here by this date.

The 1942 Sanborn map clearly shows the current house on the property at 206 S. Adams St, a simple rectangular footprint for a one-story frame house on the west part of the lot facing west. Along E. Clay St on the east end of the south part of the lot, there is a one-story frame building with a concrete floor used for auto repair, with a smaller one-story frame garage to its east at the alley. This garage was likely built in 1941 for Jesse Allender's business. There is a small one-story frame building in northeast corner of lot as well.

Jesse Allender ran his auto repair business from the garage on the property from the 1940s through the 1970s, with the family living in the house. The 1944 and 1948 telephone directories list Jesse Allender at 206 S. Adams St. The school district paid Jesse Allender's garage for labor for repairs in April 1948 (*Mt Pleasant News*, April 29, 1948, 7). In December 1948, he advertised a Model A Ford for sale that could be seen at Allender's garage (*Mt Pleasant News*, December 23, 1948, 3). In January 1949, the 1930 Model A coupe was advertised in good condition at a reasonable price at Allender Garage (*Mt Pleasant News*, January 21, 1949, 3). The 1950 census lists Jesse Allender as a 45-year-old mechanic at a garage that he owned, living at 206 S. Adams St with wife Florence (34), son Harry (19, school bus driver), and son Robert (15). The 1952 telephone directory lists Jesse Allender at 206 S. Adams St. The 1955 city directory lists Allender's Garage and Jesse Allender at 206 S. Adams St. Both listings continued through the 1960s and 1970s. Florence worked at Van's Lunch Box for many years. Jesse and Florence Allender celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a card show in January 1980 (*Mt Pleasant News*, January 26, 1980). Jesse Allender died unexpectedly on May 10, 1980. He was born on March 21, 1904, to Frank and Nellie Allender near Wayland and raised in the Richwood area. He was married on January 29, 1930, to Florence E. Blythe in Kahoka, MO. He was an auto mechanic from 1933 until his death, and he owned and operated the Allender Garage. He was survived by his wife Florence, son Harry of Des Moines, and son Robert of West Burlington. Funeral was at Faith Lutheran Church and burial in Forest Home Cemetery ("Jesse Allender," *Mt Pleasant News*, May 12, 1980, 8).

Florence Allender continued to live at 206 S. Adams St until her death in 1990. City directories through the 1980s list her at this house. Florence Allender of 206 S. Adams St died on January 4, 1990, at age

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74. She was born on May 22, 1915, in Salem to Frank and Hattie Blythe. She married Jesse Allender on January 29, 1930, in Kahoka, MO. She was a retired homemaker and life-long resident of Mt Pleasant. Funeral was held at the Church of the Open Bible. Her sons Harry and Robert survived her ("Florence Allender," *Mt Pleasant News*, January 5, 1990, 10).

The property transferred in December 1990 in a court ordered sale for \$26,500 to Wesley Barton Construction. The 1993 city directory lists Dena L. Kibbe at 206 S. Adams St.

On November 3, 2003, Wesley Barton Construction transferred the property to Wesley and Geraldine Barton. They then sold it to Richard and Christine Kuckles on contract on December 3, 2003, with deed transferred on December 9, 2013. The 2011 city directory lists Cottage Day Spa at 206 S. Adams St.

On February 3, 2014, Richard and Christine Kuckles sold the property to Aurora Salon & Spa LLC for \$50,000. Aurora Salon & Spa is the current owner. The business is located in this building, operated by Martha Watson. She offers expertise in working with natural waves and curls, and a variety of services including custom cuts, color, and waxing.

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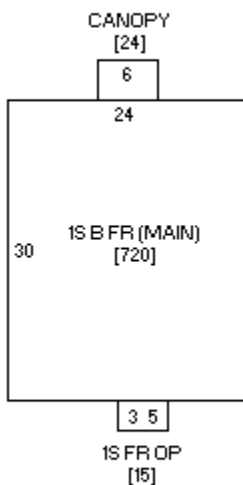
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**Building footprint**



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**Historic images**



**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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**Digital photographs**



**Photograph 44-02279-001. West elevation, looking southeast (June 2024)**

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**Photograph 44-02279-002. North elevation, looking southeast (June 2024)**

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**Photograph 44-02279-003. South elevation, looking north (June 2024)**

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**Photograph 44-02279-004. East elevation, looking northwest (June 2024)**

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**Photograph 44-02279-005. Garage, looking northeast (June 2024)**