

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Henry County Savings Bank
other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 100 S. Main not for publication
city, town Mount Pleasant vicinity
state Iowa code IA county Henry code 087 zip code 52641

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____	_____ structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	_____	_____ objects
		<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing: Architectural & Historical Resources of Mount Pleasant, IA
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of certifying official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register.
 See continuation sheet.

determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet.

determined not eligible for the National Register.

removed from the National Register.

other, (explain:) _____

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

COMMERCE/Financial InstitutionVacant**7. Description**Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

Late Victorianfoundation LimestoneItalianatewalls Brickroof Asphaltother Metal cornice

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

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.

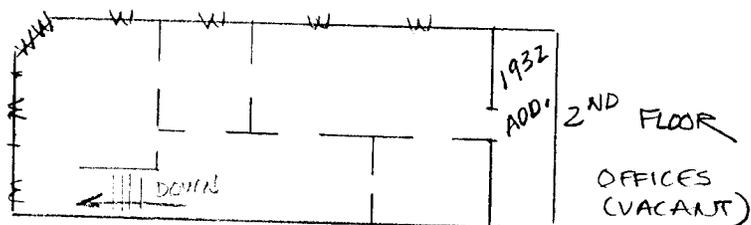
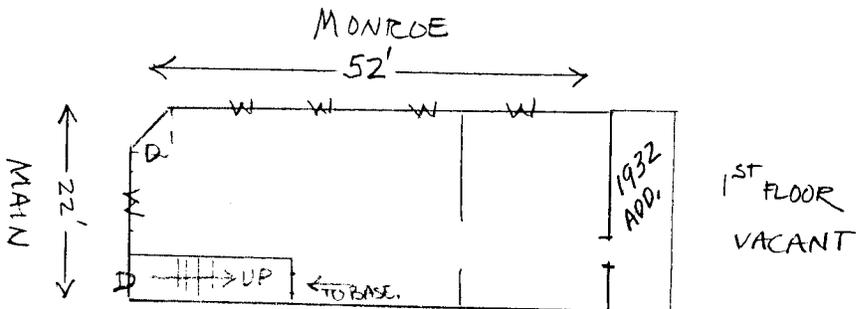
On the interior, all signs of the bank have been removed. The first floor is primarily open space, with one removable wall near the east end. A metal ceiling is intact above the dropped ceiling. A stairway to the basement is located along the south wall, directly under the stairway leading to the second 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.

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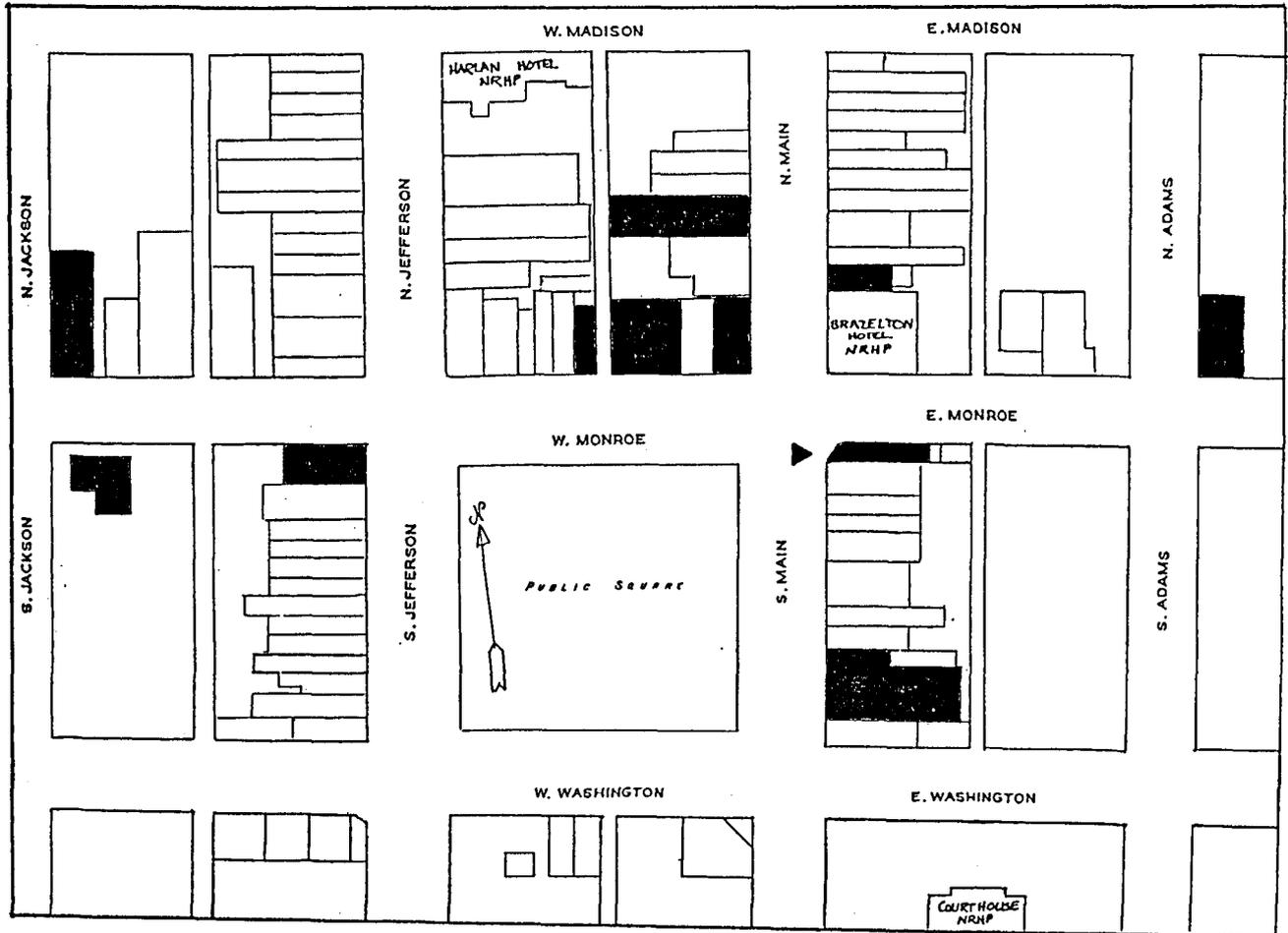


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MOUNT PLEASANT PUBLIC SQUARE

Shaded buildings are those being nominated.

▶ indicates specific building being nominated.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)
Architecture

Period of Significance
1891

Significant Dates
1891

Cultural Affiliation
N.A.

Significant Person
N.A.

Architect/Builder
Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

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.

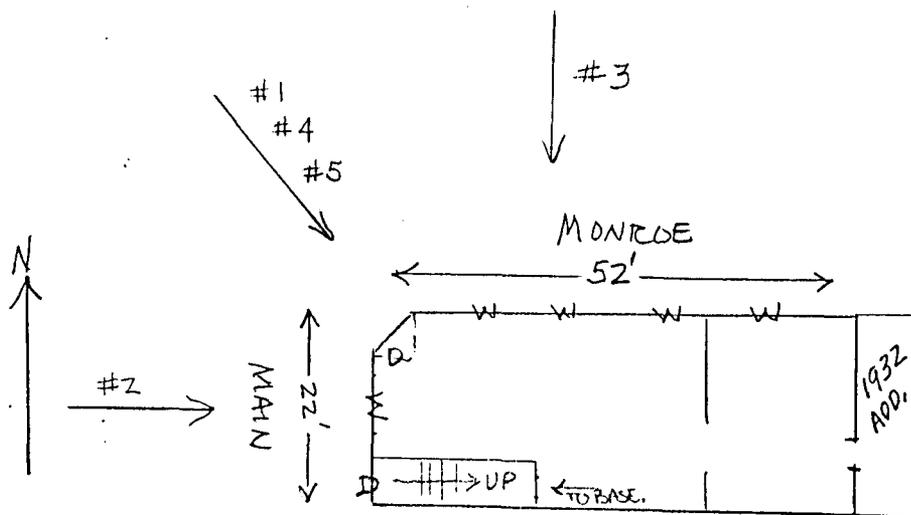
In 1909 there were two banks located at the northeast corner of the Square (the Henry County Savings Bank and the National State Bank), and two banks located at the northwest corner of the Square (Farmers and Merchants Saving Bank, and the First National Bank). All four buildings are extant, but the Farmers and Merchants Bank has had the third floor removed, making it an ineligible property. The other three bank buildings are considered eligible for the National Register.

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Henry County Savings Bank
100 S. Main
Mt. Pleasant, Ia
Historic photo - 1891
Shows bldg during construction
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Henry County Savings Bank
100 S. Main
Mt. Pleasant, Ia
Historic photo, c 1895-1900
3/4 view to SE - note Congregational Church tower
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