

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 Timmerman-Burd Building
other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 118 S. Main not for publication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	
		Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	_____	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____	_____ structures
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____	_____ objects
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<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)

COMMERCE/specialty

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

COMMERCE/specialty

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)Late Victorian

Italianate

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Limestone

walls Brick

roof Asphalt

other Metal cornice

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

This two story brick building (1883), measuring approximately 20'x70' (with a rear addition of 20'x80'), is located on the east side of the Square, near the middle of the block. The narrow end of the rectangular building faces the Square, and the flat roof slopes to the rear. The facade features four tall slender segmental arched windows on the second floor. These are topped by brick patterned hoodmolds with keystones. A bracketed metal cornice caps the building. The street level is not symmetrical, as a door on the left provides access to the stairway to the second floor. Original display windows were quite tall, allowing as much light as possible to enter the interior. A recent restoration effort has revealed alterations made c.1910-20 at street level. These included: installation of new recessed display windows, with glazed tile below the glass; a patterned tile floor in the recessed entry with name panel; and, prism glass transoms across the storefront. These early 20th century elements are being preserved. Historic photographs are available showing both the original 1883 and the c.1915 facades. The addition to the rear elevation is not intrusive.

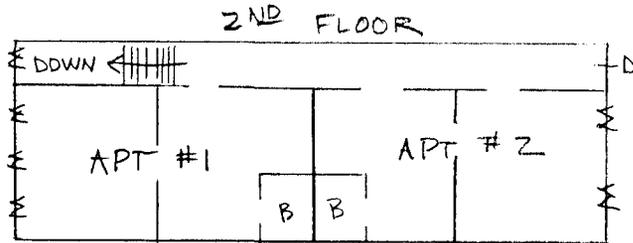
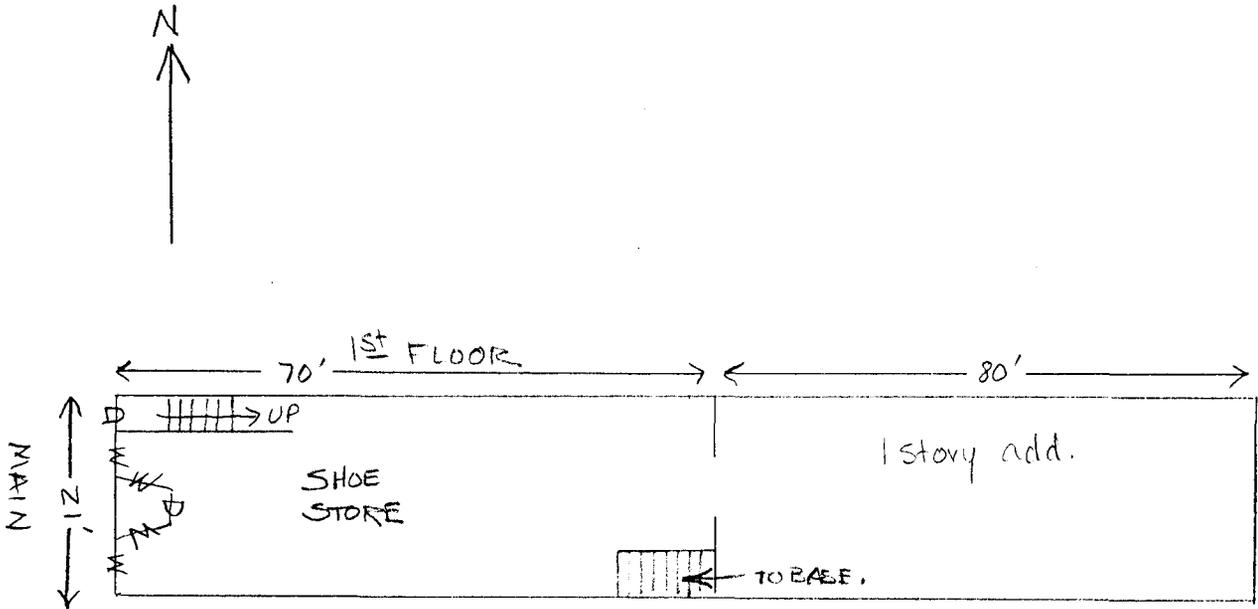
On the interior, few major alterations have been made. On the first floor a dropped ceiling was installed, but the original beaded wood ceiling remains intact above. No permanent walls have been added in the shop area. A staircase leading to a basement sales level has been closed, but it appears to have dated from the early 20th century remodeling. On the second floor, which was originally used for offices and a shoe repair shop, there are now two apartments. The original hallway runs from front to back at the second floor level.

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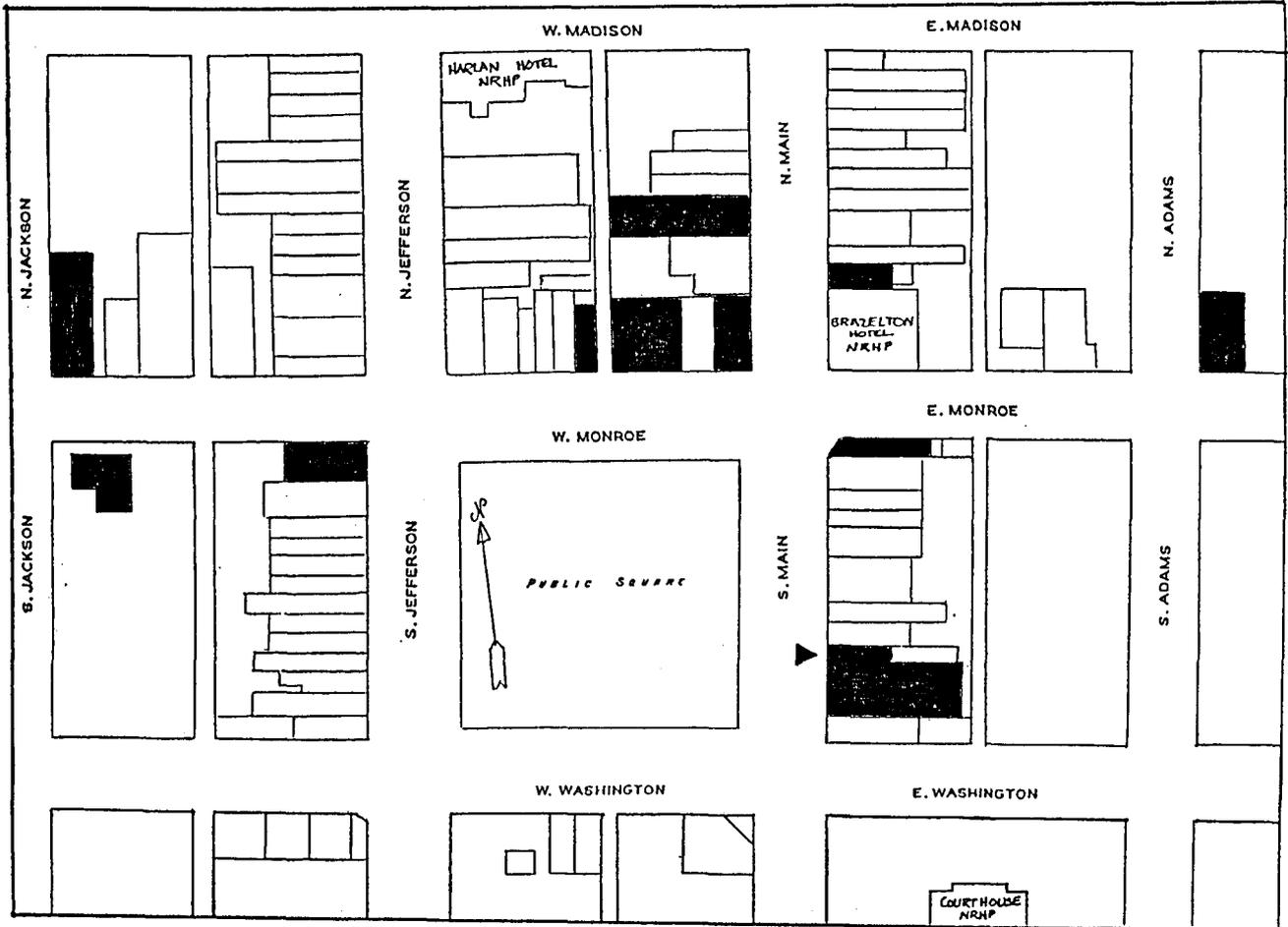


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MOUNT PLEASANT PUBLIC SQUARE

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)

Period of Significance

Significant Dates

ARCHITECTURE

1883

1883

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 two story brick building is significant under Criterion C as a good example of a Type III building, a late Italianate commercial design from the 1880s. It is representative of many which once surrounded the Mount Pleasant Square.

This single storefront building is a rather conservative example of how the design elements of the Italianate style were often applied to simple brick rectangles in the late 19th century. The bracketed metal cornice with dentils was mass produced and could be ordered through catalogs. Windows are two over two double hung with segmental arched tops. Instead of elaborate cast concrete or metal hoodmolds, simple brick patterned hoods are used on this building, but keystones are added in the center of each for a "touch of class". Cast iron pilasters flanked the display windows originally. This building retains a high level of integrity, and today it is one of the most impressive on the east side of the Square. Originally however, it would have been among the simplest, plainest, buildings in the block.

The Italianate style was commonly used for commercial buildings in Mount Pleasant throughout the 1880s and '90s. Most of the brick buildings were two stories, and many were double or triple storefronts. Mass produced decorative elements were often added to the facades. While window treatment varied from very simple brick patterning to heavy cast hoodmolds, the hallmark of these buildings was a bracketed metal cornice with identification pediment, often extremely elaborate with finials, and of a size which visually threatened to topple the structure. None of these elaborate cornices survive in their entirety.

Historically, this building has always housed a shoe store. An 1883 fire destroyed an earlier building on this lot. Henry Timmerman decided to rebuild immediately, and his shoe store was open by January 1884. After working for Timmerman for many years, Burd bought the business and was responsible for the c.1910-20 remodeling. The earliest Sanborn map (1886) shows this as "Boots & Shoes" and it is listed as such on all the following maps. The tradition continues today.

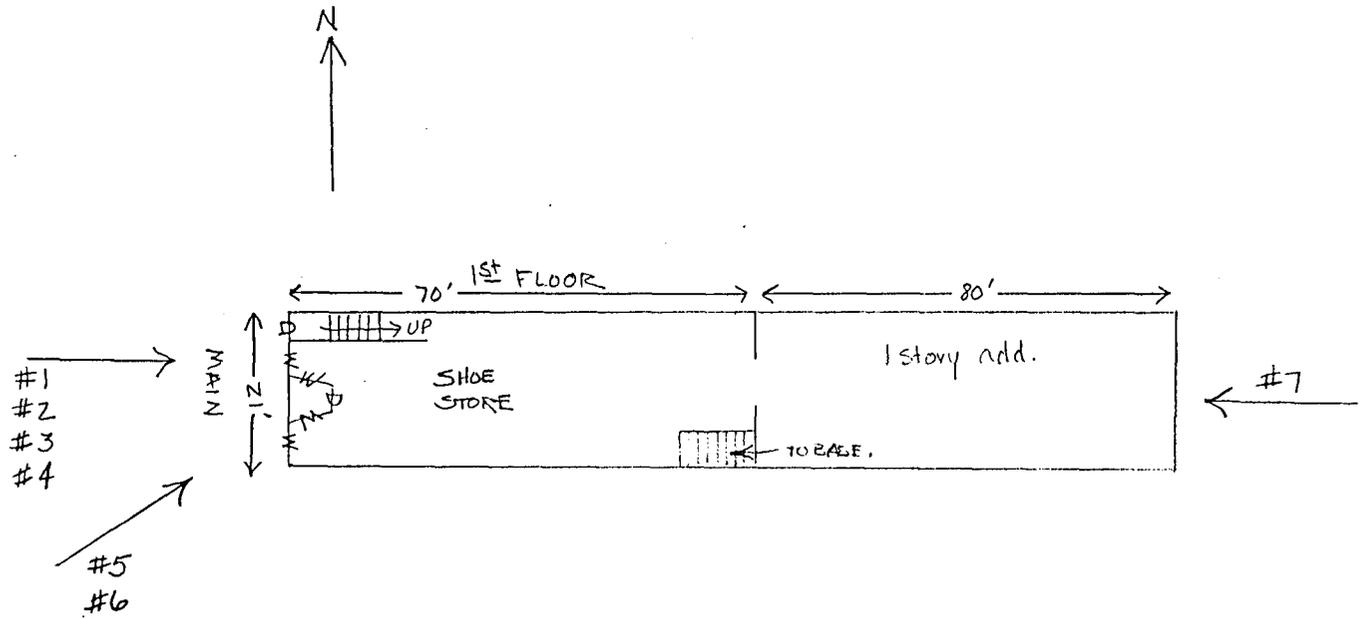
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Main Street Shoe Company

SHOE
SALE

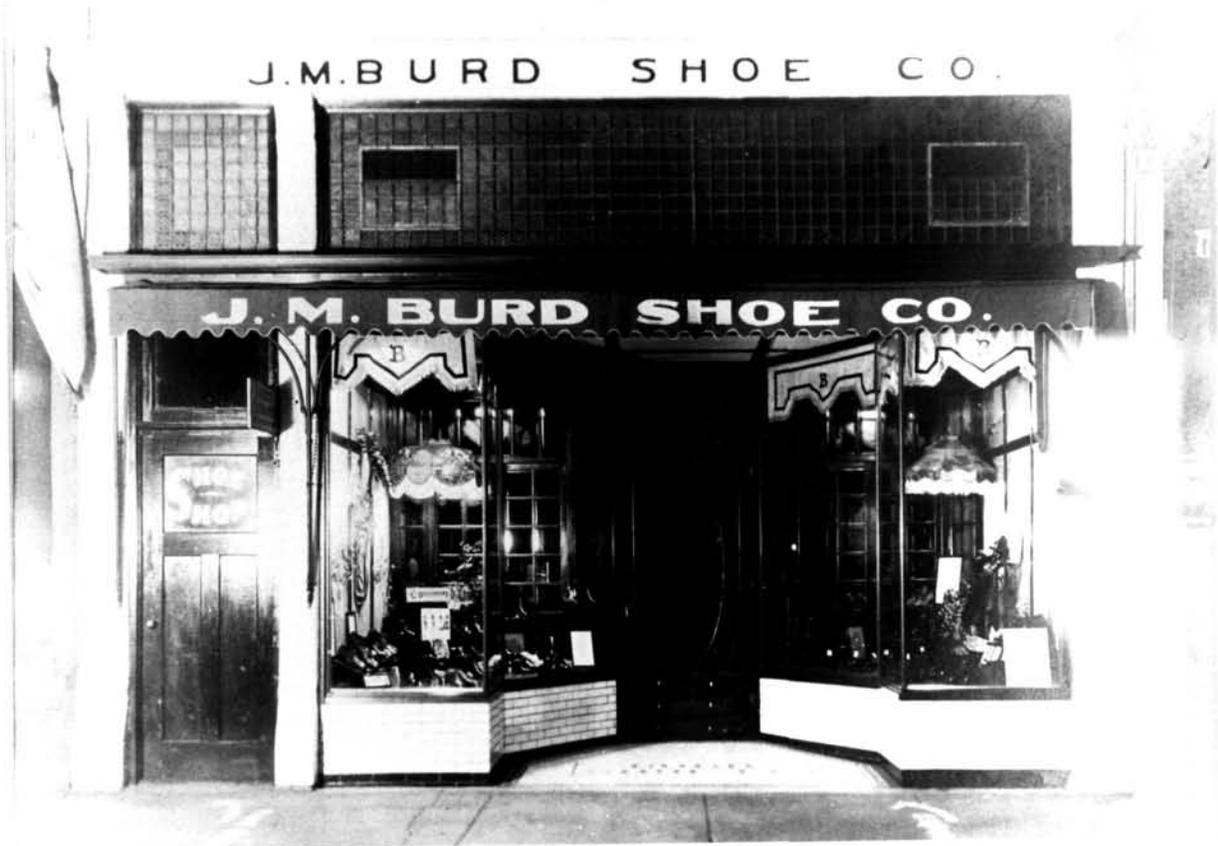


Timmerman - Sward Bldg
118 S Main
Mt. Pleasant, Ia
Historic Photo - 1892
Facade w/ Henry Timmerman's Employee
#2

1892

J.M.BURD SHOE CO.

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Tommerman - Bard Bltz

118 S Main

Mt. Pleasant, Ia

Historic Photo: 1920

First Floor Facade w/J. M. Bard signs & entry

#4

1920