

United States Department of the Interior
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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 Zuhn Building
other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 201 E. Monroe not for publication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 Resource of Mount Pleasant, 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)

INDUSTRY/ManufacturingCOMMERCE/Specialty**7. Description**Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

Late Victorian:Italianatefoundation Limestonewalls Brickroof Asphaltother Metal cornice

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

This three story brick building from 1886, measuring approximately 42'x62', is located on the northeast corner of Monroe and Adams, one block east of the Square. It is rectangular in shape, with the narrow end of the rectangle being the primary facade. The flat roof slopes gently to the rear. The facade is a double storefront and features six windows (one over one double hung) on both the second and third floors. Side elevations feature four windows (six over six double hung) per floor, while the rear now has two (three originally). Windows on all elevations are segmental arched and do not have hoodmolds. A bracketed metal cornice with date and pediment caps the facade. The storefronts have cast iron pilasters and prism glass transoms. These storefronts replaced the original four pane display windows and double door entrances seen in historic photographs c. 1910-20. The building is a very straight forward, functional design, with the only embellishment being the metal Italianate cornice. The design is in keeping with the function of the building as a carriage works.

The area of the facade between the second and third floor windows has apparently always been used as a sign board, as the historic photograph shows "Mt. Pleasant Carriage Works" painted in the area. The east elevation retains the remnants of sign advertising Bull Durham. The brick used in this building is of a deeper red color, and harder consistency, than that used for the buildings constructed in the 1850s and '60s.

Alterations to this building include: a shallow addition to the rear of the building which is non-intrusive; a three story corrugated metal addition at the northeast corner which houses an elevator (this replaced the original elevator which was located in the northeast corner of the building itself); and a plate glass display window which was added to the southwest corner of the building, secondary elevation at street level, approximately forty years ago (while not in keeping with the original design, this window does not detract).

The interior of the first floor has experienced several changes. The ceiling has been lowered on both sides, but in the east half the metal ceiling is intact above the new one, and in the west half, the original beaded wood ceiling is in place. Both halves have been

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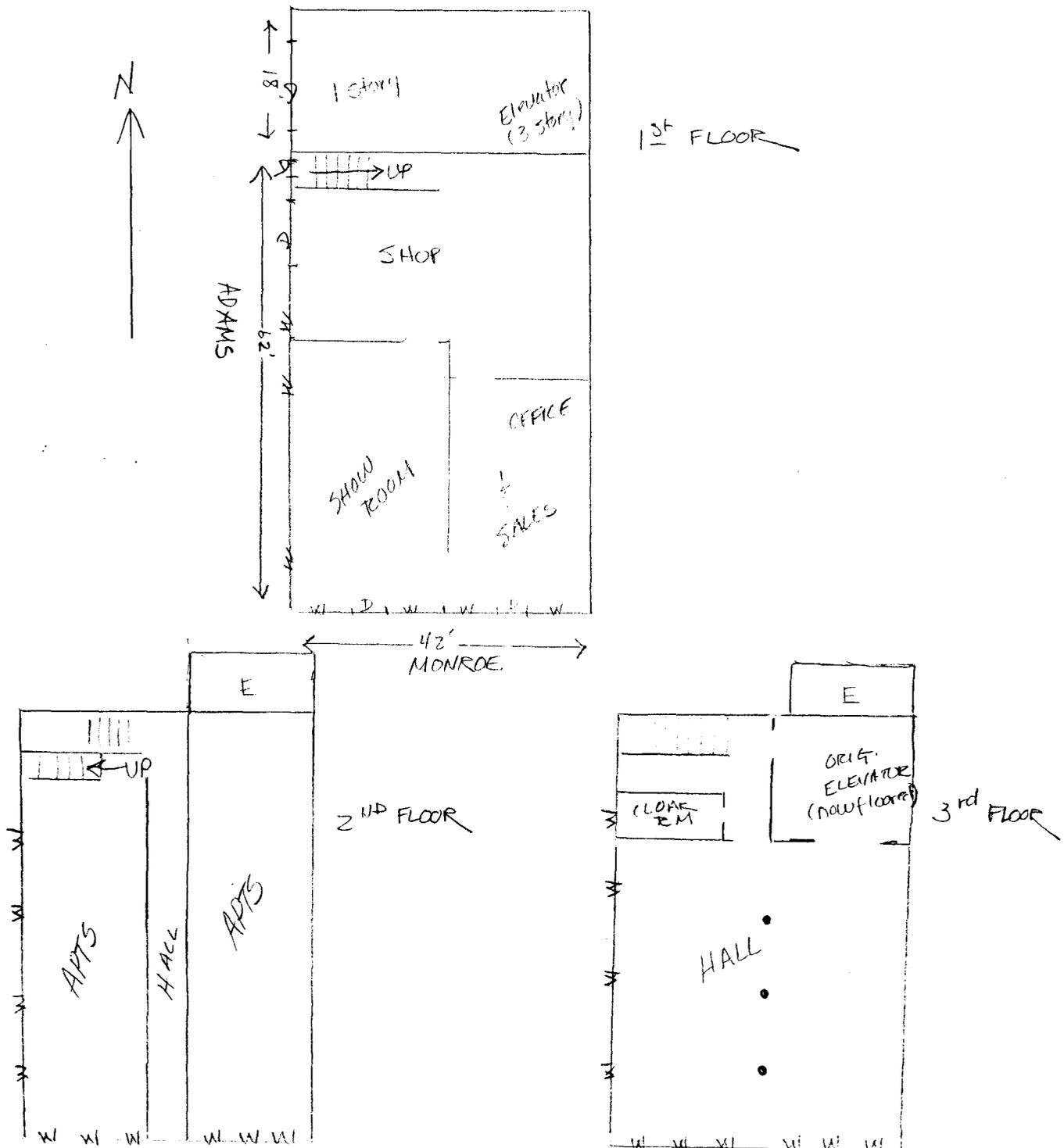
divided into front rooms for sales and display, and back work rooms. A stairway leads to the second and third floors from the northwest corner (outside entrance). The second floor was originally used for the making of carriages and wagons, and would have been a large open space. It now has a north/south central hall and is divided for apartments. Ceilings have been lowered and new walls added. The third floor is vacant and retains its original floor plan as a meeting room and/or lodge hall. The south 3/4 of the floor is undivided open space with original plaster and woodwork. A cloak room is located in the northwest corner. The northeast corner appears to be an ante room, but the flooring shows signs of being replaced. This is the original location of the elevator.

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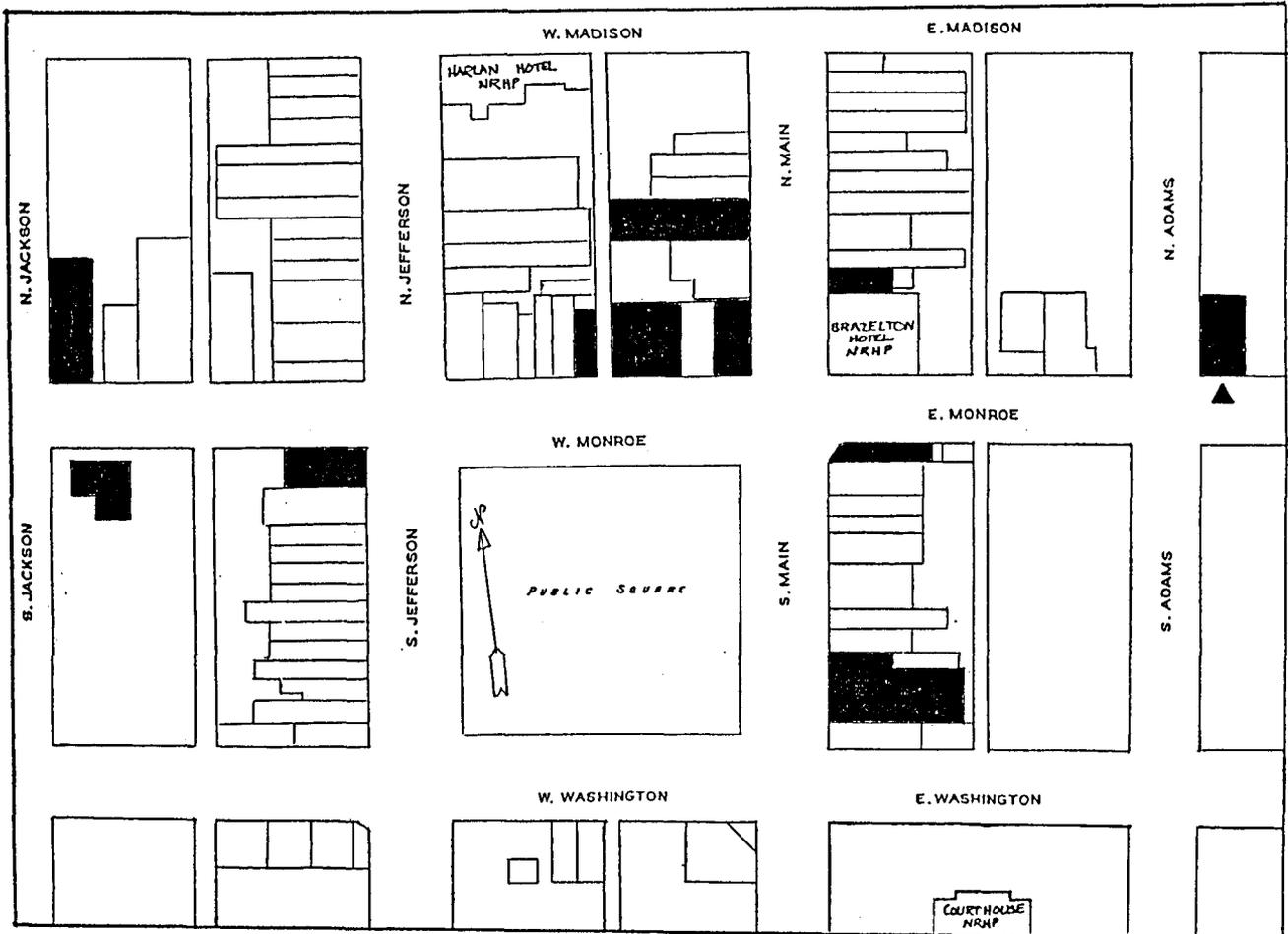


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MOUNT PLEASANT PUBLIC SQUARE

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
<u>Architecture</u>	<u>1886</u>	<u>1886</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	Cultural Affiliation	_____
_____	<u>N.A.</u>	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
Significant Person	Architect/Builder	
<u>N.A.</u>	<u>Unknown</u>	
_____	_____	
_____	_____	

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 from the 1880s representing the application of late Italianate design elements.

The three story brick rectangular building is purely functional in design, and could house either a retail business or some sort of light industry. The only decorative element is the metal cornice which gives it a feeling of the popular late Italianate style that was used for many of the buildings around the Square. The windows feature the simple segmental arches found on most masonry buildings of the last quarter of the 19th century. When desired, these arches could be covered with elaborate cast hoodmolds, or could be left unadorned as seen here.

The interior space of this building was the most important feature for the carriage works. There was a need for large unbroken expanses of space for both the manufacture and repair of vehicles. This was accomplished through the use of iron columns providing structural support. The interior was as devoid of decoration as the exterior.

The Zuhn Building replaced an earlier single story building on the same site, which also housed the Mount Pleasant Carriage Works. H.A. Zuhn had that building demolished, and the present one constructed, in 1886. An ad in the 1893 Mount Pleasant City Directory notes "Manufacturing and repairing of every description. Headquarters for the best make of vehicles," and promises "Prices that win permanent trade." The location of a carriage works just one block from the Square indicates the dual nature of the enterprise, it was both retail business and an industry. The building retains a high degree of integrity.

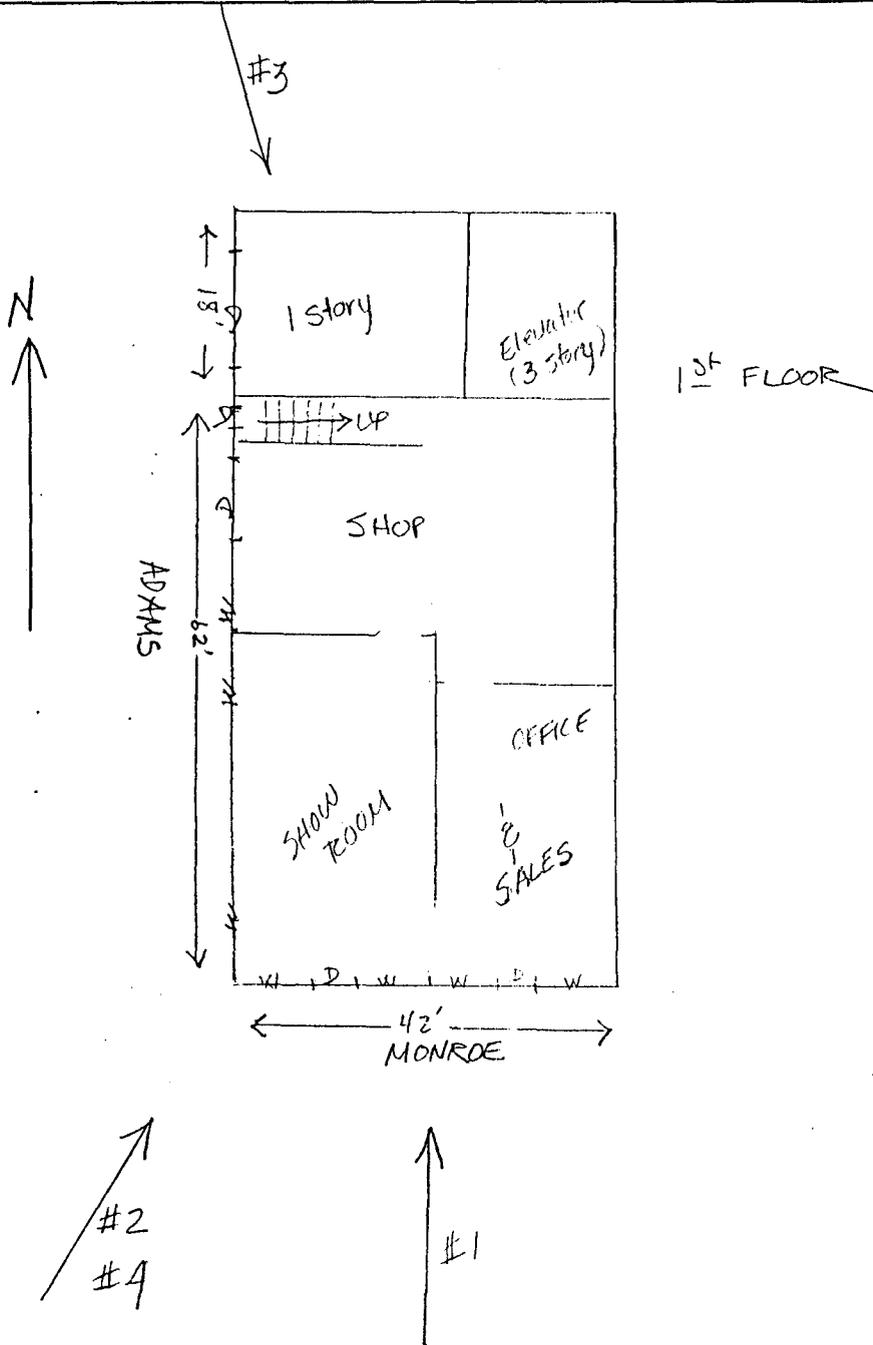
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ZUHN BLOG

201 E. MONRDE

MT. PLEASANT, IA

DAVE CORDES

1911

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c. 1900

31. facade to NE

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