

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 National State Bank
other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 101 W. Monroe not for publication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	
<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, 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 Institution

COMMERCE/Specialty

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

Late Victorian

Italianate

foundation Limestone

walls Brick

roof Asphalt

other Metal cornice

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

This three story brick building is located at the east end of the north side of the Square (the northwest corner of Monroe and Main Streets). Measuring 37'x80', the building was built in two stages. The east half was built as a bank in 1858. In 1883 a fire destroyed the buildings between the bank and the Union Block to the west. It was decided to acquire the 17' lot immediately west of the bank on Monroe Street and expand. The primary facade faces Monroe and features rectangular windows grouped in twos and threes on the upper floors. These groups are separated by brick pilasters. The facade is asymmetrical, with the arrangement being: two, two, three. The secondary facade on Main features six evenly spaced segmental arched windows on both the second and third floors. The chamfered entrance has a bent glass window on the third floor, a rectangular bay window on the second, and an altered first floor entrance. A bracketed metal cornice is found on both elevations and curves around the chamfered corner. On the east elevation the brackets are evenly spaced between the windows, while on the south elevation the brackets are spaced very wide apart, creating a feeling of being stretched. At street level, the Monroe Street side has all new display windows, while the narrow windows on the Main Street side have been bricked-in. A porch extends out over the sidewalk, and wraps around both elevations.

On the interior, all indications of a bank were removed in the 1930s. The first floor area has been a retail shop since that time. The front 3/4 of the store is open space, with columns in a north/south line, indicating the load-bearing wall from the 1858 building. The rear quarter has been divided for dressing rooms and office space. A suspended ceiling has been installed, but the original metal ceiling is intact above it. A staircase leads down to the basement from the southwest corner. The upper levels are reached by two sets of stairs: a narrow back staircase at the northeast corner of the building which opens onto Main; and a wider, public, staircase located at the southwest corner of the building. The second floor has been altered somewhat when it was remodeled for apartments, but the third floor appears in almost original condition. Millwork around doors and windows exhibits characteristics from two different periods. Some is

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very simple, and windows are of a casement type, representative of the 1858 construction period, while other trim features bull's eye corner blocks, and double hung windows. Doors in the west (1883) half have transoms.

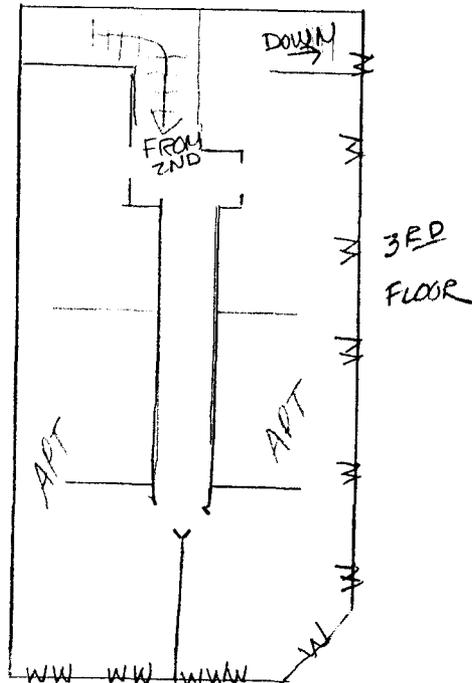
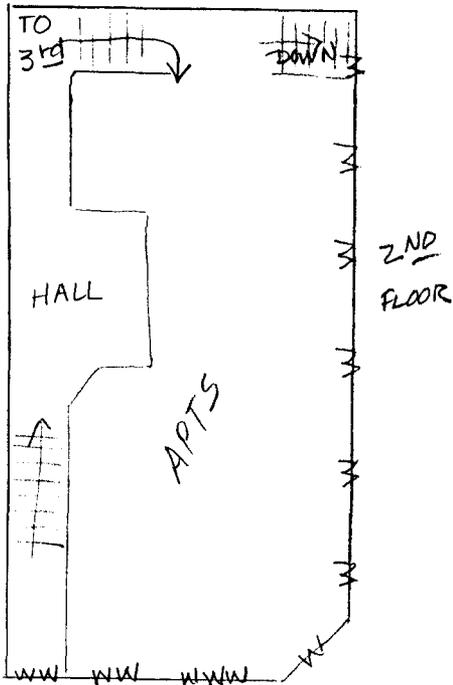
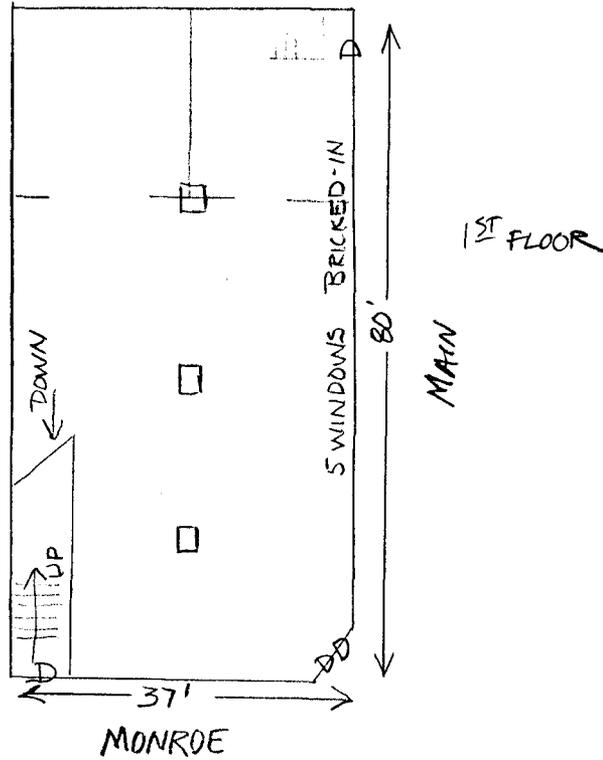
Although the porch is intrusive, and the altered first floor windows detract, neither impairs the integrity enough to negate eligibility. Removal of the porch, and the installation of a more sympathetic entrance are strongly recommended. Several years ago this building was sandblasted to remove countless layers of paint. This treatment does not appear to have had an adverse effect on the building.

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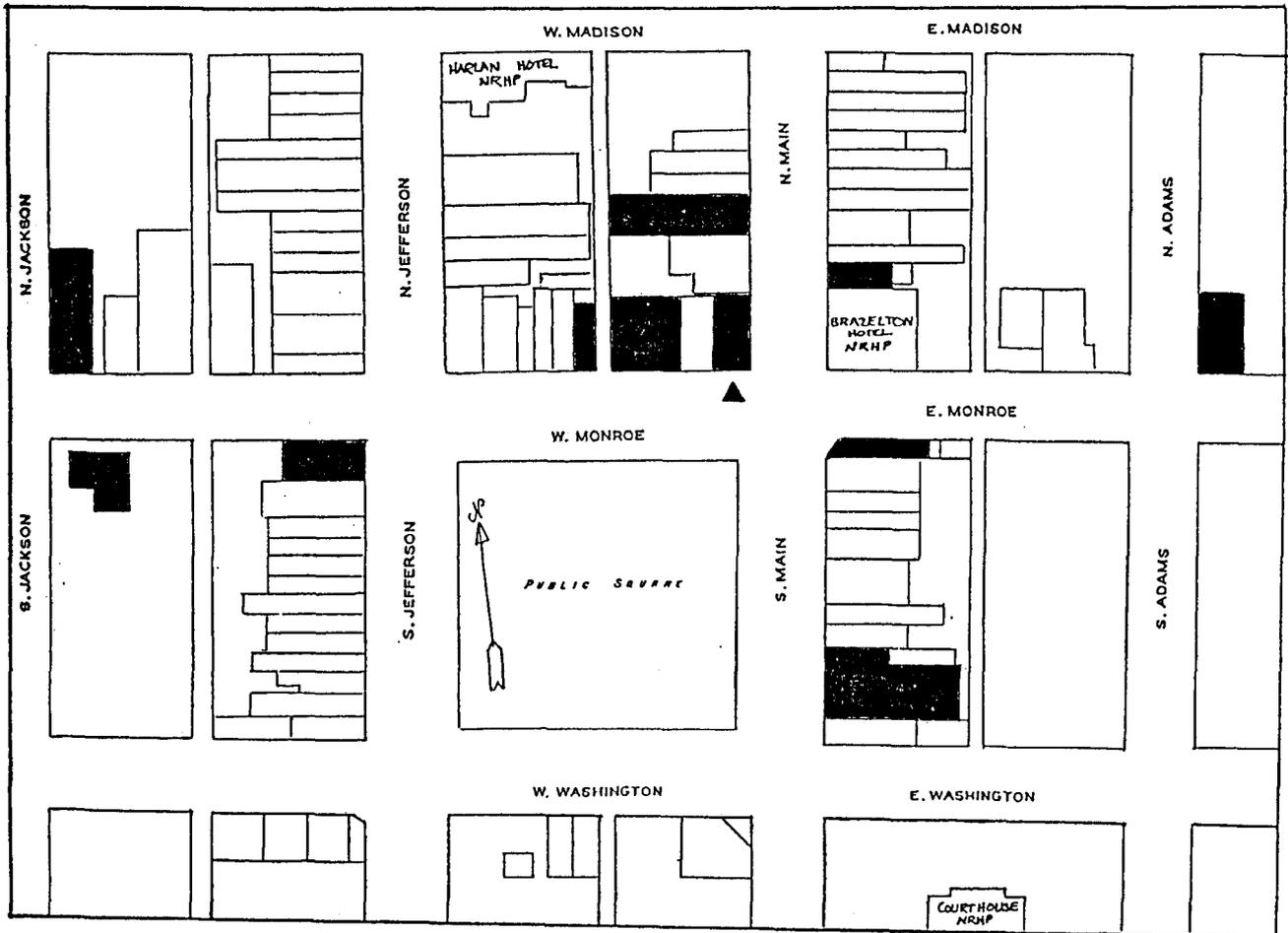


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MOUNT PLEASANT PUBLIC SQUARE

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

1883

Significant Dates

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 building is significant under Criterion C as an example of a Type III building illustrating late Italianate commercial design from the 1880s.

This three story brick building is representative of how decorative elements can be applied to the exterior of a building to create different effects. It combines several elements of the Italianate style in different ways. The windows along the Monroe Street side are a sophisticated arrangement, not commonly found without an architect involved. (No architect or builder has been identified for this building.) The windows on the secondary elevation are similar to those seen on the Zuhn Building (1886), and the Timmerman-Burd Building (1883), regularly spaced, with segmental arched tops. The metal cornice is an important part of the Italianate style, but the configuration of the cornice is unusual. The brackets are usually evenly spaced, and there probably would have been some kind of identification pediment above the chamfered entrance. Historic photographs show the cornice in its present form, with brackets broadly spaced across the Monroe Street side, more typical spacing on the Main Street side, and no identification pediment on the corner. The chamfered corner is a feature found on almost all bank buildings from the last quarter of the 19th century. The treatment of this corner, with different design elements on each floor, is unusual. While this building exhibits a number of late Italianate characteristics, it is unlike any other building in the community.

This is the earliest of the extant bank buildings in Mount Pleasant. In the early twentieth century there were four banks along the north half of the Square: two at the corner of Monroe and Main, and two at the corner of Monroe and Jefferson. Three of these buildings are considered NR eligible, the fourth is in greatly altered condition.

See continuation sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

Historic photographs of north side of the square: 1859 through 1930.
Mount Pleasant Home Journal, 30 Dec 1858, 2 Jun 1860, 4 Jun 1883, 14 Jun 1883.

See continuation sheet

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property Less than one acre.

UTM References:

A

Zone	Easting	Northing

C

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B

Zone	Easting	Northing

D

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See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

E 37' Lot 8 Blk 7, Original Town, City of Mount Pleasant.

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

This is the area historically associated with this resource.

See continuation sheet

11. Form Prepared By

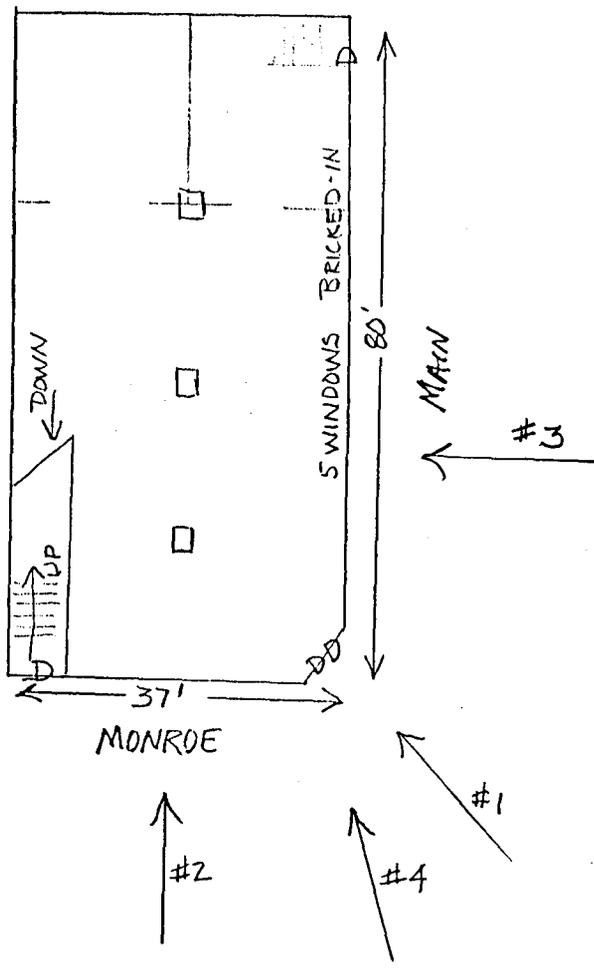
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city or town	Mount Pleasant	state	IA zip code 52641

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NATIONAL STATE BANK

101 W. MONROE

MT. PLEASANT, IA

HISTORIC PHOTO FROM 1909

VIEW OF FACADE TO NNW

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