

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 McCandless Building
other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 115 W. Monroe not for publication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 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/Speciality

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

COMMERCE/Specialty

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)

Mid-19th Century

Other: Vernacular Italianate

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Limestone

walls Brick

roof Asphalt

other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

This three story brick building (1862), measuring approximately 19' x 65', is located on the north side of the Square, immediately west of the alley, at 115 W. Monroe. It is rectangular in shape, with the narrow end of the rectangle toward the street. The brick is the same rosy red brick used for the Brazelton House Hotel (1856, NRHP). It has been determined that this brick was of local manufacture. The roof is flat, sloping gently to the east. The facade features three round arched windows on the second and third floors, with brick patterned hoodmolds. The corbeling meets in such a manner as to create an arcade effect. The secondary elevation on the alley side continues the use of round arched windows on the second and third floors, but those on the first floor have stone lintels. An outside stairway leads to a second floor entry, not uncommon on many commercial buildings in the mid-west. The storefront has been altered at street level, but retains the original configuration of a central recessed entry flanked by display windows. The facade has been repointed. Originally this building had a heavy bracketed wooden cornice, similar to that seen on the Union Block next door east. Panels have been placed over the third floor windows (windows are intact on the inside), and the second floor windows have been partially blocked in and new (smaller) windows set in place. Despite these alterations, this building retains sufficient integrity to be immediately recognized as an early Italianate building from c.1860. It is one of four commercial buildings which visually represent this important period of construction in Mount Pleasant's history.

On the interior, the first floor is undivided open space, with dropped ceilings. On the second floor, an apartment occupies the front two-thirds. It has dropped ceilings and plaster board walls. The rear third, and the entire third floor are vacant, and appear to be in reasonably unaltered condition. An elevator shaft is located along the north wall. A third floor window in the north wall has been bricked-in.

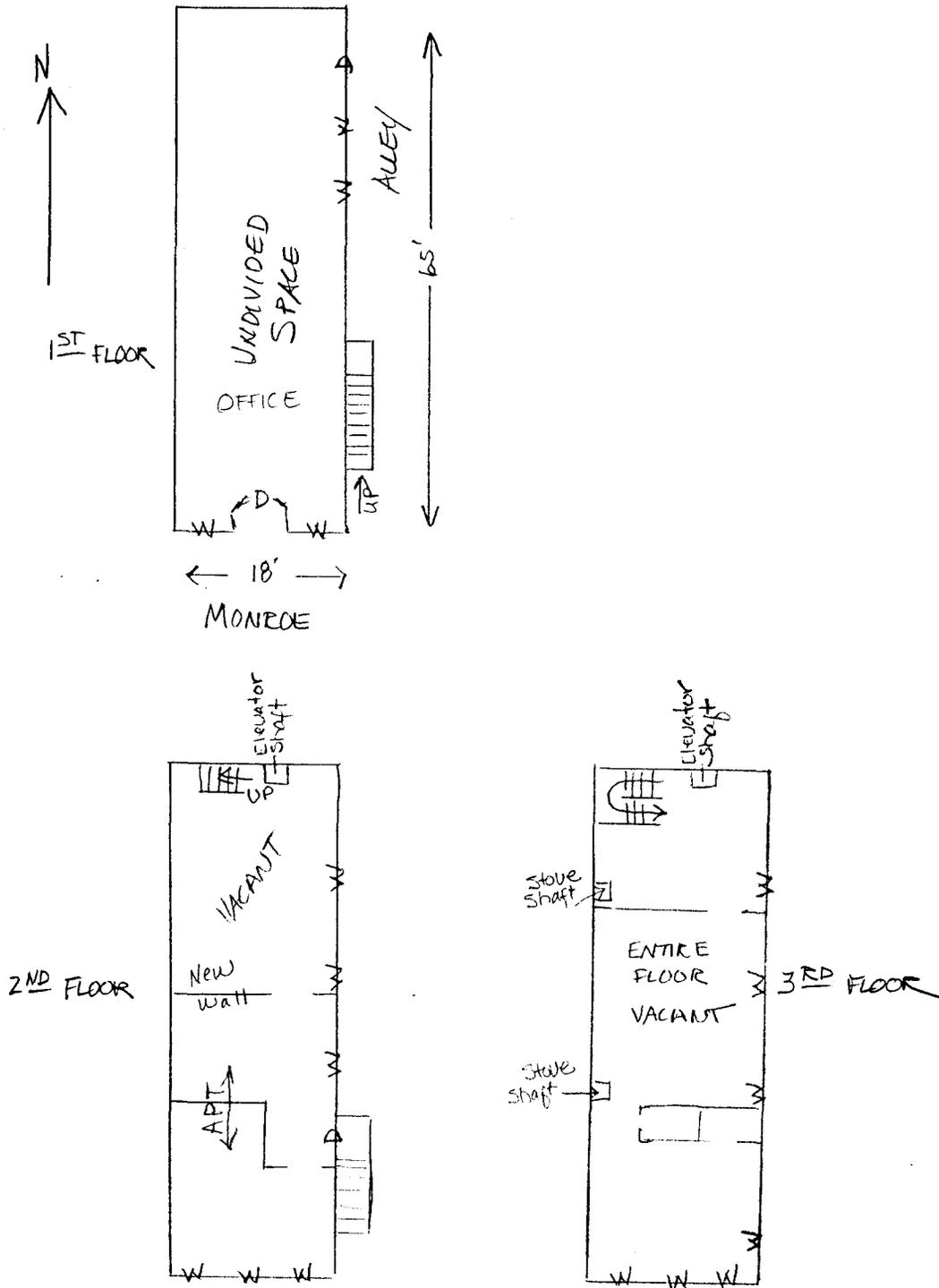
This building is one of two in the community which have been documented as being constructed by William McCandless, although it is strongly believed that McCandless was probably responsible for many of the brick buildings around the Square from this period.

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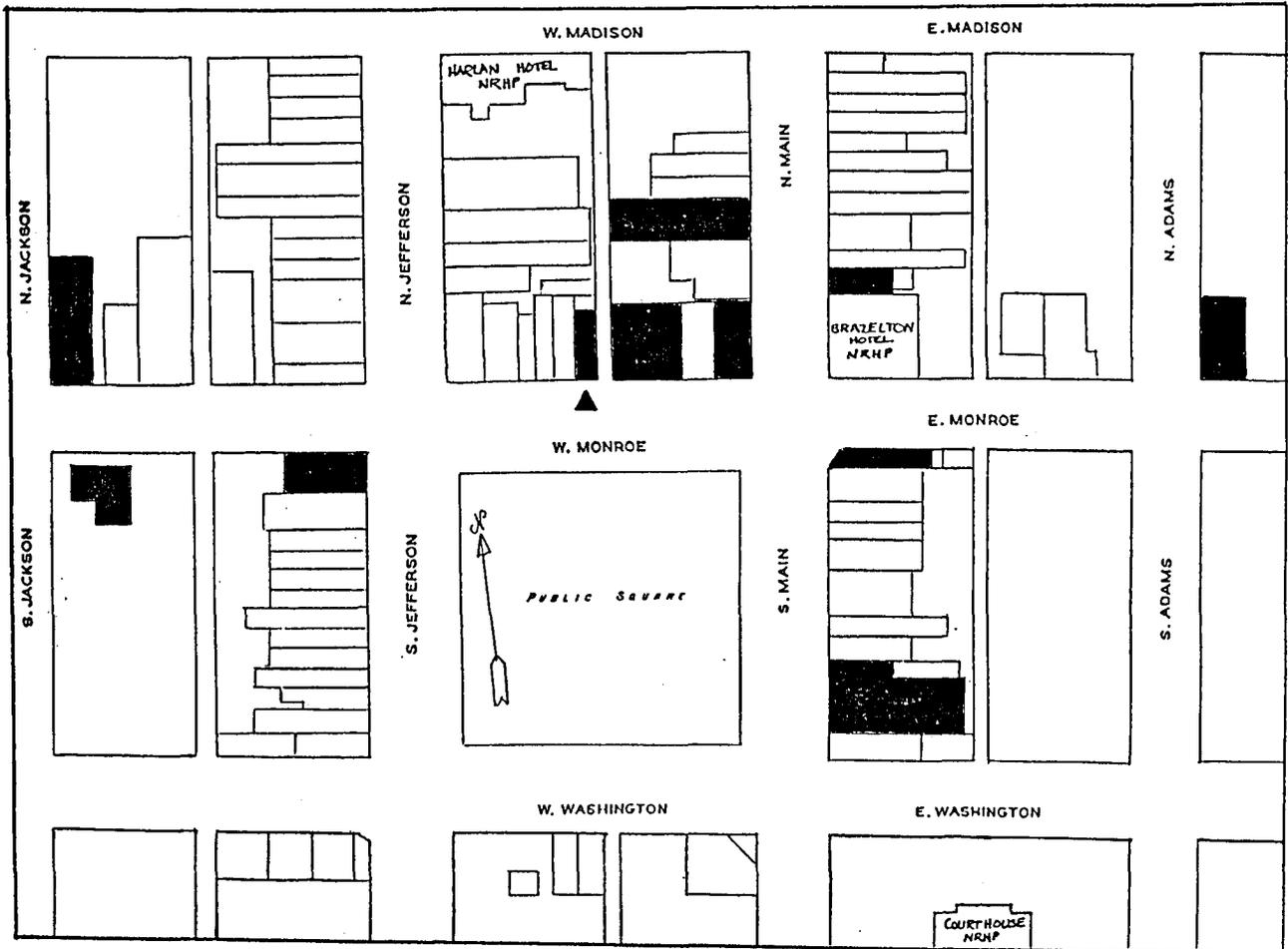


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▶ indicates specific building being nominated.

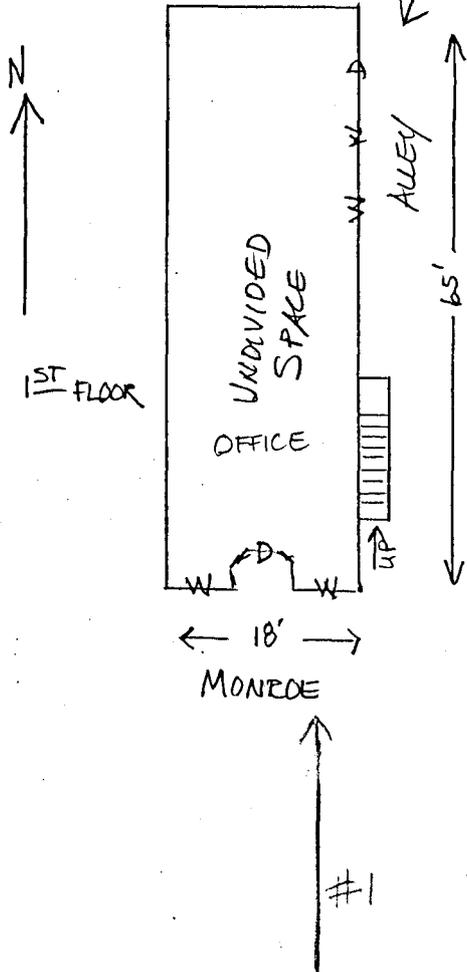
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Mc Sandless Bldg
115 W Monroe
Mt. Pleasant, Ia

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Facade (south elevation) looking N
(union block on right)

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