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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

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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 N.A.
other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 126 S. Riverview not for publication
city, town Bellevue vicinity
state Iowa code IA county Jackson code 097 zip code 52031

3. Classification

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|---|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 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: Limestone Architecture of Jackson County Iowa 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.
David [Signature] 7/5/91
Signature of certifying official Date
State or Federal agency and bureau State Historical Society of Iowa

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. **Entered in the National Register**
 See continuation sheet. Melona Byers 8/30/91
 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/specialty

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7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

Mid-19th century

vernacular

foundation

Limestone

walls

Limestone

roof

Asphalt

other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

This two story limestone building from c.1855 is rectangular in shape, measuring 22'x62', with the narrow end of the rectangle facing the street. It has a flat roof which slopes gently to the rear. The three bay facade features two large display windows and a door offset to the right at the street level, and three windows across the second floor. The entrance is recessed. Like the Herald Building next door, the storefront is of stone, not iron. Stonework is of stone blocks laid in courses, the blocks varying somewhat in size and shape. The blocks average approximately 8"x15". Dressed stone lintels are located above all openings. A simple denticulated cornice caps the building.

The only apparent alterations to this building concern the windows. Slightly smaller windows have been installed at the second floor. The street level display windows have been shortened. The width appears to have been left intact, and the transom sections appear original, it is only the bottom of the windows that have been changed. The overall character of this stone building has not been adversely affected by these changes. The use of limestone as a building material was the focus for this survey, and emphasis was on exteriors. The interior of this building has not been addressed.

This building is located on the west side of Riverview, facing the Mississippi River. From the front you can look across the street, through the City Park, to the river itself. This is the area known as the levee in the 19th century, and has always been an open space. A block to the north, and a block to the south, limestone warehouses are found on the east side of the street, with their rear walls fronting on the river. Riverview was called Front and/or Water Street in the 19th century. Many of the businesses along it were directly related to the river traffic.

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

c.1855

Significant Dates

c.1855

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 limestone commercial building from c.1855.

217 limestone buildings and structures were recorded in Jackson County, twenty of which are commercial buildings (including this one). These commercial buildings appear to have been constructed between c.1850 and c.1870, with the majority (thirteen) located in the town of Bellevue. Bellevue was surveyed and platted in 1835, though land sales did not begin until 1844. The community was named as county seat in 1837, and was an active trading center from that time on. Some of the earliest commercial buildings in the county are located in Bellevue, the building in question being one of these.

This two story limestone building is a good example of commercial design from the 1850s. The original function has not been determined, but size and location would indicate it was a retail establishment. Rectangular in shape, it features a narrow three bay facade, with the entrance offset to the right. This door is recessed, and transoms are found above the door and display windows. Three small windows are located on the second floor. The stonework on this building is consistent with that commonly found during this period: coursed stone blocks of varying sizes (approximately 8"x15"), with dressed stone lintels and watertable. The building retains a high level of integrity.

In many Iowa towns along the Mississippi River, the earliest commercial buildings of masonry construction feature the use of limestone (or heavy timber) lintels rather than arches. In general, it appears that lintels were used until c.1860, then arches became the common method of construction. The stone lintels served not only a functional purpose, but in brick construction, became a design element as well because of the difference in color and texture. With few exceptions, the commercial buildings from the 1830s through the 1850s were vernacular in design, though the lintels, and the often symmetrical facades, gave a hint of the Greek Revival or Federal style to the buildings. The limestone commercial buildings of Bellevue are significant examples of this period and building type.

See continuation sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

Historic photographs, Bellevue Public Library, Jackson County Historical Society Library.
Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, 1885, 1894, 1902, 1914, 1928.

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 # _____

See continuation sheet

Primary location of additional data:

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

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of property Less than one acre.

UTM References

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| Zone | Easting | Northing |

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| Zone | Easting | Northing |

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Verbal Boundary Description

City of Bellevue, Original Town, Block 11, Lot 46 (N 22').

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

This is the area historically associated with this resource.

See continuation sheet

11. Form Prepared By

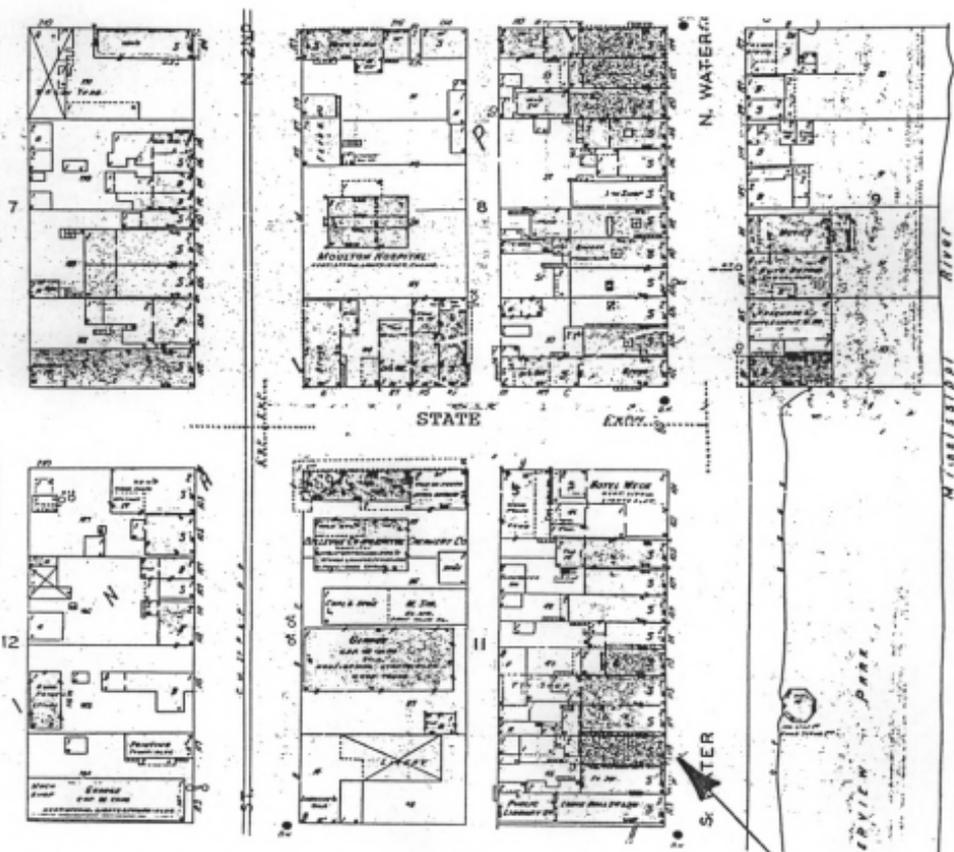
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