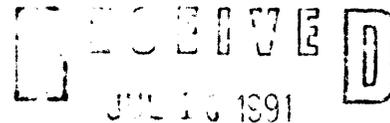


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National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

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REGISTER

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street & number 306 S. Second  not for publication  
city, town Bellevue  vicinity  
state Iowa code IA county Jackson code 097 zip code 52031

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: 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] 7/27/91  
Signature of certifying official Date  
State Historical Society of Iowa  
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. 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] 8/30/91  
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

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**6. Function or Use**

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Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

AGRICULTURAL/ processing

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Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

COMMERCE/storage

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**7. Description**

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Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Mid-19th century

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vernacular

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Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Limestone

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walls Limestone

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roof Asphalt

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other 

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**Describe present and historic physical appearance.**

This two story square limestone building (40'x40') features symmetrical facades on both primary elevations (Second Street and Chestnut Street). Wide central doors are flanked by a single window on each side. On the second floor level, this tripartite division continues, with three windows along Second Street, and a door flanked by a window on each side on Chestnut Street. The roof is flat, with a gentle slope to the rear. Doors and windows throughout feature stone lintels, and all doors have transoms. The stonework here is of coursed stone blocks, varying in size, the average appears to be about eight inches high. Dressed stone is used for sills, lintels, and the watertable. The stonework is very similar to that found on the other commercial buildings that appear to date from the 1850s. There are two extant chimneys.

The shape of this building, design of the two primary elevations, and location (south of the business district, closer to the mills), all indicate a possible original use as some sort of industrial site, but no specific original function has been determined.

Few alterations have been made to this building. A historic photograph, and some Sanborn maps, show a single story wing to the west side, but this does not appear on the earliest (1885) Sanborn. The windows remain double hung, but the sash is now 1/1, rather than the original 6/6. At least one door appears original (second floor), and it is possible that the wide ones at street level are too.

While the focus of this survey was on exteriors, in some instances interior information has been provided by the owners. The floor plans on the following page illustrate the openness of the design.

**8. Statement of Significance**

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally     statewide     locally

Applicable National Register Criterion     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

1859

Significant Dates

1859

Cultural Affiliation

N.A.

Significant Person

N.A.

Architect/Builder

John Commions or Anton Muller

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

This two story limestone building is significant under Criterion C as an example of limestone construction used for a commercial/industrial building in the 1850s.

217 limestone buildings and structures were recorded in Jackson County, twenty of these being commercial buildings. 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 actually take place until 1844. The community served as the first county seat, and was a major trading center due to riverboat traffic. Some of the earliest commercial buildings in the county are located in Bellevue.

This two story square commercial/industrial building is one of the few for which a date of construction is known. It is said to have been built in March 1859 by John Commions, though it is uncertain whether Commions was the owner or the actual builder. Another name associated with the building is Anton Muller of Galena, Illinois. The stonework on this building is similar to that found on other buildings in Bellevue from the 1850s. Research continues to determine both owner and builder. Both the design and location indicate a function as some type of processing plant. The suggestion has been made that it was a pork processing plant, producing salt pork to be shipped down the Mississippi. The earliest documented business is identified from the 1885 Sanborn map, the 1893 Jackson County Atlas, and a historic photograph: Haney & Campbell Creamery and Dairy Supplies. Sanborn maps from the 20th century show it first as a saloon, then a pool hall, and finally, in 1928, as a dwelling.

This building, along with others from the Bellevue business district, is representative of the widespread use of limestone as a building material in this part of Jackson County. The integrity of this vernacular building makes it a significant site.

See continuation sheet

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

Atlas & Plat Book of Jackson County, Iowa. 1893; 1913.  
History of Jackson County, Iowa. 1879; 1897.  
Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, 1885, 1894, 1902, 1914, 1928.  
Historic photographs, Bellevue Public Library, Jackson County Historical  
Sopciety Library.  
Information from William Rieckens, owner.

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**

Acreage of property Less than one acre.

UTM References

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1	5	7	1	2	5	4	0	4	6	8	1	1	8	0
Zone		Easting				Northing								

B 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

C 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

D 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

City of Bellevue, Original Town, Block 19, Lot 176 (S 44').

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Boundary Justification

This is the area historically associated with this resource.

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**11. Form Prepared By**

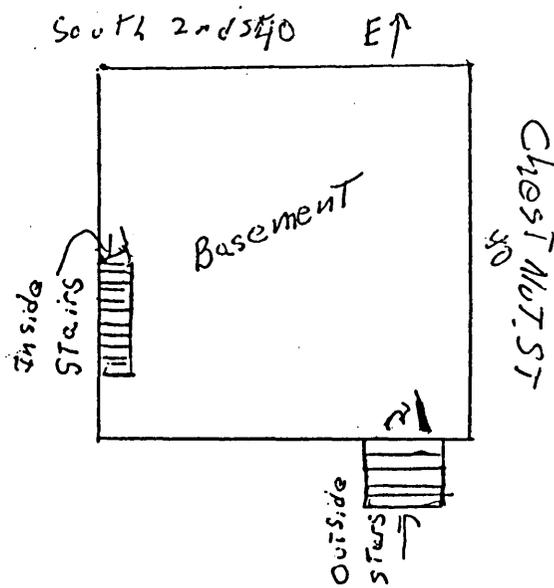
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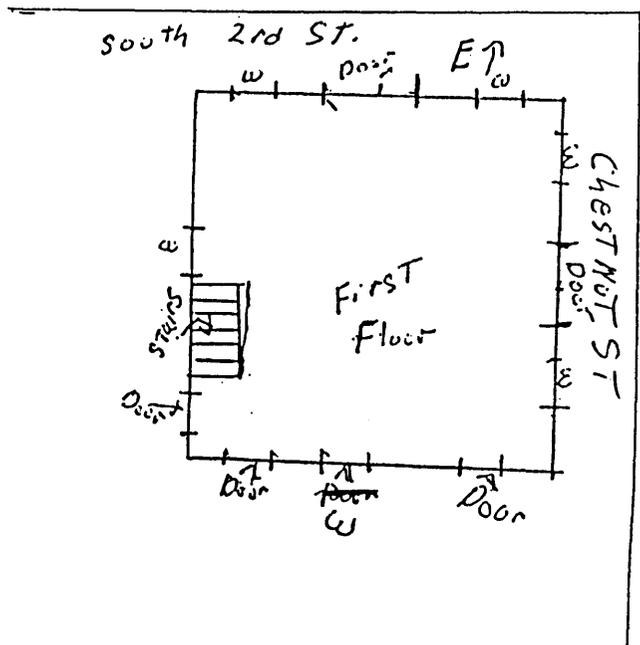
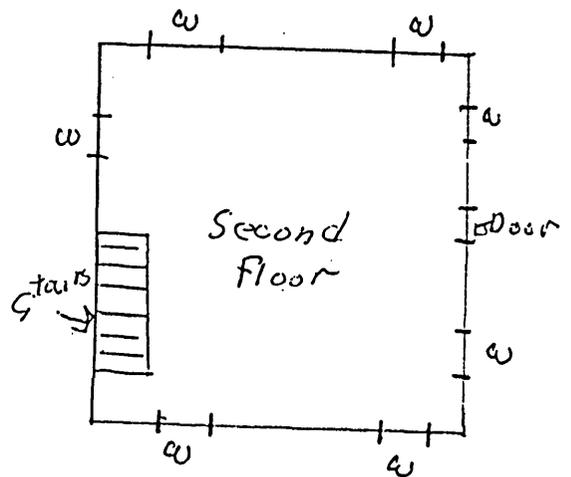
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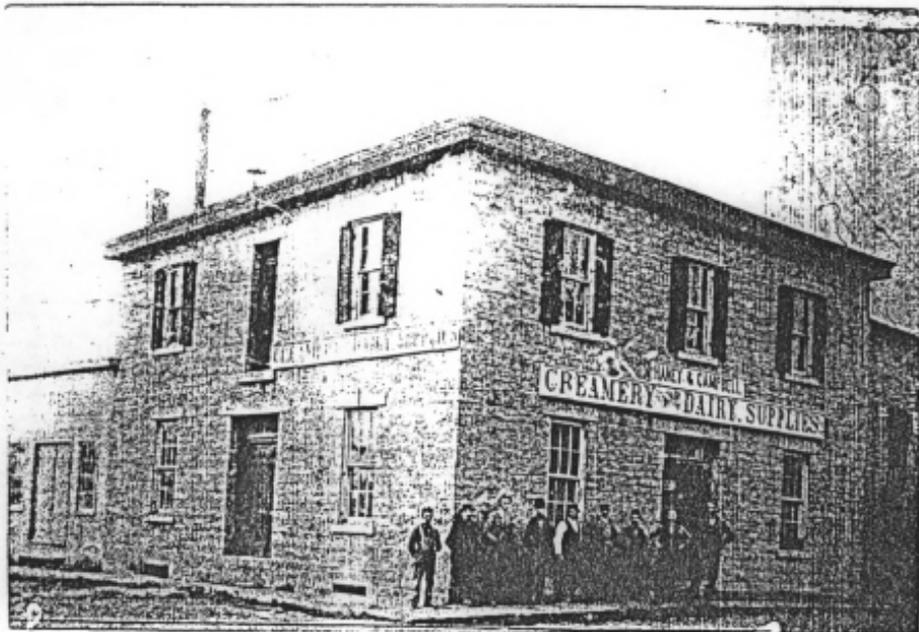


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