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**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Statè Savings Bank

and or common Harrison Mutual Insurance Association

2. Location

street & number 312 East 7th Street not for publication

city, town Logan vicinity of

state Iowa code 019 county Harrison code 085

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<u>n/a</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Harrison Mutual Insurance Association

street & number 312 East 7th

city, town Logan vicinity of state Iowa 51546

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. County Clerk's Office

street & number Harrison County Courthouse

city, town Logan state Iowa 51546

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title N/A has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Condition excellent good fair deteriorated ruins unexposed**Check one** unaltered altered**Check one** original site moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The State Savings Bank (1902) is a well executed small town bank design which features an extraordinary white terra cotta ornamentation. This locally unusual and distinctive building recalls the once popular classical revival style and its application to commercial buildings. The wrap-around design, made possible by an alley side location, allowed for the use of a traditional corner bank type facade in the middle of a block.

This two story brick commercial front is rectangular on plan (25' x 56'). Its alley-side location in the middle of a block provided the use of a richly ornamented wrap-around design. The lack of an interior stairway for second floor entrance is also explained by the location of the building on an alley. An exterior iron stairway provides the only means of reaching the upper floor. A long yellow pressed brick (11.25" long, 1.5" high) forms a veneer on the front and east (alley) sides. The brick ends are sufficiently overlapped in a consistent manner so as to create a pattern of recurrent vertical lines on the facade. The west wall is a party wall, the rear wall is both stuccoed and obscured by a second floor rear addition.

The main facade consists of an off-center white terra cotta entrance which is balanced by a picture window and transom on the lower floor, with three centered windows above. The brickwork on the first floor is stepped back every eighth course to create the effect of quoins on the corner pier and the column which separates the entrance and window. A shallow entrance vestibule allows for the creation of a sense of depth, utilizing two rows of recessed panels with rosette infills within the interior of the semi-circular archway. Rich classical ornamentation, cast in high relief, covers the entrance pilasters and arch. Terra cotta ionic capitals top each side pilaster and support a roman ionic cornice with bracketts and a complete architrave. The frieze is foliated and a rectangular panel centered on the frieze apparently originally proclaimed the bank's name.

The entrance cornice is in line with an identical belt course which marks the second floor sill level. A plainer belt course, in line with the entrance architrave, separates the two floors just above the transom. Three centered windows with elaborate semi-circular terra cotta arches fill the second floor front. Terra cotta covered mullions separate the windows and are ornamented with classical motifs which are topped with lion's heads and ionic capitals. The three terra cotta arches are filled with decorative elements and are topped with stone inserts with shell and rosette motifs. Finally a double projecting parapet frieze of terra cotta is ornamented with bands of half and full recessed quatrefoils. A dentilated cornice tops this parapet.

The east or alley-side wall features a single bay wrap around of the main facade design. The wall is partially fenestrated on the first floor and more so on the second floor. A permanent iron exterior stairway services the second floor. Two in-wall flues project above the coping of the side wall. The rear wall is stuccoed and has a door flanked by single windows, one of which is largely sealed up. A second story rear addition is supported on metal posts and obscures the second floor. The building has a flat or barely sloped roof with front and side parapet walls. A "town clock", apparently original to the buildings construction, projects from the front of the building.

Inside the building the building retains a first floor vault, terrazo floors, trim of Alabama Oak, marble baseboard and embossed metal ceiling (hidden by dropped ceiling). A second floor hallway divides that level into three apartments, two in the rear, one in the

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1902 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

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Constructed in 1902, this building replaced two small brick buildings on the site. It was built by and for the State Savings Bank, a local financial institution founded in 1888. The first bank location for the firm was at the corner of 7th Street and 3rd Avenue. Briefly, in 1891, the State Savings Bank was the sole bank in Logan. During its period of operation at this site as many four banks competed in the same town. As of 1922–3 these banks are listed as being equally capitalized at \$50,000 each. M. B. Cottrell was president of State Savings Bank at that time. Bank failures took this bank soon after 1923. Only one of the four banks was to survive to the present day.

The building was empty for five years following the bank's failure. In October 1928 the Harrison Mutual Insurance Association purchased the building and has occupied its first floor offices to the present day. The company was founded in 1887 and initially protected farm properties and crops from accidental loss. Urban properties came under their protection in 1910. C. L. Strong was secretary at the time of the relocation and served the firm for many years thereafter. His son Keith Strong served as the firm's secretary until his death in 1984.

Sanborn Insurance Maps indicate the presence of two brick buildings on the lot in 1899. In 1908 the bank was downstairs and the telephone exchange and a tailor were upstairs. In 1913 the bank and tailor remained. In 1930 the building was indicated as an office, as opposed to a store, indicating the presence of the insurance firm.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Refer to Continuation Sheet 9-2

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than one acre

Quadrangle name Logan Iowa

Quadrangle scale 1/24,000

UTM References

A	<u>1</u> <u>15</u>	<u>2</u> <u>6</u> <u>17</u> <u>8</u> <u>19</u> <u>10</u>	<u>4</u> <u>16</u> <u>1</u> <u>13</u> <u>7</u> <u>17</u> <u>10</u>
	Zone	Easting	Northing

B			
	Zone	Easting	Northing

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F			
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Verbal boundary description and justification

Lot F, Block 21, Town of Logan. Contains only the subject building.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	N/A	code	county	code
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state		code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title James E. Jacobsen, National Register Coordinator

organization Iowa HPO date 13 February 1985

street & number E. 12th & Grand Ave. telephone 515-281-4137

city or town Des Moines, state Iowa 50319

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Adrian A. Anderson

title Executive Director Iowa State Historical Department date 28 February 1985

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Entered in the National Register

Melrose Byers date 4-18-85
Keeper of the National Register

Attest: _____ date _____

Chief of Registration

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Continuation sheet Physical Description

Item number 7

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front.

Alterations appear to be minimal. The lack of a historic image makes an evaluation difficult. The interior door, and second story windows appear to be aluminum or metal replacements. The inscribed panel has apparently been removed. The rear addition post dates 1930. Renovation in 1963 removed an entire marble topped counter. Plans call for cleaning the exterior.

The building is located in the town's commercial center, which developed between two focal points, the county courthouse two blocks west, and the public square, one block to the east. The bank is located on the southern edge of the business district.

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