

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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 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street & number 115 W. Monroe not for publication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	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> objects
			<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] 7/15/91
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. [Signature] 9/6/91
 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)

COMMERCE/Speciality

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

COMMERCE/Specialty

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Mid-19th CenturyOther: Vernacular Italianate

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Limestonewalls Brick

roof Asphaltother

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.

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

1862

Significant Dates

1862

Cultural Affiliation

N.A.

Significant Person

N.A.

Architect/Builder

William McCandless

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 a good example of a Type II building, an early Italianate commercial design as seen in Mount Pleasant between 1855-c.1870, built by William McCandless.

This building is representative of the early Italianate style that appears to have gained popularity in Mount Pleasant with the construction of the Brazelton House Hotel (NRHP) in 1856. These buildings feature round arched windows with brick patterned hoodmolds, simple bracketed wooden cornices, and are constructed of locally manufactured rosy red brick. Historic photographs show that there were a number of buildings in the business district in this same design (perhaps as many as a dozen). Few of these retain sufficient integrity to be recognized as early Italianate buildings. William McCandless has been identified as the builder of this commercial building in 1862. He was also responsible for the Union Block directly across the alley to the east, and is said to have constructed a number of other buildings in town, including the Castor Building on the site of the present Masonic Temple Theater. The McCandless Building at 115 W. Monroe is a good example of this early type despite alterations. The location on the north side of the Square makes this a visually important building in the community.

With the arrival of the railroad in 1856, the town more than doubled in population in a three year period. New buildings were needed to house businesses and services, including hotels, restaurants, banks, drug stores, and jewelry stores. These new buildings were constructed along the north and east sides of the Square, and along the 100 block of N. Main. Brick was used as the primary building material for the most important of these buildings. The McCandless Building was originally leased to a Mr. Pennington for use as a dry goods store. By 1886 the Sanborn map shows it housing watches and jewelry. It continued as a jewelry store until c.1909 when it is shown as a candy shop, and later as a restaurant.

See continuation sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

Mount Pleasant Home Journal, 14 June 1862, p.3, c.1.

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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 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 8 | 7 | 0 |
Zone Easting Northing

C | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

B | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
Zone Easting Northing

D | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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Verbal Boundary Description

E 18' 3/4' of S 65' Lot 4, Blk 7, Original Town, City of Mount Pleasant.

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Boundary Justification

This is the area historically associated with this resource.

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11. Form Prepared By

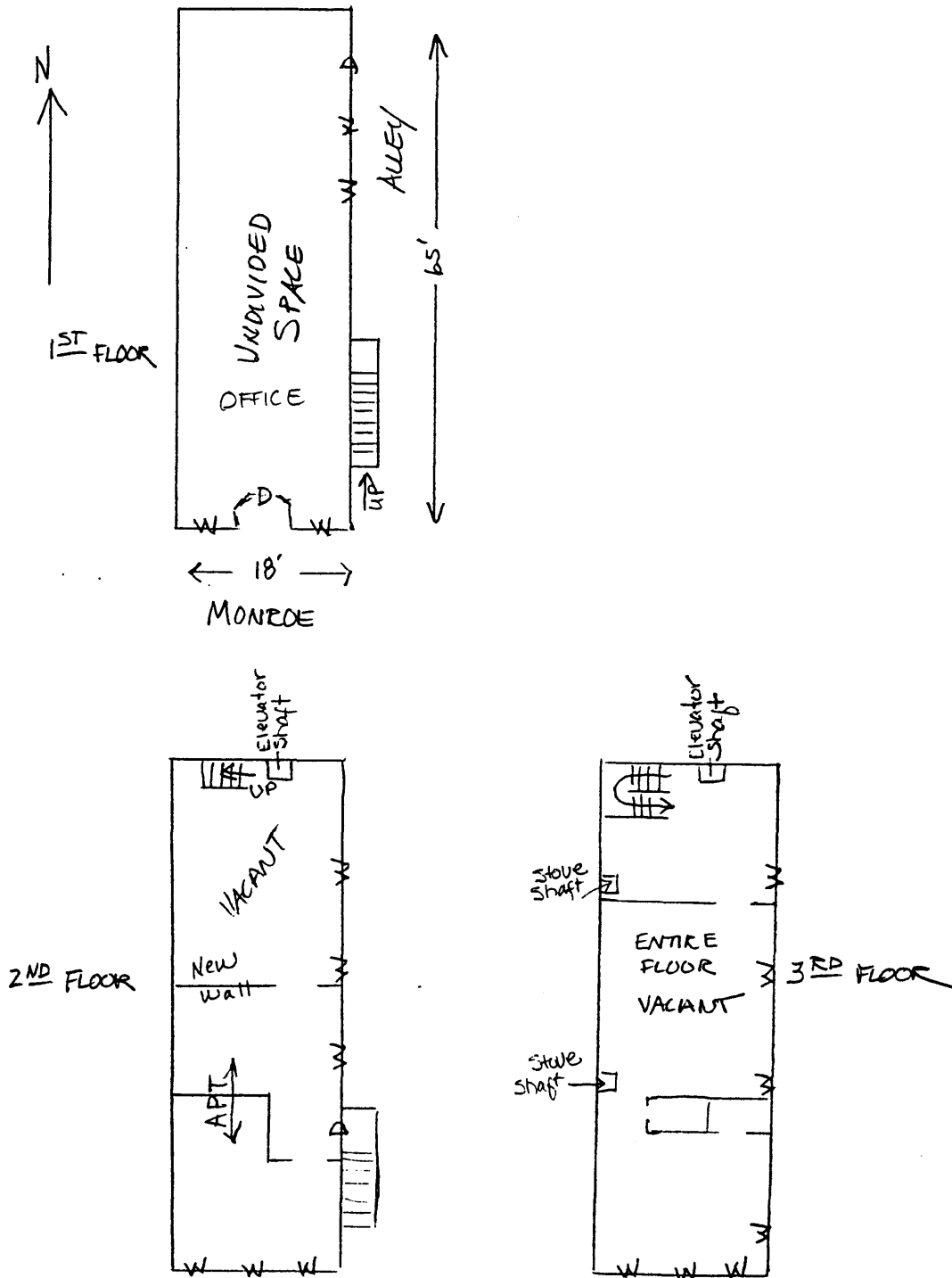
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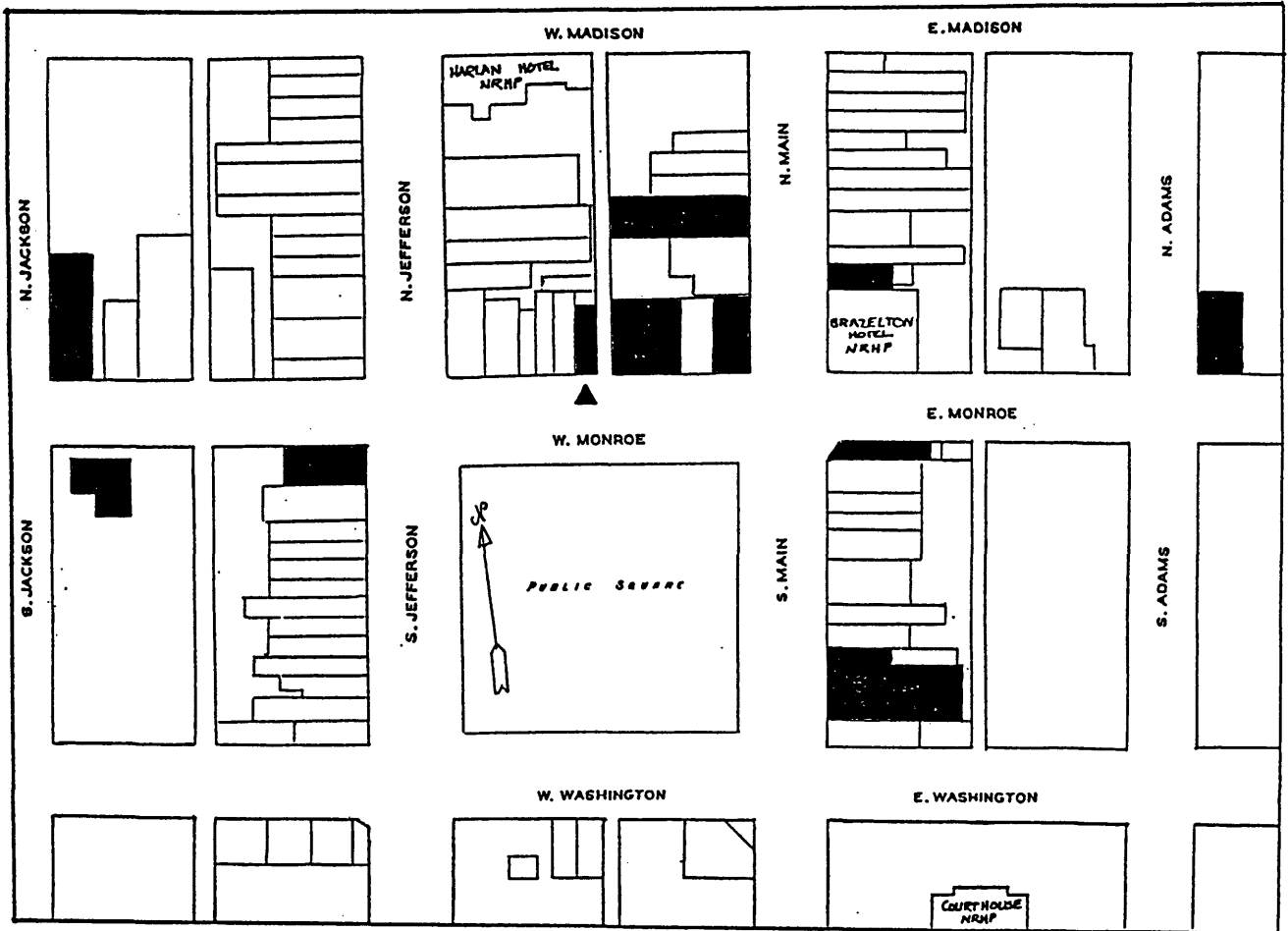


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MOUNT PLEASANT PUBLIC SQUARE

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▶ indicates specific building being nominated.

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