

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet**

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 93000956

Date Listed: 10/1/93

McClanahan Block
Property Name

Hardin
County

IA
State

Architectural & Historical Resources of Iowa Falls, Iowa MPS
Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

for Patrick W. Andrews
Signature of the Keeper

10/1/93
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

Level of Significance:
The level of significance for this resource is local.

UTM:
The UTM coordinates were omitted from the nomination form. The correct coordinates were obtained from the attached USGS map.

This information was confirmed with Beth Foster of the Iowa SHPO.

DISTRIBUTION:
National Register property file
Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

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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 for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name McClanahan Block

other names/site number N.A.

2. Location

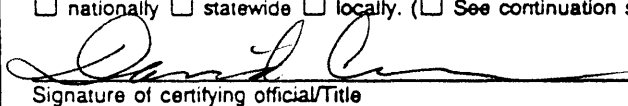
street & number 613 Washington Avenue not for publication

city or town Iowa Falls vicinity

state Iowa code IA county Hardin code 083 zip code 50126

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, 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. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

 8/13/93
Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State Historical Society of Iowa
State of Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the 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

Patricia Andrews

10/1/93

Name of Property

County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)

Category of Property (Check only one box)

Number of Resources within Property (Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

- private, public-local, public-State, public-Federal

- building(s), district, site, structure, object

Contributing Noncontributing buildings sites structures objects Total

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

Architectural & Historical Resources of Iowa Falls, IA 0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

COMMERCE/Specialty

COMMERCE/Specialty

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

Late 19th/Early 20th C. American

foundation Limestone

walls Brick

roof Asphalt

other Stucco (side elevation)

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

Name of Property

County and State

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
B removed from its original location.
C a birthplace or grave.
D a cemetery.
E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
F a commemorative property.
G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance

1913

Significant Dates

1913

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N.A.

Cultural Affiliation

N.A.

Architect/Builder

Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

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

Name of repository:

Name of Property

County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Less than one acre.

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1 115 478260 4707245
Zone Easting Northing
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Zone Easting Northing
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See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

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city or town Iowa Falls state IA zip code 50126

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional Items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Joseph and Gladys Huibsch

street & number 1007 Washington Avenue, P.O. Box 396 telephone (515) 648-3643

city or town Iowa Falls state IA zip code 50126

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McClanahan Block
Hardin County, Iowa

Description:

The McClanahan Block (1913) is a two story single storefront brick building located on the south side of Washington Avenue, in the middle of the 600 block. Rectangular in shape, the building measures 21'x125', with the narrow end of the rectangle facing Washington. The roof is flat and slopes gently to the rear. The east elevation is exposed due to a 1990 fire which destroyed the adjacent building. This wall has recently been covered with stucco for both aesthetic and practical purposes. At street level the building is asymmetrical, with an stairway entry to the second floor located on the right (west) side. The storefront proper features a deeply recessed entry flanked by glass display windows. Marble panels are found below the glass. Behind the present "Joseph's" sign, the original prism glass transom is extant and undamaged. The only apparent alterations at street level are the replacement of the original shop and stairway doors with new aluminum doors. The facade of the building is of pressed brick in varying shades of light brown and tan laid in a running bond. The three second floor windows are symmetrically arranged. Each features a stone sill and a jack-arched top. Above the windows is a simple brick paneled cornice with a stone cap. Brick work along the sides of the building from ground level to roof, protrudes slightly giving a pilastered effect. The simplicity of the exterior design is common to commercial buildings from the 'teens, and is similar to that seen on the building immediately west which was constructed in 1914 as the Rex Theater and features a glazed white brick facade.

The interior of the McClanahan building is remarkably unchanged. The first floor retail space remains undivided from front to rear with the exception of an office partition that does not extend to the ceiling. This allows light from both the north and south to flood into the shop. The ceiling has not been lowered and the original pressed metal designs are visible. The original occupant of the first floor was a hardware store, and Dr. McClanahan, a dentist, had his offices on the second floor. The second floor is currently in use for storage.

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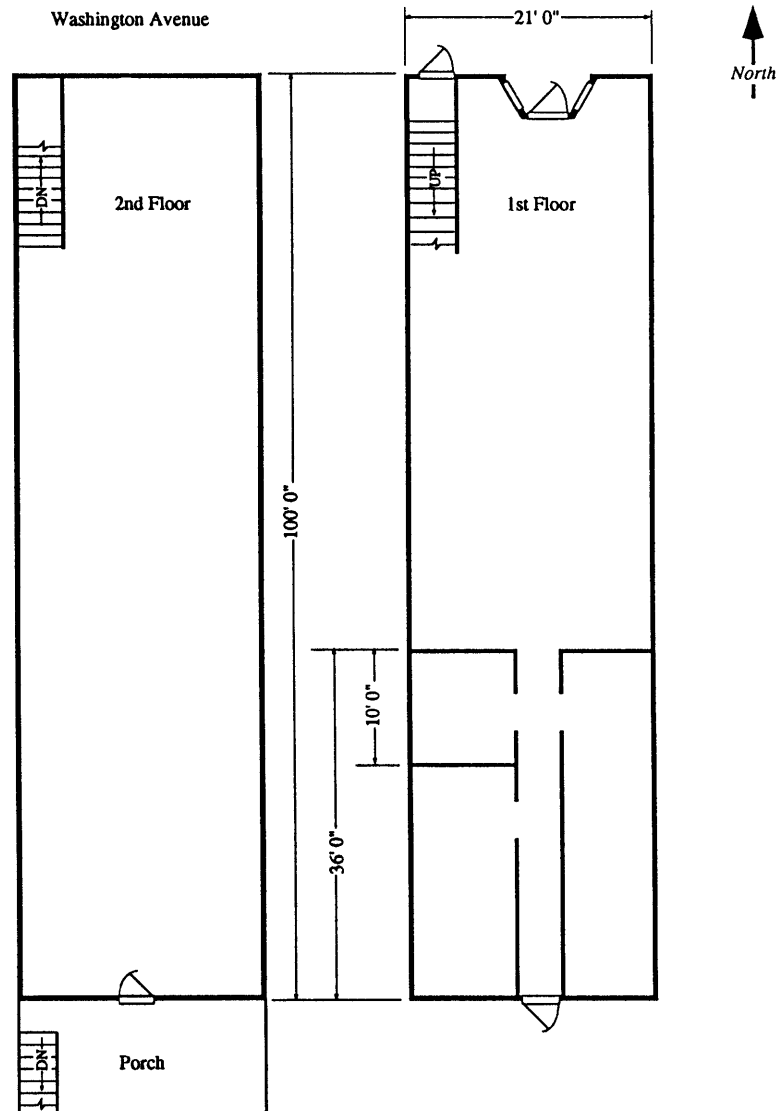
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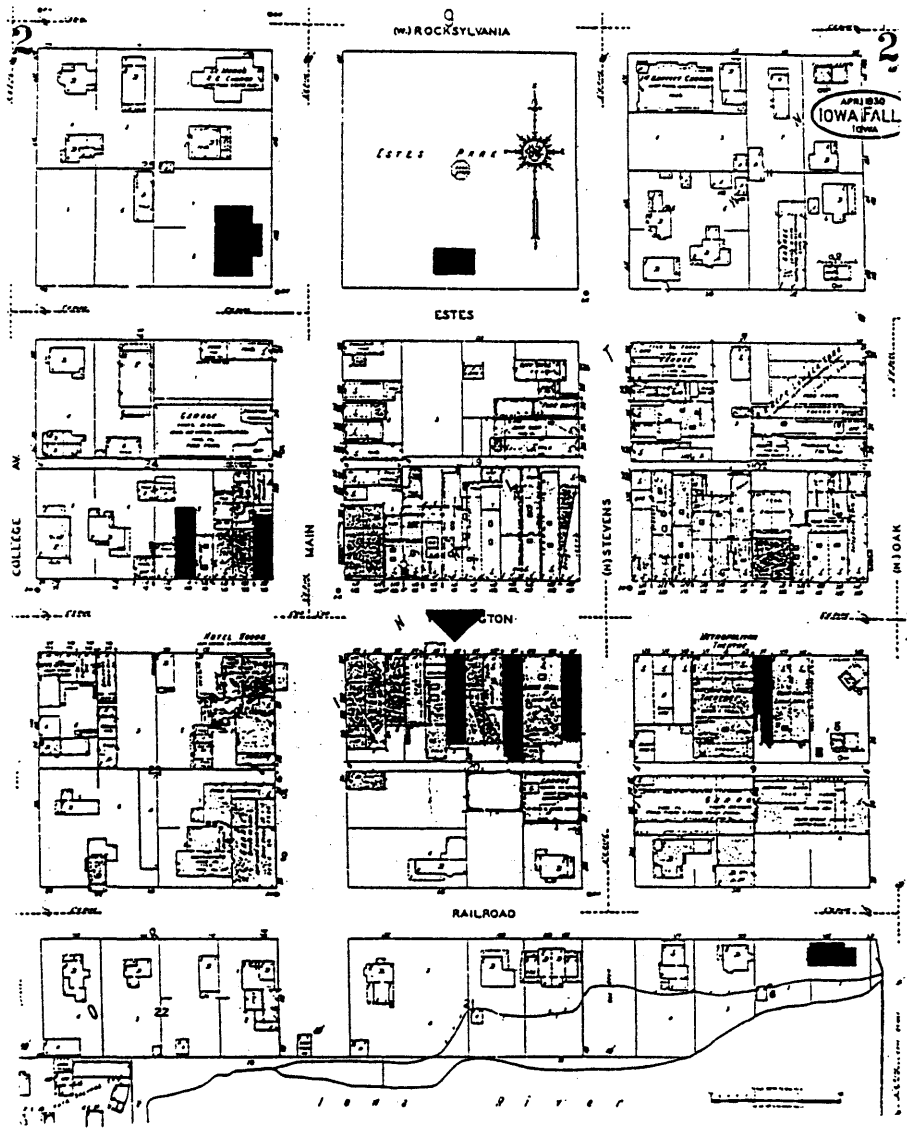
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Description (continued):



IOWA FALLS BUSINESS DISTRICT

Shaded buildings are those being nominated.

► indicates specific building being nominated.

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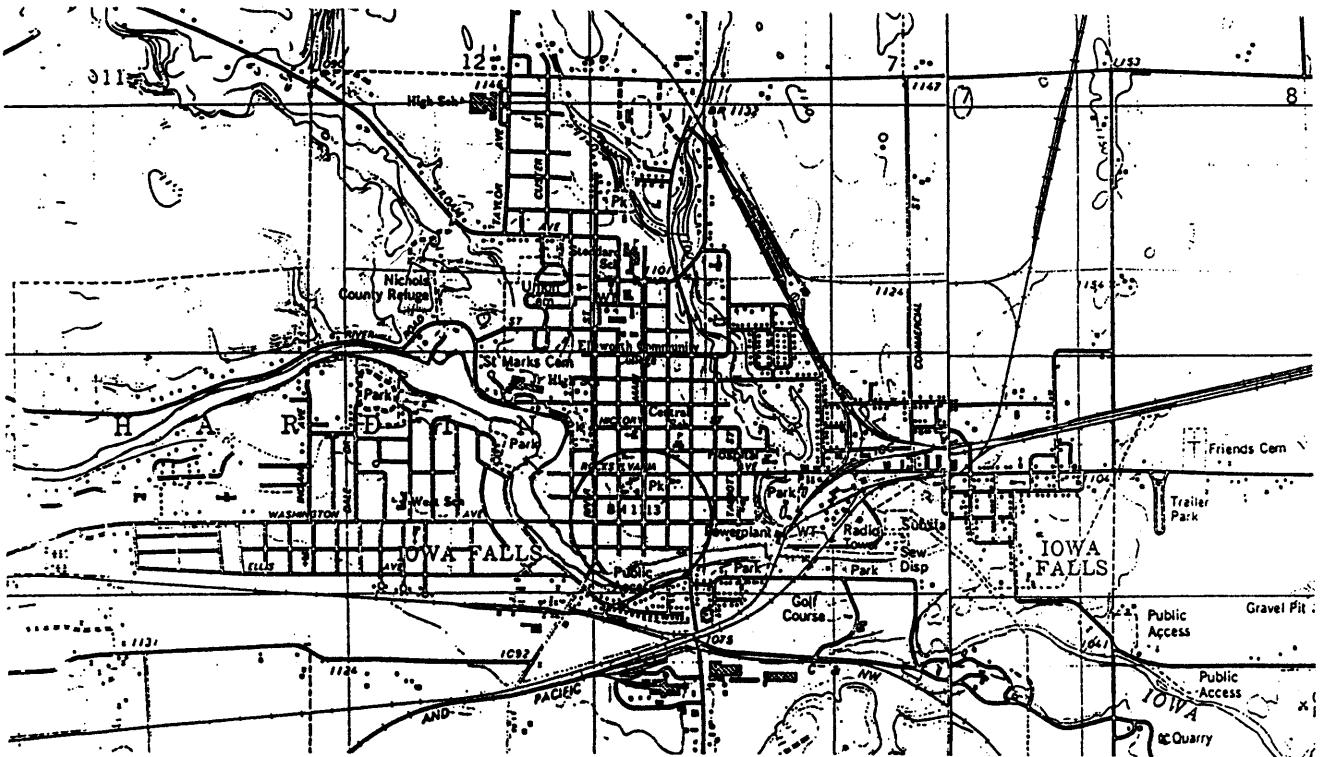
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Hardin County, Iowa

Description (continued):



Central Business District is circled.
U.S.G.S. Map

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McClanahan Block
Hardin County, Iowa

Significance:

The McClanahan Block (1913) is locally significant under Criterion C as a good example of simplified commercial design from the second decade of this century, and is of local historical interest as it illustrates the continued commercial development which took place as the automobile became a significant factor in the daily life of Iowa Falls. The period of significance is the date of construction.

As modern conveniences were coming to downtown Iowa Falls (Washington Avenue was paved, new "cement" sidewalks replaced wooden ones, and cluster street lights lined "the avenue") it was time to update buildings as well. The McClanahan Block illustrates the "new, modern" designs that were in favor in 1913. Most of the buildings in this block had been constructed following the great fire of 1874 and there was a similarity of design that was common to all of them. The facades of plain red brick with cast iron storefront, heavy hoodmolds above the windows, and elaborate metal cornices were replaced by simplified designs. New colors of brick had become popular at the turn of the century, and there was a new interest in patterns created through brickwork. Rather than projecting holdmolds and cornices, the new buildings featured a facade where the visual interest was on the surface and was created through brick patterns, colors, and inset panels of stone or concrete. Even the windows became plainer. While double hung windows remained the norm, the sashes were usually of a single pane, or the upper sash might feature the vertical lights of the popular Craftsman style. No architect or builder has been identified for the McClanahan Block, but it was designed by a very competent hand, a person who understood the importance of the simplicity of design that was the hallmark of this period.

In 1913 over \$500,000 was spent on various improvements in the community. Included in that figure was \$90,000 for the Hotel Woods annex and improvements (half a block to the west), a new school, new Federal building, \$30,000 for street paving, \$25,000 for the triple storefront Cuplin Block, \$5,000 for the Episcopal Church, and \$8,500 for Dr. McClanahan's new business block. All of this construction called for not only sufficient labor, but materials as well. The lumber yards were busy, and hardware and other supplies were needed. The occupant of the first floor of the new McClanahan Block was a hardware store.

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McClanahan Block
Hardin County, Iowa

Bibliography:

Abstract of Title, City of Iowa Falls, Original Plat, Block 20, E 20' Lot 3, except the S 10'.

Iowa Falls Sentinel, April 1, 1913, front page
December 23, 1913, front page

Interview with Joseph Huibsch (Owner), May 1991.
Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps

Verbal Boundary Description:

City of Iowa Falls, Original Plat, Block 20, E 20', except the S 10', Lot 3.

Boundary Justification:

This is the area historically associated with this resource.