UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Requested Action:	Removal				
Property Name:	Midland Pack	ing Company			
Multiple Name:					
State & County:	IOWA, Wood	bury			
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Midland Packing Company plant, opened in January 1920, is located on the flats west of the Floyd River , on the southern edge of Sioux City. This area has since 1880 been the locus of the meat packing industry in the city, with most of the major plants and the stockyards centered here. The Midland plant is situated on Leech Avenue, with an abandoned channel to the east, US Highway 20 and extensive mail yards to the north. The area is very open, with many vacant areas interspersed with assorted industrial and commercial complexes.

The Midland plant is approximately 240' east-west, 330' north-south, and about 90' high. The main part of the plant has 6 floors plus basement, while sections to the northeast and south have five floors. At the north end is a five-floor rendering plant, with holding pens, enclosed in a one-story structure of more recent vintage, beyond.

Exterior walls of the packing plant are reinforced concrete with cork insulation faced with red or buff brick. Interior walls and floors are of the same materials and the large rooms have ceilings supported by thick, concrete pillars. Decoration is confined largely to the south (Leech St.) and west facades, and consists of flat brick piers with molded concrete detail. The south end of the plant, which suffered a major explosion in 1949, was rebuilt using red (rather than buff) brick. Windows (many now filled in) are grouped in threes between brick piers.

The plant was operated by Swift and Company from 1924 to 1974. When purchased by the present owner, much of the equipment and machinery (continually updated over the years) was left in the building. These elements have been incorporated into various decorative schemes as part of the rehabilitation of the plant to house specialty shops and other businesses. The boiler and machine rooms, which contain some equipment from the early days of the plant, are intact, as are the fifth and sixth floors, which are presently vacant.

The packing plant was arranged on a "gravity flow" principle, with the processes beginning at the top and becoming more specialized toward the basement. The packing process began on the fifth floor, below a large hog cooler on the sixth. Livestock entered the northeast corner, directly onto the killing floor across the north end of the plant. The carcasses were then hung in large coolers to the south of the killing floor. On the fourth floor was the pork cutting area, tank area, and freezer.

See continuation sheet

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At third floor level, operations became more varied: pork cuts were trimmed here, and there were salt rooms, an "oleo room" and again more freezer space. The second floor was occupied by freezers, pork belly grading room, lard tanks and the refregeration plant for the beef cooler on the floor below. The first floor was largely a beef operation: cutting rooms, coolers and lard tanks were located here, along with a beef loading dock on the west side of the plant. The basement contained a hide cellar, brine tanks, and area for grading hams.

The operations discussed above occupied the greater part of the plant. The southern-most section (which on the exterior is indicated by red brick and extensive window area) was used for the production of processed meats, such as sausages and bacon. Sausage was initially prepared on the fifth floor of this section, with cooler and packing area on the floor below. Bacon was cut and stored with hams on the third floor. The second floor contained smokehouses and lard refinery area. The meats were assembled and packaged on the first floor, and removed via a loading dock on the east end.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Midland Packing Company plant is associated with an interesting chapter in the history of meat packing in Sioux City and in Iowa. Its construction was one of a series of speculative — and essentially fraudulent — ventures in meat packing which occurred in Iowa during the years 1917-1925, and involved nearly \$15 million. When the "bubble" burst, the Midland plant was acquired by Swift & Co. of Chicago, whose presence in Sioux City after 1924 ensured that city's national preeminence as a meat packing center.

The "packing house boom" of 1917-1925 was a national phenomenon arising from a combination of greed on the part of investors and speculators, and certain beliefs widely held by the general public at that time. The entry of the U.S. in World War I created a huge market for meat products, resulting in apparently unlimited opportunity for profit. It appeared to many people that most of these profits accrued to the "meat trust" -- big Chicago packers such as Armour and Swift -who took advantage of their near-monopoly to establish artifically high prices for their products. Another factor, unrelated to meat packing, was that the market in Liberty Bonds declined during 1919, encouraging many people to seek more lucrative investments (McCarty, pp. 76-78). Speculators seized upon this combination of circumstances, and the results were a series of packing house ventures, four of which were located in Iowa. These ventures were much alike: plans for an independent packing company were drawn up and shares of stock sold to unwary investors responding to the opportunity to make a profit and at the same time undercut the "meat trust". A great deal of money changed hands, but little of it ever returned to stockholders, instead being siphoned off by "company officials" and assorted politicians.

The Corn Belt Packing Company in Dubuque was the most "successful", in that it actually operated for three years before investors forced its close. The plant was housed in the old Dubuque Brewing and Malting Co. buildings. The Farmers' Mutual Packing Company, in Muscatine, was less substantial: it consisted of a former lumber company property with a new name on the office door. Still more ephemeral was the Associated Packing Company plant in Des Moines, which never grew beyond the purchase of a second-hand hog-scraping machine.

The Midland venture was different from these in that a new plant was built and put into operation — although only for a few months. The company was incorporated in 1918 and the plant — reputed to have cost \$3 million — opened in January 1920. It closed the following May, amid stockholders' suits and petitions from the state Attorney General asking the courts to put the plant in receivership. However, a plant so new would not long remain idle. In 1924 it reopened, having been acquired See continuation sheet

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McCarty, H.H. and C.W. Thompson. "Meat Packing in Iowa." <u>Iowa Studies in Business</u> XII (June 1933) (published by the College of Commerce, State University of

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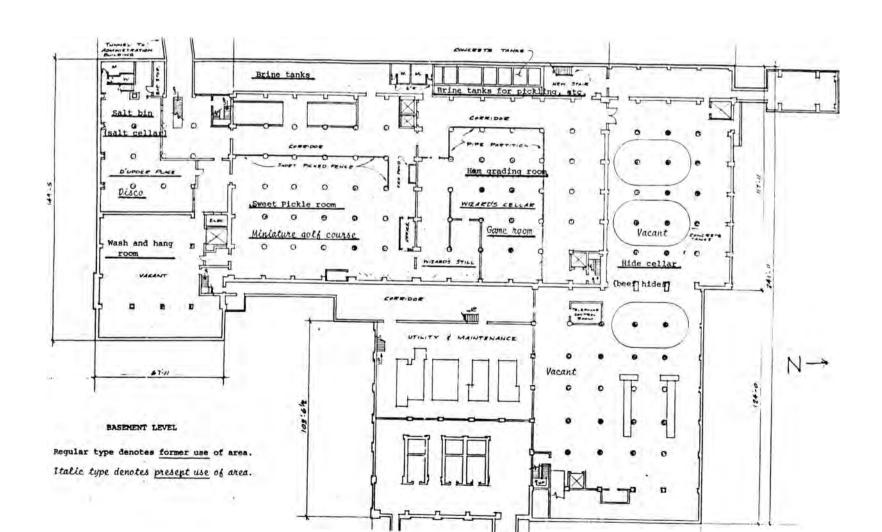
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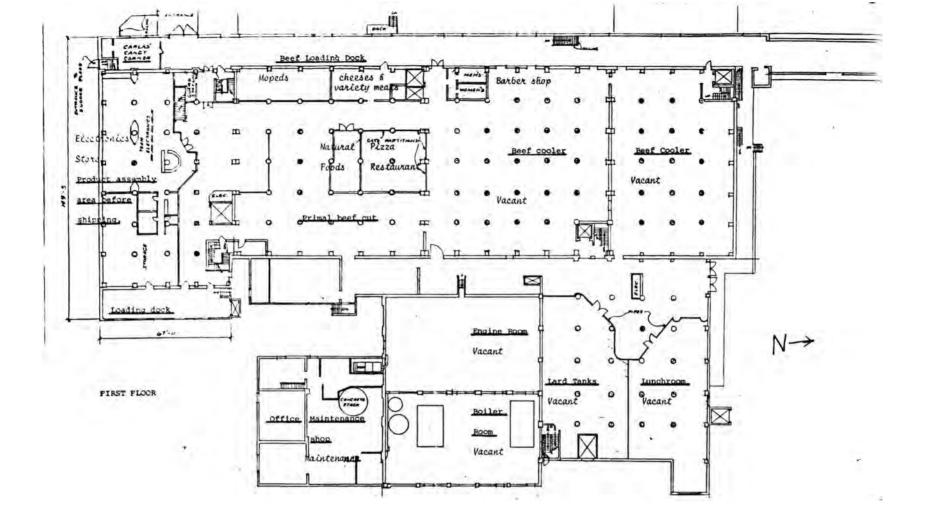
The coming of Swift represented a climax in the history of Sioux City meat packing, which had been building since the turn of the century. The industry did not develop in Sioux City until the early 1870's, and for twenty years thereafter was dominated by local, independent firms. The first of the Chicago packers -- Cudahy -- came in 1892. A tradition of sorts was thereby established: Cudahy and the other national firms (Armour and Swift) moved into existing plants, thus avoiding an immediate capital outlay. Armour & Co. opened in Sioux City in 1901, thereby establishing the city as "the leading packing center in Iowa, and one of the important centers in the nation" (McCarty, p. 64). In subsequent years, rumors of a third "big" backer in Sioux City were rife, but they were not realized until the coming of Swift to the Midland plant in 1924. With three major packers located in Sioux City, the city became Iowa's largest packing center, and one of the most prominent in the nation. Today, the Midland-Swift plant is the only one of the original facilities remaining from these important early 20thcentury decades.

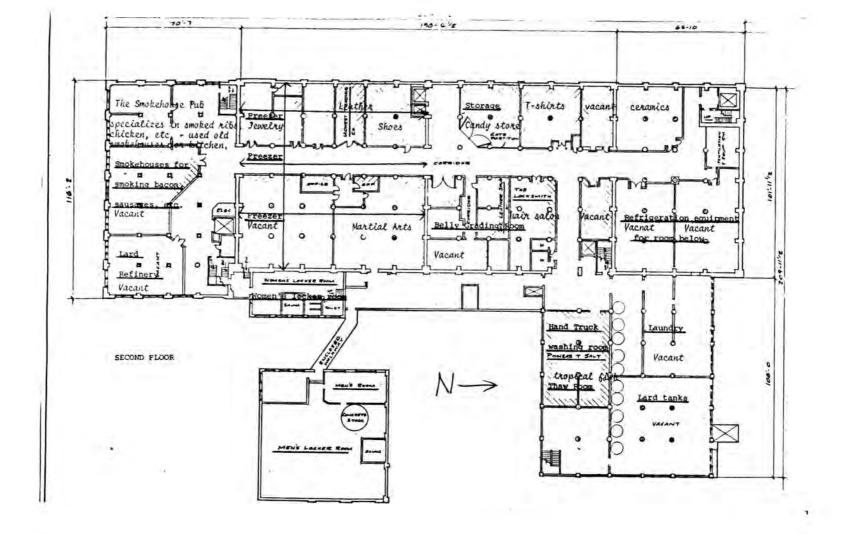
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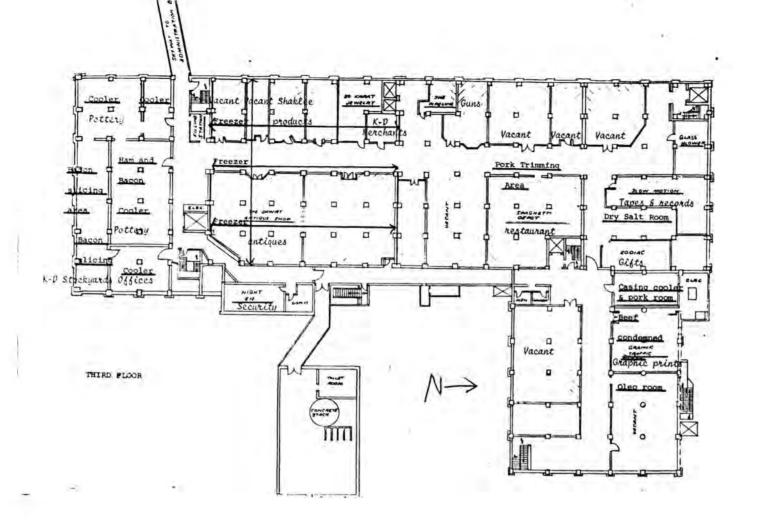
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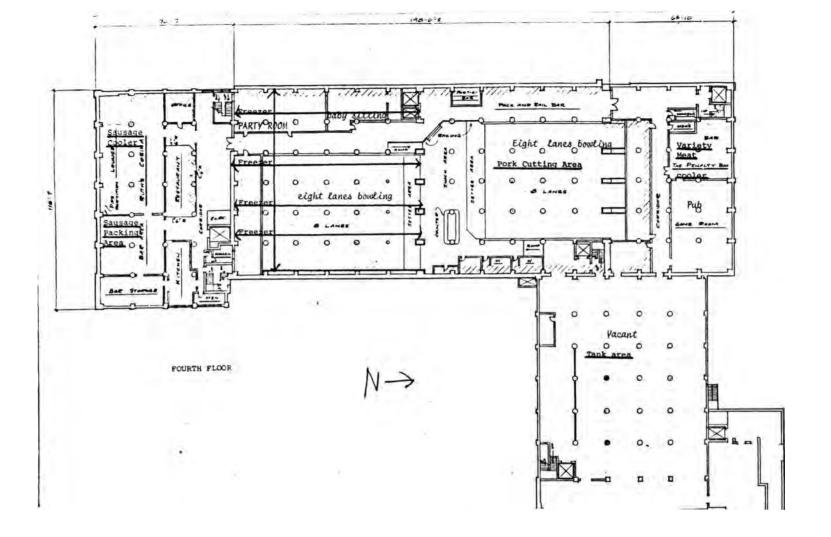
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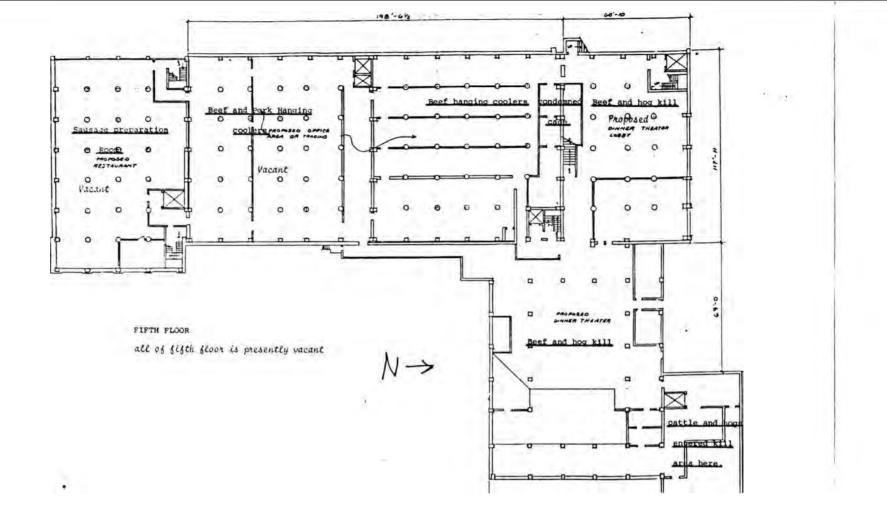


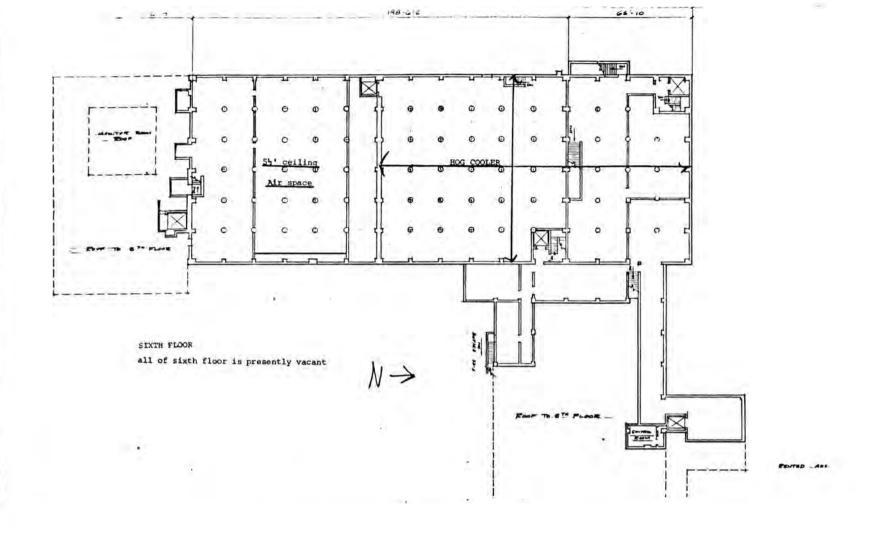






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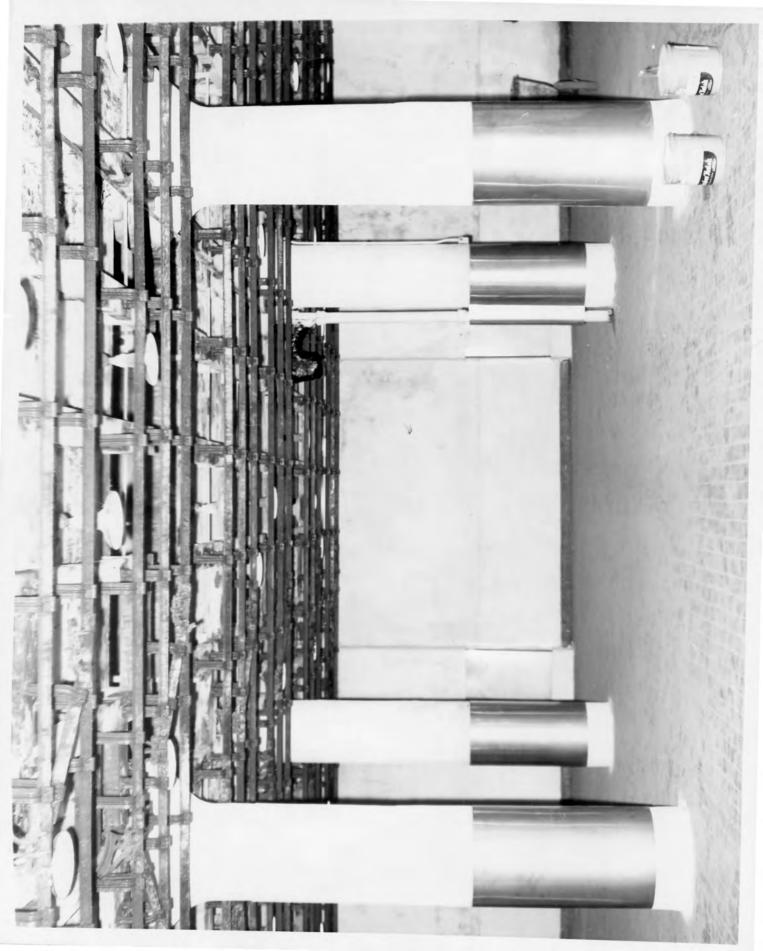






Midland Packing Company #155 Sioux City, Woodbury Co., Iowa Credit: Charles E. Porter Date: c. 1974 NOV 28 1978 Neg. at: Porter, Sioux City IA View: 2nd floor, north end, refrigeration units (before remodelling)

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Midland Packing Company #255 Sioux City, Woodbury Co., Iowa Credit: Charles E. Porter Date: c. 1974 Neg. at: Porter, Sioux City IA View: beef hanging coolers, first floor (presently vacant)

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DIVISION OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION IOWA STATE HISTORICAL DEPARTMENT

ADRIAN D. ANDERSON. DIRECTOR STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER

Date: 20 November 1978

Dr. William J. Murtagh, Keeper National Register of Historic Places Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service Department of the Interior Washington, D.C. 20240



Subject: Midland Packing Company

Sioux City, Woodbury Co., Iowa

Sir:

The property listed above has received approval from Iowa's National Register Nominations Review Committee, and is now submitted to your office for consideration for the National Register of Historic Places. Procedures used by this office to meet requirements pertaining to public notification and comment have been approved by, and are on file in, your office.

Sincerely,

Adrian D. Anderson

State Historic Preservation Officer

Midland Packing Co. (Swall - 100 Packing Plant) Tear Gentlemen, Station in Sioux City should be made an Wistorical Site. Sincerely, Mona Pflanz

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December 12, 1978

KD Station Stockyards Sioux City, Iowa.

Attn: Mr. Kermit Lowry

KIMBERLY CLARK CO. Disposable Industrial Products

GEORGIA PACIFIC CORP.

RUBBERMAID CORP. Industrial & Commercial Products

SPARTAN CHEMICAL CO. Industrial & Sanitation Supplies & Chemicals

WESTAB MEAD CORP... School Supplies & Stationary

BROWN COMPANY Locker Paper Waxed Papers

HUDSON PULP & PAPER CORP. Kraft Bags Orange Core Gummed Tape

MINNESOTA MINING & MFG. CO. Scotch Tape Scotch Brite Commercial Products

LILY TULIP CUP CORP. Paper Cups & Containers Plasticware

WHITE MOP EQUIPMENT CO.

COLGATE PALMOLIVE SOAPS

PROCTOR & GAMBLE PRODUCTS

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Dear Mr. Lowry:

We note by news item that your efforts in providing our entire area with a revitalized landmark such as your KD Station is drawing national attention.

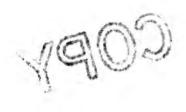
May we be on record that we substantiate the feelings of our entire city that the KD Station has given thousands of people a chance to make once again a nostalgic view of the past. Also, you have given an added economic boost by the presence of many jobs to our city.

We know we join in wishing you the best of luck in helping you to establish KD Station as a permanent landmark.

Yours truly.

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Mrs. Edward F. Samore 712 Thirty Second Street Sioux City 4, Iowa

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KD Stockyards Station, the former Swift packing plant, has been nominated for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

Announcement of the nomination was made in Washington, D. C. K-D Stockyards Station is one of sites in 14 states so nominated. Listing can mean federal tax breaks and in some cases assistance in maintenance and restoration of the site. Persons interested in commenting on the nomination may write, until Dec. 22, to the Keeper of the National Register, office of Archeology and Historic Preservation, Department of the Interior, Washington, D. C. 20402.

K-D Stockyards Station, founded by Kermit Lohry, is a shopping center located in the former Swift packing plant.

Lohry expressed great pleasure Tuesday night at the news that the K-D Stockyards Station has been nominated for inclusion in the National Register, and feels hopeful that the nomination will be confirmed in the near future.

An application that K-D be included in the register was filled but by his daughter, Cathie, and sent is lowal State Historical Society, as such state societies are required to make the nominations to the National Register. After a hearing last October, the state society approved the application and forwarded it to the National Register in Washington. Lohry said that he is hopeful that the decision to include K-D

in the National Register will be made in the near future and he expects it will be favorable.

"A representative of the federal General Services Administration was in Sioux City Tuesday," said Lohry, "and said that the national government is stipulating expressly that it prefers that old buildings be restored, rather than that they be destroyed, not only for energy conservation reasons but for historic reasons as well. As a result, the government is giving incentives, such as grants, so that people can recycle old buildings.

"We feel that we have made a lot of strides with K-D, and already have proved the principle that an older building can be used successfully."

Lohry's daughter, Cathie, said Tuesday night that probably a number of supportive letters for the K-D application will be sent by Sloux Cityans to Washington by the Dec. 22 deadline.

K-D Stockyards Station was one of two sites nominated for inclusion in the National Register, according to the Tuesday news release from Washington. The other one is the C. H. Whitehead House at Marshalltown, Iowa.

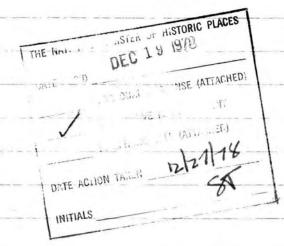
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Certified Public Accountants

December 14, 1978

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916 IOWA AVE., P. O. BOX 220 ONAWA, IOWA 51040 AREA CODE 712, 423-2616

Keeper of the National Register
Office of Archeology and Historic
Preservation
Department of the Interior
Washington, D. C. 20402

Re: K-D Stockyards Station

Sioux City, Iowa

Dear Sirs:

I read in the Sioux City Journal of December 13, 1978, that the K-D Stockyards Station, the former Swift Packing Plant, has been nominated for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. I have been a resident of Sioux City, Iowa, for 56 years and I encourage you to favorably consider this nomination in order to preserve our heritage in the agricultural industry for which the midwest is known.

Mr. Kermit Lohry, on an individual basis, has already done much to preserve this heritage and any encouragement that he could receive through the Department of Interior would be greatly appreciated by many of us in this area.

Yours truly

R. V. Williams

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Keeper of the National Register Office of Archeology & Histofic Preservation Department of the Interior Washington, D. C. 20402

Dear Sir:

In my opinion the K-D Stockyards Station in Sioux City, Iowa, should be in the National Register of Historic Sites. It provides enjoyment and entertainment for all age groups as well as being original on the part of Kermit Lohry in that he took it upon himself alone to restore this old packing plant into the unique establishment that it is.

Midland Packing Co. (Swift & Co. Packing Plant) 2001 Level ave. FR: 12-12-78

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December 18, 1978 Sioux City, Iowa

Dear Sirs:

I am pleased to learn that the KD Stockyards Station in Sioux City has been nominated for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. The Stockyards Station has been a most popular visitation spot, not only for us local citizens, but also numerous out of town visitors have toured the facilities.

And, since agriculture, livestock production, and related businesses are a great part of our heritage in this part of the nation, I believe the preservation of the old Swift packing plant, the KD Stockyards Station, would be a positive step. I am hopeful that the nomination will be confirmed in the future. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

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December 18, 1978

National Register Department of Interior Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am writing you in regards to inclusion of K. D. Stockyard Station into the National Register of Historic Places.

I whole heartdly recommend this appointment be approved for many reasons. One as a conservation measure, two, the historic significance it has in the agricultural development of this county, thirdly, the superb job Mr. Kermit Lohy has done in restoration of the building, salvaging the original internal decore.

Again my fullest endorsement for K. D. Stockyard Station to place upon the Nationa Register of Historic Places.

Sincerely,

Dr. Randall P. Bergen

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CASTLE ON THE HILL ASSOCIATION
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P. O. Box 1776
SIOUX CITY, IOWA 51102

December 18, 1978

Keeper of the National Register Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation Department of the Interior Washington, D. C. 20402

There is a strong core of people in Sioux City very interested in preserving its heritage. The Castle on the Hill is one example of Sioux City's interest in reusing its old buildings.

We appreciate the advantage of being placed on the National Register of Historic Places and ask that you consider favorably the application of K-D Stockyards Station to be placed on the National Register.

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Keeper of the National Register Office of Acheology & Historic Preservation Dept. of the Interior Washington, D.C. 20402

Dear Sir:

I write concerning the application of the KD Stockyards Stations for inclusion into the National Register for Historic Places. Being a resident of the area of Sioux City, I would heartily underscore the inclusion of this site. Within a short period of time, places such as the old packing houses as we knew them will be past, torn down ... and all that will be left will be pictures...and not good ones at that!! In the meantime, an era will be past, new matermal will be processed, consuming additional energies, erected on the site where a perfectly good structure now stands, and we will be that much poorer as a people, as a nation for having let a way of life slip by us and not making proper note of it.

Please underline my support of this application on these two accounts.

Thank you,

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December 27, 1978

Keeper of the National Register
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Department of the Interior
Washington, D. C. 20402

Gentlemen:

I recently read in the Sioux City Journal that the K-D Stockyards Station here in Sioux City, formerly the Swift Packing Plant, has been nominated for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

I urge you to favorably consider this nomination as the K-D Stockyards
Station is certainly worthy of such an award. Sioux City is an agricultural
area specializing in meat packing, and the work being done at the K-D
Stockyards Stations truly preserves Sioux City's heritage.

Your Department's favorable consideration will be greatly appreciated by all of us in this area.

Sincerely yours,

AMERICAN POP CORN COMPANY

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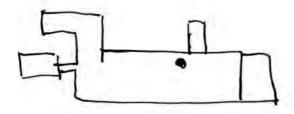
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M. Bowers said that nomination was only for the Main packing plant. In photo #2 it is the large structure with the sign KD Stockyards Station. It is a large L-shaped structure with a four story connected addition to the rear. The shed roof structures behind it

and i the forground are not included. No buildings west of railroad line are included.



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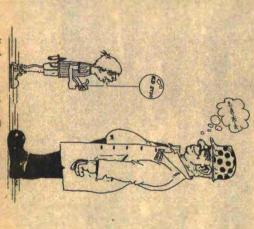


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KD Stockyards Station: Vision Becomes Reality

million square foot shopping center is located at the busy intersection of two major highways nothing unusual seems to exist. The situation becomes more bizarre when you note that a bowling alley is located on the fourth floor, in fact, the facility's reincarnated life from packing plant to shopping and recreation center moves the imagination. What you see under this unusual roof is the imagination that was moved by Kermit Lohry.

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Let's go back a few years. back to

1918 when the meat packing plant was first
built. then purchased by Swift and
Company in 1924. Over the years, some

100,000 people have been employed there.
One of them; 70-year old Lev' Van Metre,
who now works for KD as a security
guard and tour guide, started working for

Swift on the day the plant concept. March Swift on the day the plant opened, March 17, 1924; St. Patrick's Day, Van Meter worked at the facility for 45 years.
"We ran two 8-hour shifts in those

days, processing hogs, cattle and sheep... It's amazing to me now when I walk through the 4th floor and see the bowling through the 4th floor and see the bowling alley where the pork-cutting operation used to be. ." The building itself isn't without its own history. Twenty-one employees were killed and 91 injured on December 14, 1949, when a natural gas explosion ripped out the south end of the six story structure. The entire area was under water when the Miseague, Bloor. under water when the Missouri River flooded its banks on June 6, 1953. In the early 70s, Swift began developing a new, modern plant south of the city on In-terstate 29... and in early 1975, moved the terstate 29. ... and in early 1975, moved the bulk of it meat processing operation to the new facility. In the process, Swift left behind a large part, of its processing equipment, including machinery, generators, scales, pumps, lumber, stainless steel, locker rooms, elevators and even smoke houses. .. They also left helping a suppression of the processing terms of the processing the process of the processing the process of the process o behind a monumental clean-up job. With much of the main plant refrigerated, there was an abundance of water dripping when the cooling units were disconnected and the ice started melting.

When the facility went up for sale,

there were those who wanted to salvage the equipment inside and tear the building down. In fact, everyone wanted to, except Lohry. He alone saw the possibilities for the strong, well built structure, with its 30" walls of concrete, structure, with its 30° wais of concrete, brick and cork. An ecologically sound energy saving building that would be easy to heat in the winter and cool in the summer. Here was a building that could be renovated, reused and remolded into ething all of Sioux City could be proud



Kermit Lohry's commitment is 186% to the future of KD Stockyards Station and to the future of Sioux City.

The national trend to save older structures has been late in reaching Sioux City. The nostalgia, beauty, tradition and heritage of Gihradelli Square in San Francisco and Trolley Square in Salt Lake City were remote concepts. . . places you visited while on vacation. There was a real doubt that such a phenomenon could take place

that such a phenomenon could take place in Northwest Iowa.

And after a short period of negotiations, Lohry succeeded in purchasing an abandoned meat Packing Plant in the heart of the Sioux City Stockyards. "It was a challenge to me," Lohry explains, "not just as a profit motive, but as a real chance to develop something that was desperately needed for the entire area."

 Lohry's greatest personal asset is his vision, his imagination and enthusiasm. The complexities of this undertaking

would tax them all.
Today those early dreams, coupled with Lohry's determination have yielded results. There are 41 shops and recreation resuits. There are at snops and recreation facilities already started in the complex, and yet, only a third of the 500,000 square feet available for use has been filled. Much of the decor in the shops and recreation facilities comes from the original equipment of the decor in the shops and recreation facilities comes from the original equipment. ment left behind by the packing company.

The huge meat weighing scales, for example, will be made into tables for one of. But not many shared Lohry's vision. . . of the restaurants, to be called, naturally,

"The Scale House." The structure cost nearly three million dollars to build back in 1918. It would have taken between 14 and 16 million to build it today. Lohry figures to have between 3.5 and 4 million invested before he's through renovating. In addition to the land on which the buildings are located. Lohry has purchase a nearby tract of 15 acres. Between that property and the KD complex, lies an abandoned concrete channel of the Missouri River. In the planning stages are an ice skating rink tennis courts and racquetball / handball courts with a motel spanning the channel.

The complex site also contains some 3,000 feet railroad track and Lohry has already purchased some 16 dining, passenger and caboose cars, which will be remodeled into offices, branch banks or restaurants; and even used for chartered

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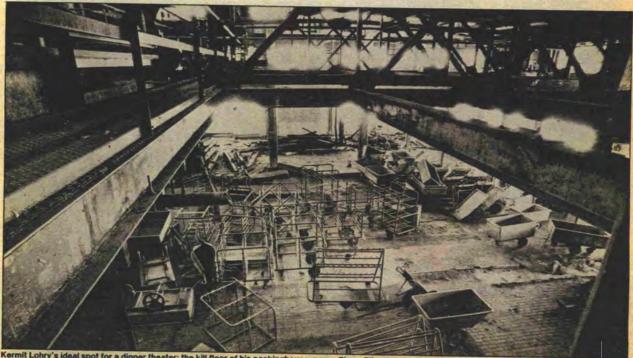
"Man was made to create," says Lohry, "to build. When he stops creating, be stops living." Although his name is on the title, Lohry says no one could own a building like that. "I'm just a treasurer, a prostee for the satisfacts of the says." trustee for the artifacts of the past. day, I'll pass them on to someone else.'

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Kermit Lohry's ideal spot for a dinner theater: the kill floor of his packinghouse, now a Sioux City shopping center.

Packinghouse turns shopping mall, still packs 'em in



Lohry in his office in the center, called the KD Stockyards Station.

Staff Photos by Regene Radniecki

By Dick Youngblood Staff Writer

Stoux City, rowa Kermit Lohry waved his arms at the com-modious innards of the bleak, cluttered en-gine room and was appropriately inspired.

"Can't you just see it?" he demanded, playing a flashlight beam over the tangle of compressors and pipe-fittings and gauges. "It's a classic kind of room—there's half a million dollars worth of decor in here.

"Can't you see it's just made for a restaurant?"

Leaving his visitors agape, Lohry plunged down a short flight of stairs into the adjacent boiler room and turned the flashlight on the two immense boilers looming side by side along one high walf.

"Think of all that beautiful brick firewall in there," he crowed. Connect them together, Lohry asked, and what do you think you've got inside those two boilers?

Why, he answered promptly, a bar for the restaurant, of course.

Of course.

Kermit Lohry is a totally sane, perfectly respectable 46-year-old Sloux City businessman who has this one curious compulsion: He likes to collect seemingly worthless "jurk," apply a dollop of imagination and turn it into something of value.

The latest addition to his collection is a 350,000-equare-foot, 50-year-old meat-packing plant at the Sioux City stockyards that Swift & Co. abandoned in 1974 for new quarters south of town.

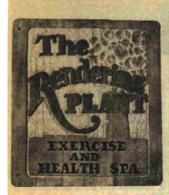
Lohry took just one tour through the litter of tools and equipment that had been left behind in the cavernous, five and six-story structure and came to an obvious—for him—conclusion:

"This would make a really neat shopping

The result—despite triends who questioned his sanity and bankers who doubted his business acumen — is the KD Stockyards Station, a "theme" center that celebrates Sloux City's history as a



The shopping center itself, a 350,000-square-foot, 50-year-old meat packing plant which Lohry opened a year ago.



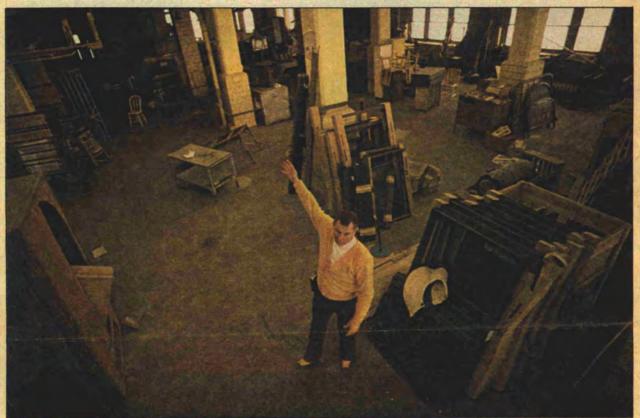
livestock marketing, meat-packing and railroading hub.

Opened a year ago, the Stockyards Station is luring 25,000 to 30,000 visitors a week to the 46 retail shops and recreation areas that now occupy just a third of the building's 240,000 square feet of leasable space.

It's not what you'd call your conventional, enclosed-mall shopping center. ▶



A typical alley with shops, inside the center.



Lohry's enthusiasm, like his plans, seem endless. Here he pointed out another area for returbishing.



Lohry insists he has merely rearranged "junk" that was part of the plant. Here, a third-floor mural of gears and machine parts. The child is Jenny Rose, whose father works in the center.

There are no multi-story atriums or acres of skylighted courtyards—just long, dimly lighted corridors lined with shops, the original brick along the walls, bare pipes overhead and four (someday to be seven) elevators connecting the five levels that are now in use.

And there are no department-store "anchors" to assure customer traffic—just a collection of small, mostly specialty shops run by people "just like us," as Lohry puts it, "with their butts on the line with everything they own."

It is, in short, not the kind of conventional project that sets the heart of your conventional banker to pitter-pattering.

Which is why Lohry had to peddle his hefty stock portfolio and sell his share of the large feed and fertilizer operation and several other businesses that he and his two brothers operated in the area.



Potter Steve Kammerer, above, said his first year in the center was a success.

And why he still has no permanent financing, despite the fact that he has plugged well over \$1 million into the project and fully expects it to be comfortably in the black a year from now.

Lohry concedes that the family business gave him an income well into five figures, enough to support the wife and seven children quite comfortably, thank you. He had security

"But then I turned 40," he mused one day recently, "and I got to wondering if there wasn't something more creative I could do with my life."

The KD Stockyards Station (the initials come from the name of a feed company his father once owned) provided the quintessential answer to that question.

For the project has given Lohry endless opportunities to indulge his passion for transforming "junk" into value. A brisk walk—half trot, half gallop—through the center behind Lohry shows that he has indulged himself with gusto.

Take, for example, the rusty diamondplate hauled out of one of the plant's freezer alleys to provide an eye-catching from for The Rendering Plant, which is—what else?—a health spa on the second floor.

Or the front of the nearby Stuffed Pig-a kitchen and bathroom boutique that also sells stuffed animals—which is built of



Wares at his shop.

planks from the hog ramp over which the, animals traveled five stories up to the kill floor. The planks, lightly sandblasted to remove decades of grime, have been scoured and grooved by the hooves of thousands of animals to give the wood a striking, rippled effect.

Down the hall, cement hog-watering troughs are imbedded into the front of a ceramic and china shop, the metal rollers off a skate conveyor form part of the front of a dress shop, and an artful arrangement of ammonia tanks, flanked by large metal hoppers that are used as planters, adorns the front of a shoe store called The Shoe-Shoe Train.

Packinghouse



So many people wanted to visit the packinghouse-turned-shopping-mall that Lohry hired Levi Van Meter, 71, above, to lead tours. Van Meter worked in the packing plant for 44 years.

At top right, 30 feet of rail line — track, ties and all — fronts a custom furniture shop.

At center right, a shop front made from the old hog ramp.

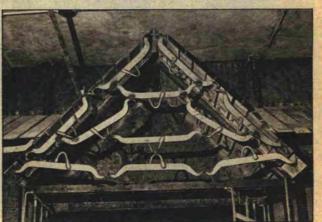
Lower right, metal hooks for hog carcasses and slats from a conveyor belt have been welded into an awning for the Spaghetti Depot's entrance.

Below, refrigeration pipe, flocked to resemble frost, on the walls of the Sow's Ear bar.▶









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Packinghouse

"They're trying to raise the tax valuation on me," Lohry grumbled, "and I keep teling 'em that all I did was take a tot of junk and sort of rearrange it." He's right—kitle has been wasted.

On the basement level, shared by a game room, miniature golf course, archery range and computerized golf game, a disco bar that goes by the unfortunate name, D'Udder Place, employs an old wooden tank, once used for soaking cowhide, as a plainform for the disc jockey. Scattered around the place are cream separators used as planters and milking machines made into lamps.

Up on the fourth floor, where Lohry opened a 16-lane bowling alley, lengths of ammonia pipe, part of the plant's refrigeration system, are used to hold bowling balls. (Lohry was told that putting a bowling alley on the fourth floor of an old packinghouse was utter insanity. It was so insane, in fact, that he is about to add eight more lanes to keep up with the demand.)

A few yards away, at a bar called The Sow's Ear, the same ammonia pipe—flocked to resemble frost as you would a Christmas tree—forms the perimeter of the lounge. Overhead, the railings once used to transport hop and beef carcasses remain intact—and will be used to haul buckets of beer from the bar as soon as Lohry finds time to design a container with a cover and spout.

Altogether, this rearrangement of "junk" has turned not only into a thriving commercial venture but also into a popular tourist attraction. The demand for tours, in fact, grew so fast that Lohry finally went out and hired 71-year-old Levi Van Meterwho worked in the plant for 44 years—as a part-time tour guide.

There also are a few folks stopping by to spend money.

The Team Electronics store on the main floor, for example, is now in the top 15 percent in sales among the 104 units in the chain, which is a part of Dayton Hudson Corp.

And up on the third floor, Steve Kammerer, 34, said he made as much in his first year in the Whiskey Creek Pottery as he did as a teacher with a master's degree and 12 years' experience.

"Seventy-five to 80 percent of our business is from out of town," Lohry said, not only because of the tourist attraction, but because "rural people—farmers—understand the idea of saving stuff and making it better. They buy a farm and they fix it up and increase its value. They're innovators."

If they like what they've seen so far, wait 'til they catch a glimpse of what Lohry is planning for an encore.

"Can't you just see it?" he asked, charging onto the littered, 12,000-square-toot kill floor with its high, steel-beamed ceilings. "Up there are the lights," he said, pointing to a balcony once used for plant tours, "and over there the stage. We could seat 450 people out here, more if we used the balcony.

"There's nothing else it could be but a dinner theater," he declared. "Can't you see it?"



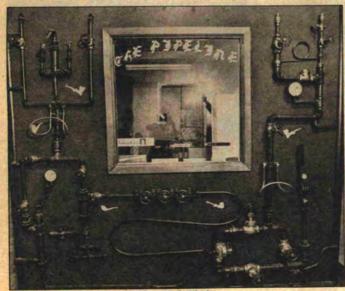


Part of Mrs. Lohry's stock.

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Lohry's daughter, Diane, 20, waited on a customer in Mrs. Lohry's antique store.



A tobacconist's — appropriately decorated with pipes.

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Next stop, another wing of the fifth floor for a peek out through the cracked window panes at two huge skimming tanks once used for treating the plant's polluted effluent.

Now what? Lohry is asked.

"It's obvious," he replies. "Weld 'em together, enclose 'em, and you've got the only Otympic-size swimming pool in town.

The ideas spill out in a torrent: racquetball courts on the roof, bumper cars in the basement, movie theaters and four or five sit-down restaurants scattered through the building.

And then there is the old, abandoned, corcrete flood-control channel stretching 160 feet across, just outside the Stockyards Station.

"All it'il take is some people with imagination and some bucks," Lohry said, pulling out a photograph of a scale model of the property. Stretched across one end of the channel and connected by walkway to the shopping center is a large motel. At the other end is a full-size ice arena and eight tennis courts.

And when all of this has been accomplished, there's always the KD Short Line Railroad, which is what Lohry has taken to calling the trackage and the 17 railroad cars he has acquired.

"One of these days I'm gonna rent me an engine and crew, have 'em make up a train out of my cars and take people on a tour of Sioux City," he said, noting that four railroads converge on the city to provide him with all sorts of route options.

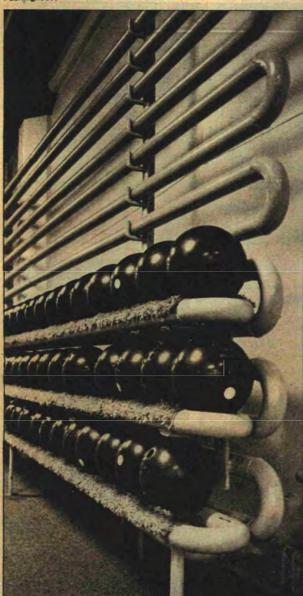
Nobody will be surprised when he does it.■





A model of Lohry's dream — the packinghouse, center, with flood-control channel in the foreground, providing room for an ice arena, tennis courts and a motel.

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Old refrigeration pipes hold balls in the center's bowling alley.

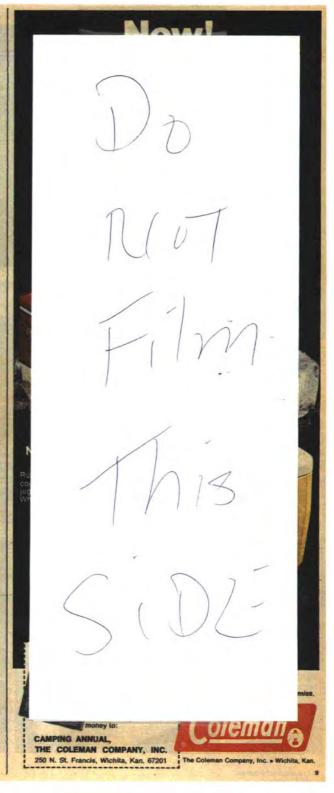
"All this junk was part of the place," Lohry explained as he punched the elevator button for the ride to the third floor, "It belonged here." The strenuous tour continued.

On the third floor, 30 yards of railroad ties and track, part of three and a half miles of trackage acquired with the property, lines the front of a custom furniture shop.

Nearby, an artistic arrangement of pipes and gauges and valves decorates the side of a pipe and tobacco shop.

At the Spaghetti Depot, the metal hooks once used for hauling hog carcasses have been welded in artistic designs to the metal slats from a conveyor belt to form an ornate awning and peaked roof over the entrance.

And at the end of the hall, a collection of gears and wheels and chains have been imbedded in concrete by an artist Lohry hired to form a large mosalc.





A shop-to-be, awaiting decoration



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Correspondence related to removal

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KD Station Demolition News

Posted March 11th, 2010

Many of us who have grown up in Sioux City have fond memories of the KD Station. Originally built by Swift & Company, the building operated as meat packing plant in Sioux City for nearly 60 years. In the 70's KD Station was turned into a shopping and entertainment center. My personal memories of KD Station start when I was a child and frequented Picadilly Circus, a game-filled pizza place located in KD Station. Picadilly Circus was often the site for birthday parties and a popular family hang out after Saturday afternoon soccer games. In high school, the mini-golf course and bowling alley were a favorite activity for my friends and I on weekends. Although the KD station has brought many memories and stories over the years, the clean up and demolition process of the deteriorating building have been less glamorous. Here is the update from the City of Sioux City (http://www.sioux-city.org)regarding the project.



(http://www.siouxlandchamber.com/wp-content/uploads/kddemolition.jpg)
KD Station Asbestos Abatement and Demolition – Project Highlights

- The contractor, Dore & Associates Contracting Inc, has done a great job
 keeping the project on schedule during one of the worst winters Sioux City has
 experienced in memory. The main building is down and the asbestos and
 hazardous waste has been removed from the site. The out buildings have also
 been demolished and the basement is being filled as the demolition progresses.
- The remaining work includes the demolition of the east building addition, filling the remainder of the basement, and grading and seeding the site. Some additional support is needed to reinforce the tunnel wall to provide adequate support for the installation of backfill. And, of course, the smoke stack needs to be removed. The demolition of the smoke stack is one of the last things Dore will do after the rest if the building is removed so a date has not been determined yet.
- The project is on scheduled and the completion date is still targeted for June 30, 2010. (http://www.siouxlandchamber.com/wp-content/uploads/kd21.jpg)
- The KD Station demolition is one of the larger projects of its type that the city has tackled and the city is utilizing eight funding sources for this \$4.2 million project.
- After the KD Station demolition is complete the city will be moving forward with
 the cleanup of petroleum contaminated soil on the north end of the site. The
 soil contamination is the result of fuel oil leakage from the three above ground

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Today's ribbon cutting marked the completion of the Sioux City Art Center's Gilchrist Learning Center. Stop by this... https://t.co/QOQpRUyT1W (https://twitter.com/siouxIndchamber/status/1070814! Dec 6, 2018

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The Pierce Street reconstruction in front of UnityPoint Health - Sioux City is officially complete!... https://t.co/xBHSrRueiB (https://twitter.com/siouxIndchamber/status/10681872 Nov 29, 2018

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storage tanks that were located in the northeast corner of the site. This cleanup process will be conducted under the oversight of the lowa Dept of Natural Resources' Land Recycling Program.

If you have any comments or questions regarding the asbestos

abatement and demolition of KD Station, please contact Michelle Brady with the City of Sioux City (712-279-6245) or Ryan Peterson with Howard R. Green Company (515-278-2913).

-Beth Trejo, Director of Investor Relations

Comments are closed.

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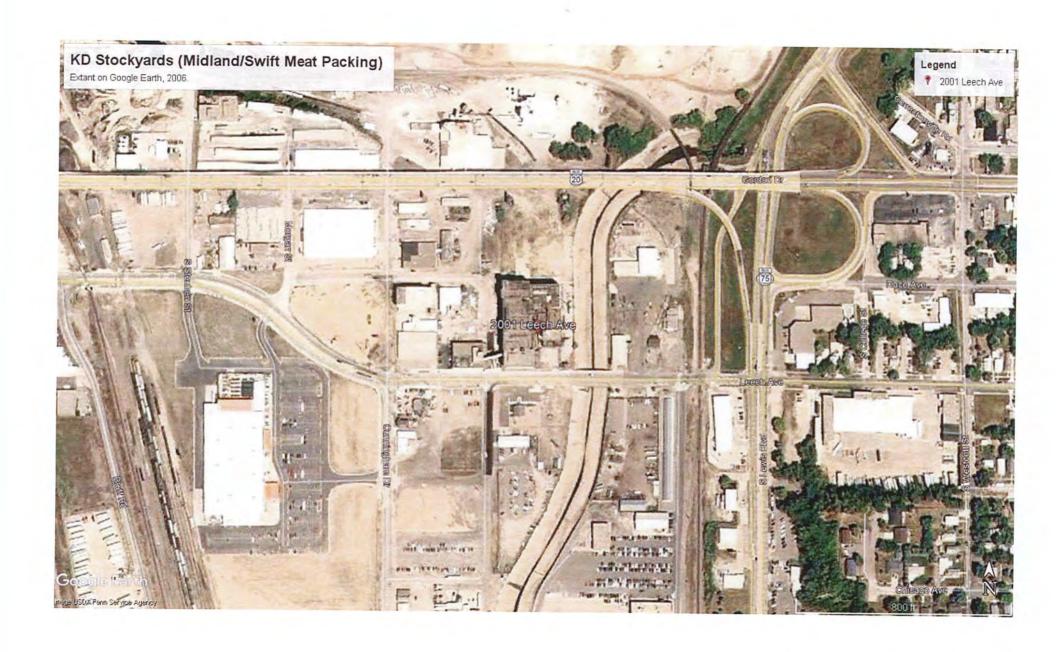
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CHRIS KRAMER, ACTING DIRECTOR



December 18, 2018

Bob Scott, Mayor City of Sioux City City Hall P.O. Box 447 Sioux City, IA 51102

Re:

Midland Packing Company (a.k.a. K-D Stockyards Station, Swift Meat Packing Plant) 2001 Leech Avenue

Dear Mayor Scott:

It has come to the attention of the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) of Iowa that the Midland Packing Company (a.k.a. K-D Stockyards Station, Swift Meat Packing Plant) at 2001 Leech Avenue in Sioux City, which was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1979, was demolished in 2010. Because of this, the building no longer meets the criteria for listing in the National Register.

We are providing notification that the SHPO will be requesting that the National Park Service delist/remove the property from the National Register of Historic Places. If we do not hear from you within 30 days from the date of this letter we will move forward with the delisting.

Kind regards,

Laura Sadowsky
State Historian and National Register Coordinator

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December 18, 2018



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City of Sioux City P.O. Box 447 405 6th St Sioux City, IA 51102-0447

Dear Property Owner:

It has come to the attention of the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) of Iowa that the Midland Packing Company (a.k.a. K-D Stockyards Station, Swift Meat Packing Plant) at 2001 Leech Avenue in Sioux City, which was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1979, was demolished in 2010. Because of this, the building no longer meets the criteria for listing in the National Register.

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Sincerely,

Laura Sadowsky
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January 29, 2019

Joy Beasley, Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places National Park Service National Register of Historic Places 1849 C Street, NW, Mail Stop 7228 Washington, DC 20240

Dear Ms Beasley:

The Iowa State Historic Preservation Office is requesting the removal of three resources from the National Register of Historic Places due to demolition:

Burnstein-Malin Grocery, #98001277

- 1241 6th Avenue, Des Moines, Polk County.
- Demolished at some point between 2013 and 2016.
- Enclosures:
 - Notifications to owner and chief elected official.
 - 1983 photos of resource from SHPO files and Google Street image from 2018.

Midland Packing Company, #79000952

- 2001 Leech Avenue, Sioux City, Woodbury County.
- Demolished in 2010.
- Enclosures:
 - Notification letters to owner and chief elected official.
 - Online news report of demolition and Google Earth photos from 2006 and 2018.

Benson Building, #95000969

- 214 East 2nd Street, Ottumwa, Wapello County.
- Fire and subsequent demolition in 2018.
- Enclosures:
 - Notifications to owner and chief elected official.
 - Letter of notice of loss from the Ottumwa Historic Preservation Commission and online news accounts of fire and demolition.

In accordance with 36 CFR 60.15, the chief elected officials and owners of each property have been notified in accordance with the state's established notification procedures and were given 30 days to respond. No responses were received from any party. Copies of all letters are enclosed.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Laura Sadowsky, State Historian and National Register Coordinator, at laura.sadowsky@iowa.gov.

Sincerely

Steve King, AIA

Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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Enclosures.