

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 Lyon Block
other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 112-116 N. Main not for publication
city, town Maquoketa vicinity
state Iowa code IA county Jackson code 097 zip code 52060

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	_____	_____ objects
		<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing: Architectural & Historical Resources of Maquoketa, IA
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] 6/19/91
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.
 See continuation sheet. Beth Boland 8/9/91
 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)

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

COMMERCIAL/Department Store

COMMERCIAL/Specialty Store

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

Late 19th & 20th Century

foundation Limestone

walls Brick

roof Asphalt

other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

This two story triple storefront building building is located on the west side of Main Street, between Platt and James (just south of the Decker House Hotel). Constructed in 1900, it represents a departure from the nineteenth century designs with their red brick walls, heavy hoodmolds, and bracketed metal cornices. Here the brick becomes a major design element. The facade is a new color, warm brown, and the brick creates new patterns. The second floor features large round arched windows rhythmically flowing across the facade. Above, is a brick frieze with parapet roofline. The name of the building is found, not in a panel or pediment, but spelled out in simple letters applied to the surface.

The building has been altered at the street level over the years. Originally there was an entrance in the central third, with display windows on each side. It appears that the first alteration took place around 1920 when it became three distinct stores, with three separate entries. The present configuration, with vertical metal siding, dates c.1965-70. The metal siding covers both the vertical piers of the original design, and the signboard (or transom) area. Removal of this metal siding would present a more sympathetic, less visually intrusive, appearance. The second floor windows appear to have panels set in front of the lower portion. These are actually metal sheets which rest diagonally on the sills in front of the original windows to keep birds from roosting are are removable. The alterations which have taken place do not diminish the overall mass, shape, and major design features of this building.

This survey and nomination project has focused on the exterior of the buildings. In most cases no information has been obtained on the interior. In the case of the Lyon Block, alterations have been made to the first floor interiors, but the second floor is primarily open space, much as it would have been originally.

8. Statement of Significance

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

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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)

Period of Significance

Significant Dates

Architecture

1900

1900

Cultural Affiliation
N.A.

Significant Person
N.A.

Architect/Builder
Unknown

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

The Lyon Block (1900) is significant under Criterion C as the first example of twentieth century design and color in the Maquoketa business district.

Physically the Lyon Block presents a much different appearance from its neighbors dating from the 1880s. A new color of brick is introduced into the downtown, warm brown. (This is the first of several new colors which will be seen along Main Street in the next twenty years.) The brick itself becomes an important design element. There is a new treatment found at the windows and cornice as well. The surface is no longer broken by the shape and color of elaborate hoodmolds. A rhythmical patterns of arches flows across the second floor facade. This ushers in a new look in buildings that will be seen for decades. Simplicity of design becomes the key. Color and texture will be part of the wall surface, not elements attached to it. A new look arrived with the new century.

While alterations have been made at street level, the integrity of the original design is in place, with the major features located on the upper level. The significance of this building, setting a new design standard for the new century, remains.

The Lyon Block was built, filling in a large open space in the 100 block of N. Main, linking Platt Street to the Decker House Hotel. The retail area of the downtown was expanding during the "Comfortable Years." In terms of commercial development this building was constructed to house C.R. Cave's large department store. From newspaper articles it appears that this was a new business in Maquoketa, not one that just moved, so it shows definite community growth.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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Maquoketa Excelsior, November 16, 1899, p.4, c.3
November 30, 1899, p.4, c.3
March 29, 1900, p.4, c.?
April 12, 1900, p.8, four col ad "Grand Opening Sale"
April 16, 1900, p.2, c.1
February 20, 1904, p.2, c.1

Historic photographs from c. 1900-1912.

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 #

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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 15 693110 4659940
Zone Easting Northing
C

B Zone Easting Northing
D

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Verbal Boundary Description

O.P. E 56' x 105' Lot 3, N 3.9' of 21 & 25 & N 3.9' of E 20' Lot 20 Blk 25

Sec 24, T84N R3E
City of Maquoketa

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Boundary Justification

The boundary includes the lots historically associated with this building.

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