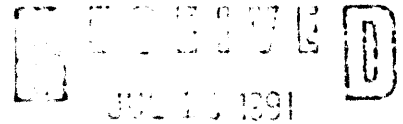


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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations 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 Kucheman Building
other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 100 N. Second not for publication
city, town Bellevue vicinity
state Iowa code IA county Jackson code 097 zip code 52031

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: Limestone Architecture of Jackson County, Iowa 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.

[Signature] 7/5/91
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] 8/30/91
 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

RECREATION/music facility

GOVERNMENT/city hall

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

COMMERCE/specialty

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Mid-19th century

vernacular

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Limestone

walls Limestone

roof Asphalt

other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

This two story limestone building, was constructed in 1868 as a Dry Goods and Clothing store for Christian Kucheman and J.H. Hinke. The original building measured 30'x75', with the narrow end of the rectangle facing Second Street, the flat roof sloping gently to the rear. Sometime between 1902 and 1914 an addition of approximately 50' was made to the west end of the building. Since it sets on a corner lot, the building has both a primary and a secondary facade. The primary facade is four bays wide, with segmental arched windows at the second floor level having very simple stone hoodmolds. The street level facade has been altered with new materials, and the entrance offset to the left side. A stone cornice with arched metal pediment is located at the top of this east elevation. Fenestration on the secondary facade is segmental arched on the early 20th century portion, but the doors and windows on the original part of the south elevation have limestone sills and lintels. The stonework on this building is similar to that seen on the other commercial buildings: stone blocks of varying size (eight inches being common) laid in courses, dressed stone used for the sills, lintels, watertable, and hoodmolds, and stone piers defining the storefront proper. In this case, only the two corner piers survived the remodeling.

This building is located on the northwest corner of State and Second streets, a major intersection in Bellevue. While Riverview (Water/Front) Street was an important commercial street for river traffic and services, Second Street (one block west) appears to have been the important commercial street for everyday local business activity. The railroad runs down the middle of Second Street, but in no way hampers businesses. A review of Sanborn maps shows a variety of businesses, from dry goods to hotels, to lumberyards and creameries, were located along Second. It continues to be an important part of the business district.

See continuation sheet

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

1868

Significant Dates

1868

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.

This building is significant under Criterion C as a good example of a commercial building executed in limestone.

217 limestone buildings and structures were recorded in Jackson County, including twenty commercial buildings. These commercial buildings appear to have been constructed between c.1850 and c.1870, with the majority (thirteen) located in the town of Bellevue. Bellevue was surveyed and platted in 1835, though land sales did not actually take place until 1844. The community served as the first county seat, and was a major trading center due to riverboat traffic. Some of the earliest commercial buildings in the county are located in Bellevue.

This is the only limestone commercial building in Bellevue for which an absolute date of construction has been determined (1868), and it appears to have been one of the last limestone commercial buildings constructed in the community. While the general size and shape of the building, and stonework technique used, are similar to the other stone buildings in the business district, there is one element of this building which is different. It is the only one of the limestone buildings to feature segmental arched windows. This indicated a somewhat later construction date even before it was determined through research. We also have a better idea of the uses of this building over the years, on both levels. It is known that it was built and used for the Kucheman & Son store. In addition, Sanborn maps show the second floor to have been used as an Opera Hall. Historic photographs, advertisements, and articles on Bellevue history, all identify this building as the site of City Hall on the second floor. Exactly how long it was used for this purpose has not been determined, but it appears to have been for several decades.

This building retains a high level of integrity and is representative of the widespread use of limestone as a building material in this part of Jackson County. In 1870, just two years after this building was constructed, the U.S. census listed sixty-three masons in Jackson County, forty-six of whom were stone masons.

See continuation sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

Atlas & Plat Book of Jackson County, Iowa. 1893; 1913.
History of Jackson County, Iowa. 1879; 1897.
Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, 1885, 1894, 1902, 1914, 1928.
Kucheman & Son Outfitters. Our Golden Anniversary. 1920.
Historic photographs, Bellevue Public Library, Jackson County Historical Society Library.

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 # _____

See continuation sheet

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

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Zone Easting Northing

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See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

City of Bellevue, Original Town, Block 7, Lot 188 (S 30').

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

This is the area historically associated with this resource.

See continuation sheet

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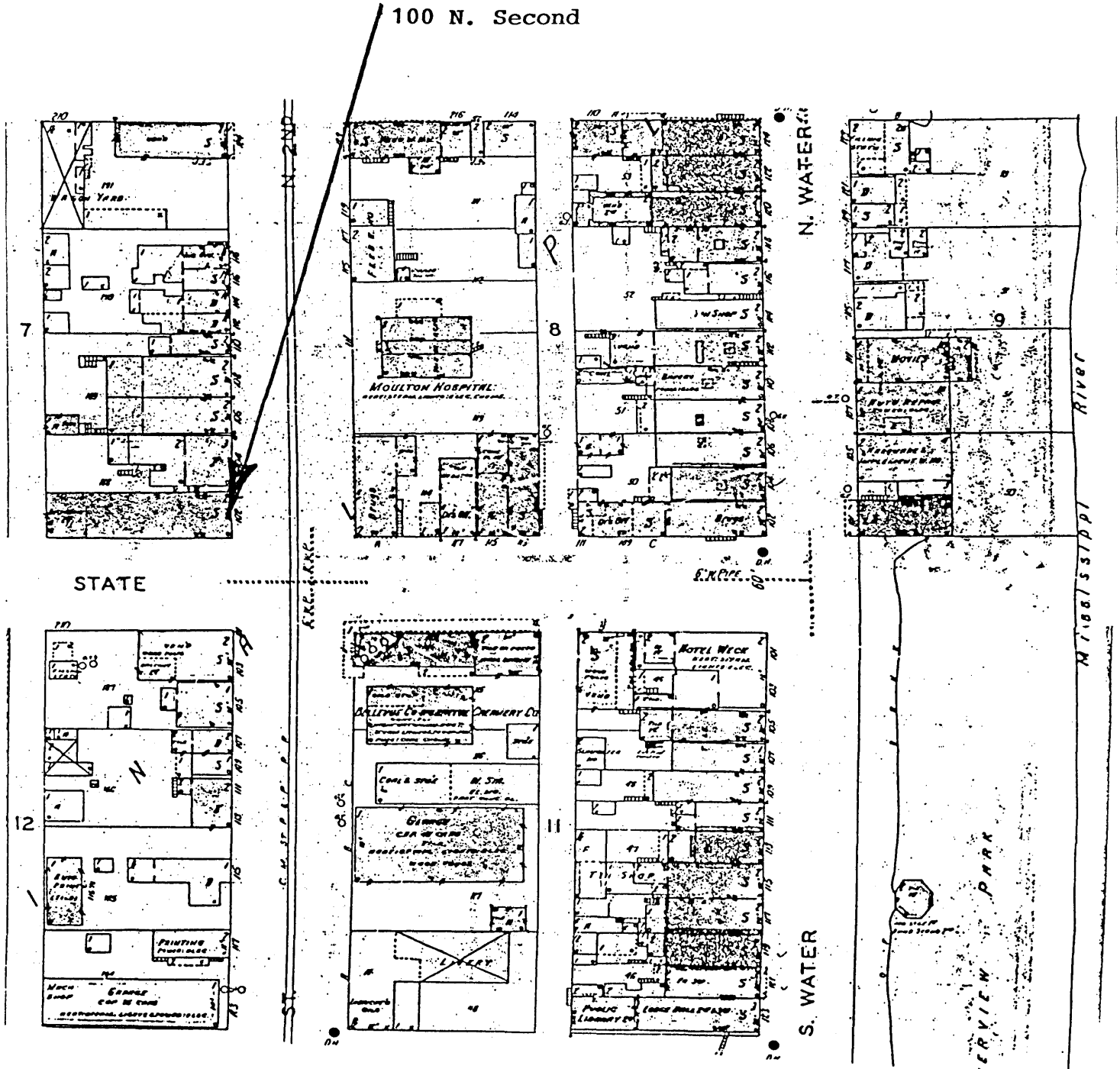
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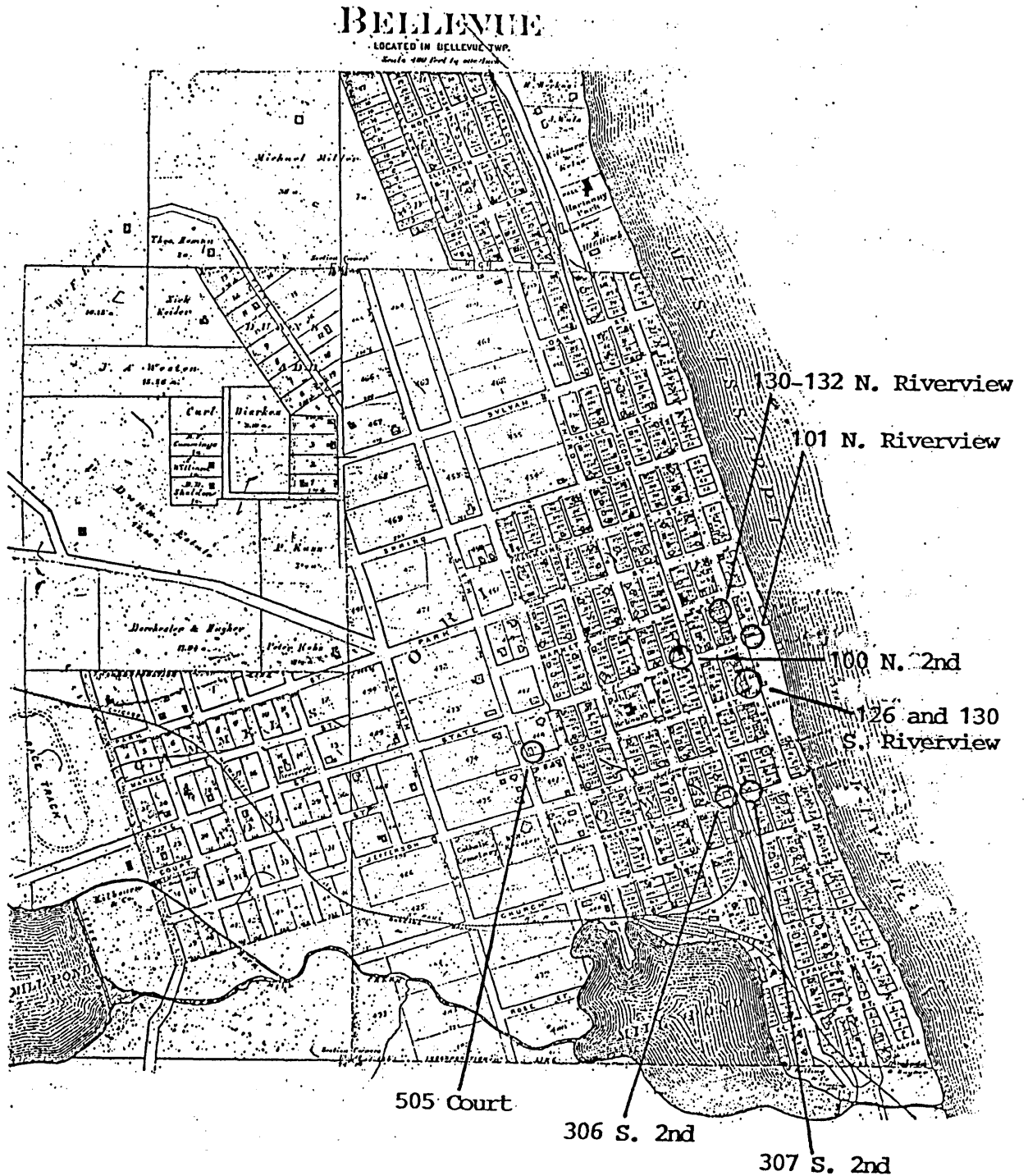


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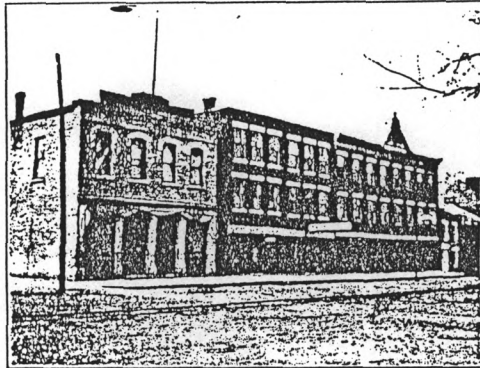
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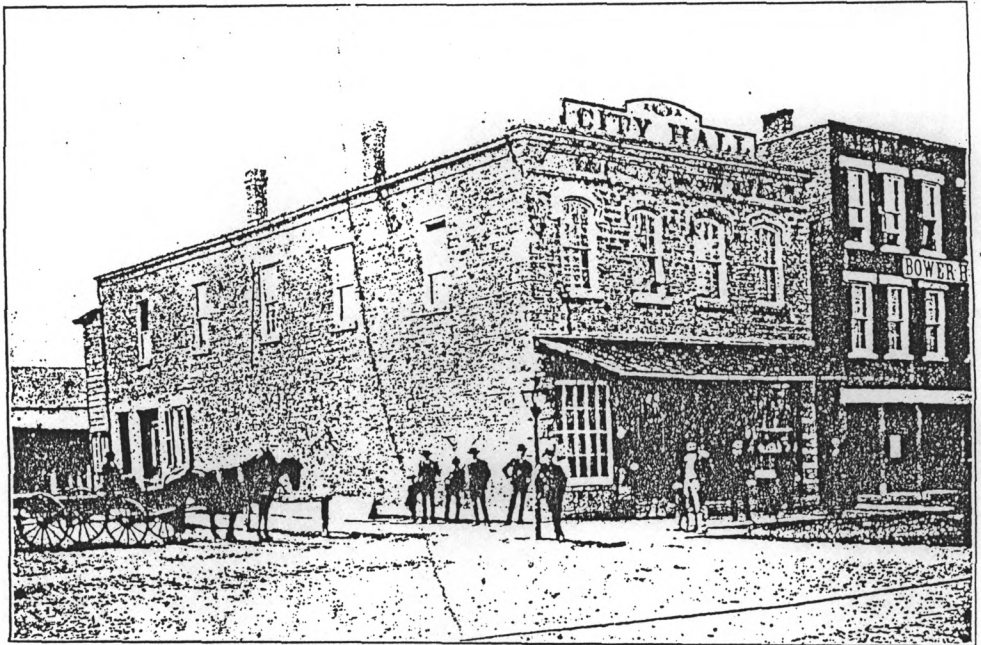
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The old store and the Bower House.



The old store. This picture was taken in the 70's.

Photographs from Our Golden Anniversary.

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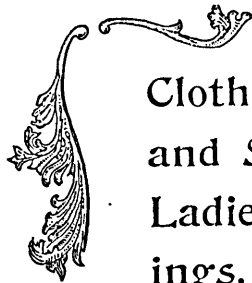
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