

Iowa Site Inventory

Office of Historic Preservation
Iowa State Historical Department
East 12th & Grand Avenue
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Site Number W - CO - W1.1
District Name Legacy In Stone TR
Map Reference # 75

Identification

1. Site Name White, Munger And Co. Store
2. Village/Town/City Winterset Township _____ County Madison
3. Street Address 102 W. Court
4. Legal Location Winterset 23 Lot 1 E1/2
Urban: subdivision block parcel subparcel
Rural: township range section 1/4 section of 1/4 section
(Map 3B)
5. UTM Location: zone 15 easting 415,110 northing 4,576,150; Acreage less than one acre
6. Owner(s) Name Farm Bureau - Madison County Agency
7. Owner(s) Address 102 W. Court Winterset IA 50273
(Street address) (City) (State) (Zip)
8. Use: Present Commercial Original Commercial

Description

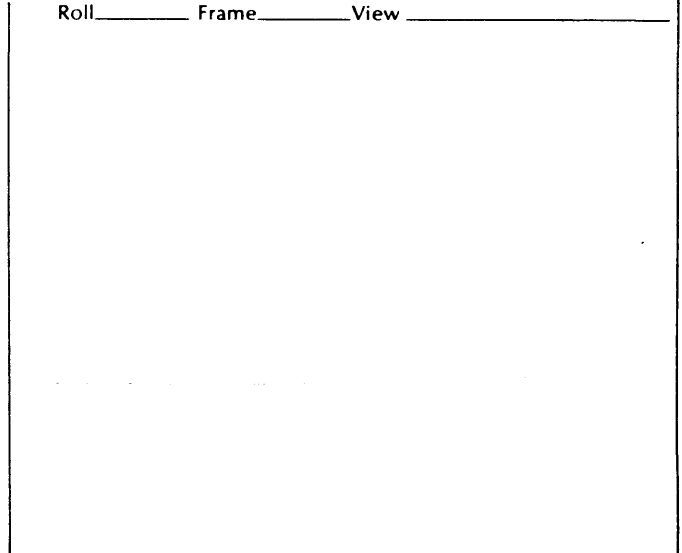
9. Date of Construction 1861 Architect/Builder Evan V. Evans, contractor
10. Building Type:
 single-family dwelling industrial other institutional religious
 multiple-family dwelling educational public agricultural
 commercial
11. Exterior Walls: clapboard stone brick board and batten shingles stucco
 other Native limestone
12. Structural System: wood frame with interlocking joints wood frame with light members (balloon frame)
 masonry load-bearing walls iron frame steel frame with curtain walls reinforced concrete
 other _____
13. Condition: excellent good fair deteriorated
14. Integrity: original site moved—if so, when? _____
Notes on alterations, additions (with dates and architect, if known) and any other notable features of building and site:
Store front remodeled Parapet added very early
15. Related Outbuildings and Property: barn other farm structures carriage house garage privy
 other _____
16. Is the building endangered? no yes—if so, why? _____
17. Surroundings of the building: open land woodland scattered outbuildings densely built-up commercial
 industrial residential other _____

18. Map



19. Photo

Roll _____ Frame _____ View _____



SIGNIFICANCE

20. Architectural Significance

--a. Key structure/individually may qualify for the National Register

--b. Contributing structure _____

Theme(s): Vernacular Architecture

Subtheme(s): Function: Commercial

The White, Munger, and Co. Store is an early example of a vernacular commercial building constructed of limestone. It is one of three extant two story linear rectangle store buildings. The most notable feature is a false front added to conceal the gable roof. This front includes a parapet with stone cornice, cornice return and stone brackets.

The 22'6" x 50' two story gabled store is constructed of locally quarried ashlar and rubble limestone. The north facade next to the sidewalk and diagonally across the street from the courthouse has a renovated storefront at ground level. There are three second story windows. The east facade adjacent to the sidewalk and across the street from the side of the Sprague, Brown, and Knowlton Store has three windows toward the back of the second story level. There are first floor windows below the two back windows and one near the front of the store. There are four small basement windows. The south facade has a door on the left of the second story and a window on the right. The first floor has a new large window. There is another store building immediately adjacent to the west facade.

The main facade is constructed of ashlar finished with a tool with a small round end. Stonework is coursed with random bond and close joints. There is a protruding water table across the main facade with a rubble foundation below it. Quoins and jambs are of the same stone as the facade. The other facades are constructed of random tooled and quarry faced rubble. They are roughly coursed with random bond and repointed joints. Quoins and jambs are of finished cut quarry faced stone. Lintels are dimension stone with smooth edges, margin lines and vermiculated face in the center. Protruding sills are smooth dimension stone. Windows are not splayed. The entrance on the main facade has two stone steps; the water table serves as a third. The main facade has a stone parapet added to conceal the gable and perhaps to mimic the facade the Sprague, Brown, and Knowlton Store. The parapet has a stone cornice and cornice return supported by four stone brackets one between the windows and at each corner. A stone hump above the parapet conceals the gable peak. There is also a cornice across the facade at the top of the first story.

21. Historical Significance

--a. Key structure/individually may qualify for the National Register

--b. Contributing Structure _____

Theme(s): Early Settlement

Evan V. Evans purchased the land on which the store is built from Albert West in 1861. In his 1869 History, Davies states that E. W. Evans built the stone store house occupied by Munger and White. White, Munger, and Co. operated a Woolen Mill east of town. This is the store associated with their business.

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22. Sources

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