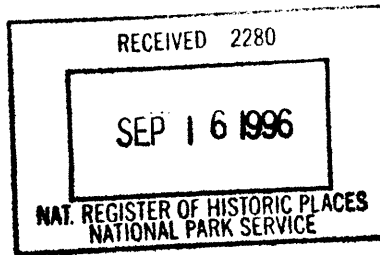


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National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

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 Goedert Meat Market

other names/site number Main Street Mall

2. Location

street & number 322 Main Street N/A  not for publication

city or town McGregor N/A  vicinity

state Iowa code IA county Clayton code 043 zip code 52157

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.)

Kathleen Oberlin DSMPO 9-12-96  
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): \_\_\_\_\_

Edson H. Beall 10-16-96  
Signature of Use Keeper Date of Action

Goedert Meat Market  
Name of Property

Clayton, Iowa  
County and State

**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property**  
(Check as many boxes as apply)

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

**Category of Property**  
(Check only one box)

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

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

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	0	buildings
0	0	sites
0	0	structures
0	0	objects
1	0	Total

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

N/A

**Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register**

0

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Commerce/Trade

Domestic

**Current Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Commerce/Trade

Domestic

**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Late Victorian

Italianate

**Materials**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Limestone

walls Brick

Wood

roof Asphalt

other Rubber

Metal

**Narrative Description**

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

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

1889

Significant Dates

1889

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

NA

Cultural Affiliation

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:

Goedert Meat Market

Name of Property

Clayton, Iowa

County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property less than one acre

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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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

name/title Barbara N. Corson

organization date May 31, 1996

street & number 3397 Mount Vernon Drive telephone 319-233-0448

city or town Waterloo state Iowa zip code 50701

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.)

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## Narrative Description

The former Goedert Meat Market building is now an antique store providing thirteen units for dealers in antiques and collectibles. The second floor of the two-story building serves as a residence as it always has. The building, which is at 322 Main Street, sits on Lot 5 and two feet of Lot 6, Block 7 of the James MacGregor Addition, McGregor, Iowa. Lots in that block are 50' by 100' beginning at the sidewalk in front and ending at the drainage canal in the back. The building itself is 98' long taking up almost the entire length of the lot except for a two foot walkway at the back. It is situated in the middle of a block containing the public library, several commerce/trade buildings and a private residence.

The building sits on a limestone foundation. The front 42' of the building is 25' wide and constructed of brick. The brick was supplied by Geo. H. Jenkins, Manufacturer of Common and Repressed Redbrick, who lived in McGregor in 1885 but by 1895 had moved to Monona, the site of his brickworks. The brick was shipped by railroad from Monona to Marquette then by wagon to the building site. Mr. Jenkins advertised free delivery to McGregor. The brick cost \$6.00 per thousand for lots of 100,000 or more and \$6.50 for lots under 100,000. The majority of the brick used are 8" X 2" X 4" laid in a common bond pattern. They are not uniform in color ranging from red with an orange cast to red with a purple cast. The windows and doors in this section are topped with a curved wood lintels. On the first floor the lintels over the doors and windows have two curved rows of bricks over them. On the second floor above the door are two rows of brick and the windows have one.

The next 28' section going toward the back of the building is also 25' wide but of wood construction. The first floor has horizontal wood boards while the second floor has vertical. At one time a narrow porch existed on the west side of this section of the second floor with one of two outside staircases leading to it. The porch was later enclosed and incorporated into a large unfinished room at the back of the second floor. The outside staircase was removed. An asphalt-shingled, gabled roof tops these first two parts of the building.

The back 30' of the building is also of wood construction but is 49' wide. This back part of the building is one story with a shed roof which slopes to the back. Slaughtering was done in this back part of the building. The oversized bifold doors are still in place at the end of the drive that runs down the east side of the building and has been incorporated into the present courtyard. A room in the northwest corner was used for rendering lard and making sausage.

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## Narrative Description (continued)

The shape of the building forms an upside down L with a brick courtyard filling in the space to form a rectangle. The courtyard is laid over what was once the driveway and unloading area for farmers bringing livestock to the meat market for processing. It still provides for vehicle access to the garage. The brick courtyard is laid in the herringbone pattern with Purrington Paver bricks taken from the streets of Chicago. This courtyard was laid during a refurbishing of the property in 1976 and interspersed with landscape islands. At that time the other outside staircase which went up along the front of the building on the east side was removed and replaced with an iron spiral staircase.

One of the distinctive exterior features of the building is its ornate cast-iron storefront made by the Mesker Bros. Front Builders of St. Louis, Missouri. It was purchased by John Goedert then proprietor of Central Meat Market who advertised "Fresh, Salt & Smoked Meats Constantly on Hand - Game & Poultry of All Kinds in Their Season - Highest Price Paid for Hides, Pelts, Tallow and Livestock - Shipping a Specialty." He bought it to enhance his new building and his claim to have the "finest meats west of New York." The Italianate design of the elaborate, cast-iron storefront forms a squared facade in front of the gabled roof. Although it is unusual, it does seem most likely that the storefront was attached to the gable-roofed building at the time of its construction. A picture of the 300 block of McGregor taken around 1876 shows a vacant lot where the building stands. A great grandson, Jack Burke, a retired attorney living in St. Paul, Minnesota, is quite adamant that John Goedert built the building about 1890. Mr. Burke recently made it possible now to have the letters for JOHN GOEDERT made and re-installed at the top of the storefront. The storefront is the only cast-iron storefront in McGregor, although there are a number of other gable-roofed fronted buildings, three in the same block.

Because the building was built as a meat market, the first section served as a store. It has wainscotted walls and ceiling and two large front windows, one on either side of a center door. The middle section has walls constructed of tile which helped keep the hanging meat at a cool temperature. In 1976 this middle section was remodeled into an apartment and law offices for Tom Miller, the present attorney general for the State of Iowa. This section has since been readapted for commercial use. The back part where sausage was made is a part of the present store. The slaughtering area serves as a large garage and storage area.

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### Narrative Description (continued)

The second floor contains five good-sized finished rooms plus two bathrooms. It appears as if the bathrooms were taken from what was formerly a sixth room. The function of the rooms may have changed from time to time but the location and arrangements seems unchanged. The woodwork is intact and was most likely milled at a sawmill in Marquette which was responsible for much of the woodwork in the McGregor/Marquette area. Across the back of the second floor is a large unfinished room which now includes the small second-story porch.

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## Statement of Significance

The former Goedert Meat Market building is eligible under Criterion C for several reasons. The building is a good example of Italianate influenced commercial design and contains the only complete cast-iron storefront in McGregor. Its elaborate cast-iron storefront was made by the Mesker Bros. Front Builders of St. Louis, Missouri. The building is representative of those built when all aspects of the meat business from slaughter to processing to sales could be, and often were, housed in one building. It is also typical of a time when shopkeepers lived in close proximity to, in this case above, their shops, as did John Goedert.

Although gable-fronted commercial buildings, especially those built of brick, are more typical of pre-Civil War construction in Iowa, there are four brick gable-fronted buildings in the 300 block of McGregor, this building being one of them, that apparently were built in the late 1800's and early 1900's. At least three of these do not appear in the circa 1876 picture. There are no buildings on these three sites. The building on the fourth site does not appear to be the building presently located there. Two of the other brick gable-fronted buildings are presently owned by the same person. He has determined 1902 to be the construction date for one of them. It was constructed with the gable roof. While the majority of brick commercial buildings in McGregor have flat roofs, the brick buildings in the 300 block have gabled roofs except for one.

The land on which the Goedert Meat Market was built is a part of the James MacGregor, Jr. addition in McGregor, Iowa. James MacGregor, Jr. was a brother to the founder of McGregor, Alexander MacGregor. For many years the MacGregor brothers were involved in lawsuits over the ownership of properties Alexander MacGregor had purchased for his brother, James. Consequently, clear titles to the land were difficult to obtain for a number of years. In January, 1889, John Goedert purchased Lot 5 of Block 7 of the James MacGregor, Jr. addition for his meat market and shortly thereafter began construction of the building. In the following year, he purchased Lot 6 of Block 7. Two feet of Lot 6 still belong with the property on which the building sits.

Early in the 1890's John Goedert purchased the Italianate cast-iron storefront, which makes the building so distinctive, from the Mesker Bros. Front Builders of St. Louis, Missouri, a city noted for its waterfront buildings with cast-iron fronts. The cast-iron storefront was developed by James Bogardus, a builder, in the 1840's. By the 1850's foundries were turning out the prefabricated parts which were assembled at the building site. The iron fronts had commercial value because they required



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## Statement of Significance (continued)

a minimum of maintenance. They were considered by some to be superior to brownstone which flaked and eroded and marble which stained and became discolored. The storefront on the Goedert Meat Market was patented October 4, 1887, by Mesker Bros. who were also responsible for many of the St. Louis cast-iron fronted buildings. It was shipped up the Mississippi River from St. Louis to McGregor by barge.

Shortly after establishing the business, John Goedert formed a partnership with H. F. Renziehausen which lasted until 1900 when John Goedert sold the business to J. J. Burke his son-in-law who had married Mildred, John Goedert's oldest daughter. Burke remained in partnership with Renziehausen for one year then sold his half of the business back to his father-in-law. In 1903 Goedert sold his half of the business to Renziehausen making him sole owner.

In 1927 Edward L. Bergman purchased the building and moved his meat market to that location. Bergman came from a well-established McGregor family known to be in the meat business in McGregor as early as 1856. Edward's father and uncle, Albert E. Bergman and Frank C. Bergman, owners of the Bergman Bros. Pioneer Meat Market, were responsible for building a stately Queen Ann side-by-side brick duplex in 1885 and 1886. It is located in the 600 block of Main Street. Bergman lost the business during the Depression and the building was ultimately sold at a sheriff's auction.

John E. Corlett, a member of another long-time McGregor family, purchased the building in 1944. He operated a second-hand store, Trash and Treasures, in the building for a number of years. Like previous owners he housed his family in the second-floor living quarters.

In 1972 John Culver, congressman for the second district of Iowa, purchased the building in anticipation of making a run for the senate in 1974. His expectation of making the building his northeast Iowa office never fully materialized even though his candidacy was successful. In 1975 Senator Culver began the process of cleaning, refurbishing and restoring the building. He had hoped to complete the project in time for the 3i-centennial. The exterior was cleaned, the brick tuckpointed, and the storefront and wood parts of the building painted. Senator Culver arranged for the installation of the brick courtyard paved with Purrington Paver bricks from the streets of Chicago and age appropriate to the building. The bricks are laid in the same herringbone pattern as those at the Villa Louis in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin. The interior walls in the storefront were stripped down to the wainscotted wood. New plumbing, wiring, and heating systems were installed. The clay tile walls in the part of the building used for processing were preserved as was some of the overhead tracking.

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## Verbal Boundary Description

Lot 5 and 2' of Lot 6 Block 7, James MacGregor, Jr. addition, McGregor, Iowa

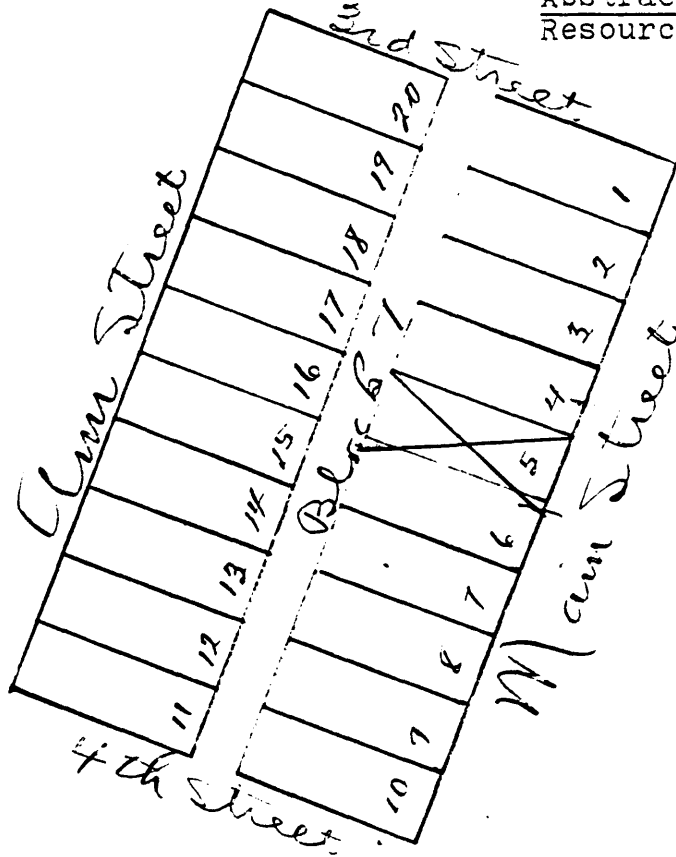
## Boundary Justification

The nominated area includes that portion which has been historically associated with the Goedert Meat Market.

Plat of Block 7 of James McGregor  
Jr's. Addition to the Town of  
McGregor, Clayton County, Iowa.

Dated September 3, 1860.  
Book 4 Plats page 140.

Abstract of Title  
Resource



Description of Plat gives size of Lots as 50 by 100 feet.

Plat certified to by Sanford L. Peck, Surveyor.

Plat acknowledged by James MacGregor, Junior, as owner of  
land in Plat.

Approval of the County Judge of Clayton County, Iowa, affixed  
to Plat.

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WARRANTY DEED.

James MacGregor Jr.  
to  
Amos Pearsall and  
George Church.

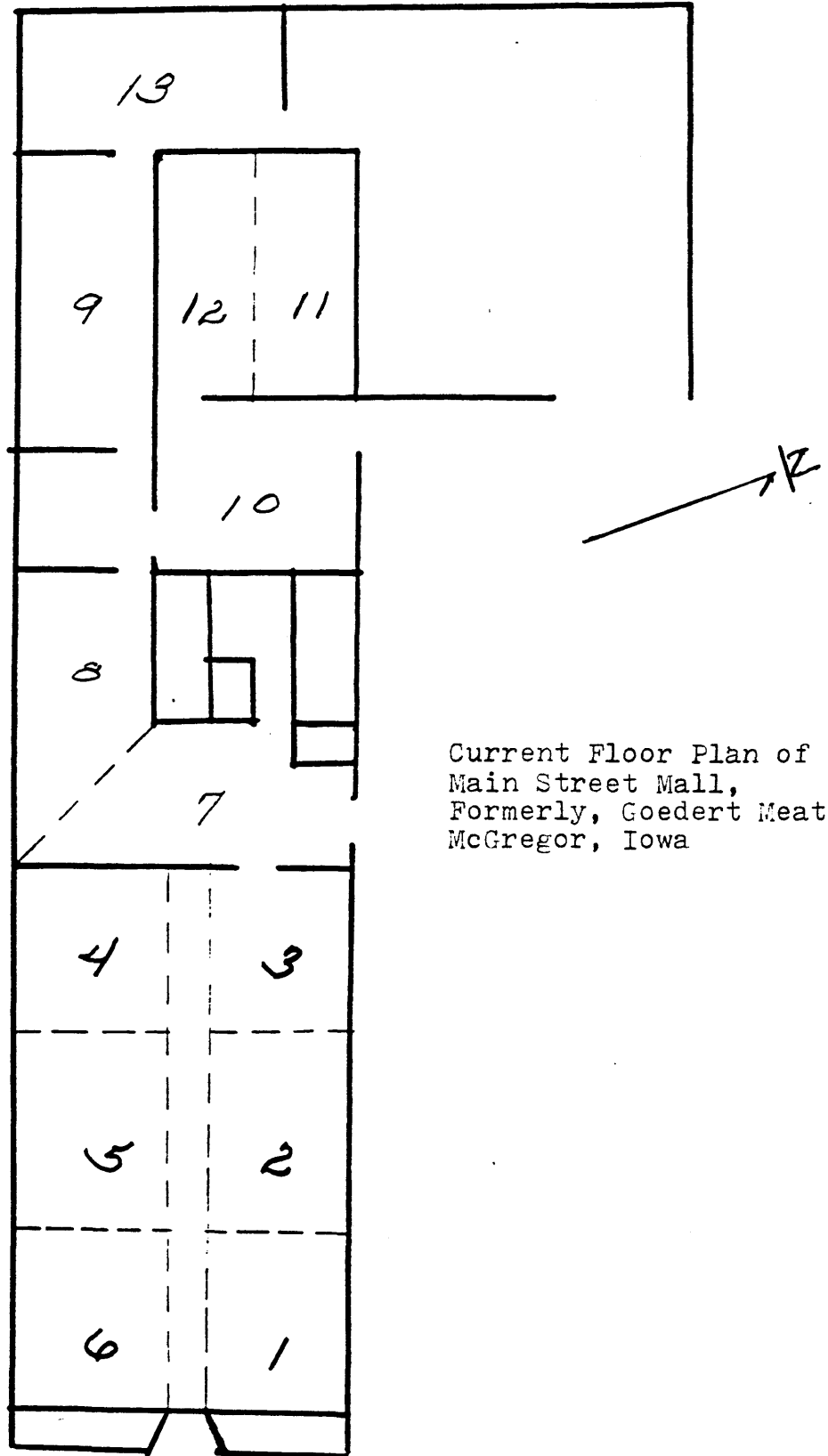
Dated March 22, 1862.  
Acknowledged March 22, 1862.  
Filed August 4, 1862.  
Consideration \$1350.00.  
Book 4 Deeds page 565.

Conveys:--Lot 5 in Block 7 of James McGregor Jr's. Addition  
to Town of McGregor, and other.

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WARRANTY DEED.

Amos Pearsall,  
Amelia Pearsall and

Dated April 10, 1866.  
Acknowledged April 10, 1866.



Current Floor Plan of  
Main Street Mall,  
Formerly, Goedert Meat Market  
McGregor, Iowa