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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Requested Action:

Property Name:

Multiple Name:

State & County:

Date Received: 1/31/2019      Date of Pending List: 2/12/2019      Date of 16th Day: 2/27/2019      Date of 45th Day: 3/18/2019      Date of Weekly List:

Reference number:

Nominator:

Reason For Review:

Accept       Return       Reject      3/7/2019 Date

Abstract/Summary Comments:

Recommendation/ Criteria

Reviewer  Control Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Discipline \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Date 3/7/19

DOCUMENTATION: see attached comments : No      see attached SLR : No

If a nomination is returned to the nomination authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the National Park Service.



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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" on the appropriate line 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 BURNSTEIN/MALIN GROCERY  
other names/site number Malin's Kosher Delicatessen, Pickle Barrel Delicatessen, The Pickle Barrel

2. Location

street & number 1241 6th Avenue N/A not for publication  
city or town Des Moines N/A vicinity  
state Iowa code IA county Polk code 153 zip code 50314

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.)  
Patricia Christy DSHP 9-14-98  
Signature of certifying official/Title 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 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 Signature of Keeper Date of Action 10/22/98

Burnstein/Malin Grocery  
Name of Property

Polk County, Iowa  
County and State

**5. Classification**

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

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

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

- 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
		sites
		structures
		objects
1	0	Total

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

Towards a Greater Des Moines (Amended 1997)

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

0

**6. Function or Use**

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

DOMESTIC/single dwelling  
COMMERCE/TRADE/specialty store

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

VACANT/NOT IN USE

**7. Description**

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

N/A

**Materials**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Concrete  
walls Wood  
Brick  
roof Asphalt  
other Glass

**Narrative Description**

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

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Burnstein/Malin Grocery, Polk County, Iowa.

### GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The Burnstein/Malin Grocery is a two-unit, multiple-purpose commercial building, whose name reflects the historical importance of the building.

One of the units is a house, which Frank W. Whitcomb had constructed circa 1893 as a 2-1/2-story, wood, single-family dwelling. This house was later converted into the Burnstein Grocery.

The second unit is situated in front of this building. It is a 1-story masonry load-bearing wall building constructed in 1940, when the property was enlarged as the Malin Grocery. Both of these units share a common wall and internal access. The units worked together historically with the grocery store in the front and the proprietors' residential quarters for at the rear.

The integrity of this building is very good. The surrounding neighborhood is classified by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development as "slum blight."

### UNIT 1

The first unit sits approximately 31 feet from the public pedestrian walk adjacent to 6th Avenue. Of balloon frame construction, this it is now clad with asphalt (sometimes called Inselbrick) siding and rests on a brick foundation.

The main block of this unit measures approximately 27' x 29'. It is covered with a front gable roof and a side gable roof, both of which intersect a hip roof. The side gable roof covers a 2-story bay window on the south. This roof system is covered with asphalt shingles.

A rear wing is situated behind the main block. One-story in height, it is covered with a hip roof and measures approximately 10' x 23'. A small enclosure projects behind this wing. Covered with a shed roof, it measures 7' x 7'. It is used as an entry from the rear of the house.

Fenestration is mostly 1/1 double-hung sash, although a few other configurations exist, such as a series of three windows on the first floor of the south elevation.

A brick chimney is centrally situated slightly east of the intersection of the hip roof and side gable.

On the interior, this unit features hardwood floors on the first and second floors. The first floor walls are now drywall, while the second floor walls retain plaster finishes. The house possesses a full basement, with a concrete floor and unfinished walls.

It can only be conjectured what alterations the Burnsteins made to the interior of the Whitcomb House. The Malins, however, removed the exterior wall from the front room of the house to connect that room with the new storeroom they built.

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Although some windows in the house have been covered over with plywood, original fenestration materials remain intact underneath. Overall, the condition of the house is fair.

**UNIT 2**

This is a 1-story masonry building, whose footprint measures approximately 19' x 27'. It is situated directly adjacent to the public pedestrian walk on 6th Avenue. The rear of the store abuts the facade of the house as described above.

The storefront of this building features a symmetrically designed facade. A front entrance is centrally located and features an inward-canted doorway flanked on each side by plate glass windows. Other fenestration is restricted to small windows set high in the south elevation.

A parapet surrounds the store and a brick chimney is situated about six feet from the rear of the building along the south elevation. The store has no basement. The building presumably rests on a concrete slab and footings.

On the interior, the store features one room with a concrete floor now covered with asphalt tile and carpeting. The walls feature plaster finishes. The rear of the store is open into one room of the house.

**SITE**

This building is situated on a parcel of land formed by the north 12.5 feet of Lot 56 and the south one-half of Lot 57 in Grand Park. Grand Park is an addition to Des Moines. The overall size of this composite parcel measures 37.5' x 130'.

The immediate site is densely built-up. A parking lot, paved in concrete, is situated immediately south of the Burnstein/Malin Grocery. "The New Lawn," an apartment building listed on the National Register of Historic Places and located at 1245 6th Avenue, stands within a few feet of the Burnstein/Malin Grocery to the north. The Burnstein/Malin Grocery is sited on the east side of 6th Avenue and faces west. An ancillary building, shown on a 1920 fire insurance map and located at the rear of the property, is nonextant. (See Continuation Sheet 7-5.)

The frontage of this parcel of land is generally level in topography along its north-south axis but on its east slopes quickly into the floodplain of the Des Moines River situated three blocks away.

The facade of the Burnstein/Malin Grocery abuts the public pedestrian walk in front of the building. In this regard, the store's setback generally conforms with other improvements along this city block. The setback of the Whitcomb House, about 27 feet to the rear of the pedestrian walk, provides an irregular note to this line of setback.

The visual impression of 6th Avenue all along this course is that of an area densely built. Although many single-family dwellings occupied this portion of 6th Avenue in the Nineteenth and early

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Twentieth Centuries, only a few remain. Most city lots have been redeveloped for commercial or multi-family purposes. As a four-lane artery into downtown Des Moines from the north, 6th Avenue carries heavy traffic. Land use to the west and to the east of the site remains residential, most of which is in single-family dwellings, with some having been converted into multiple-family.

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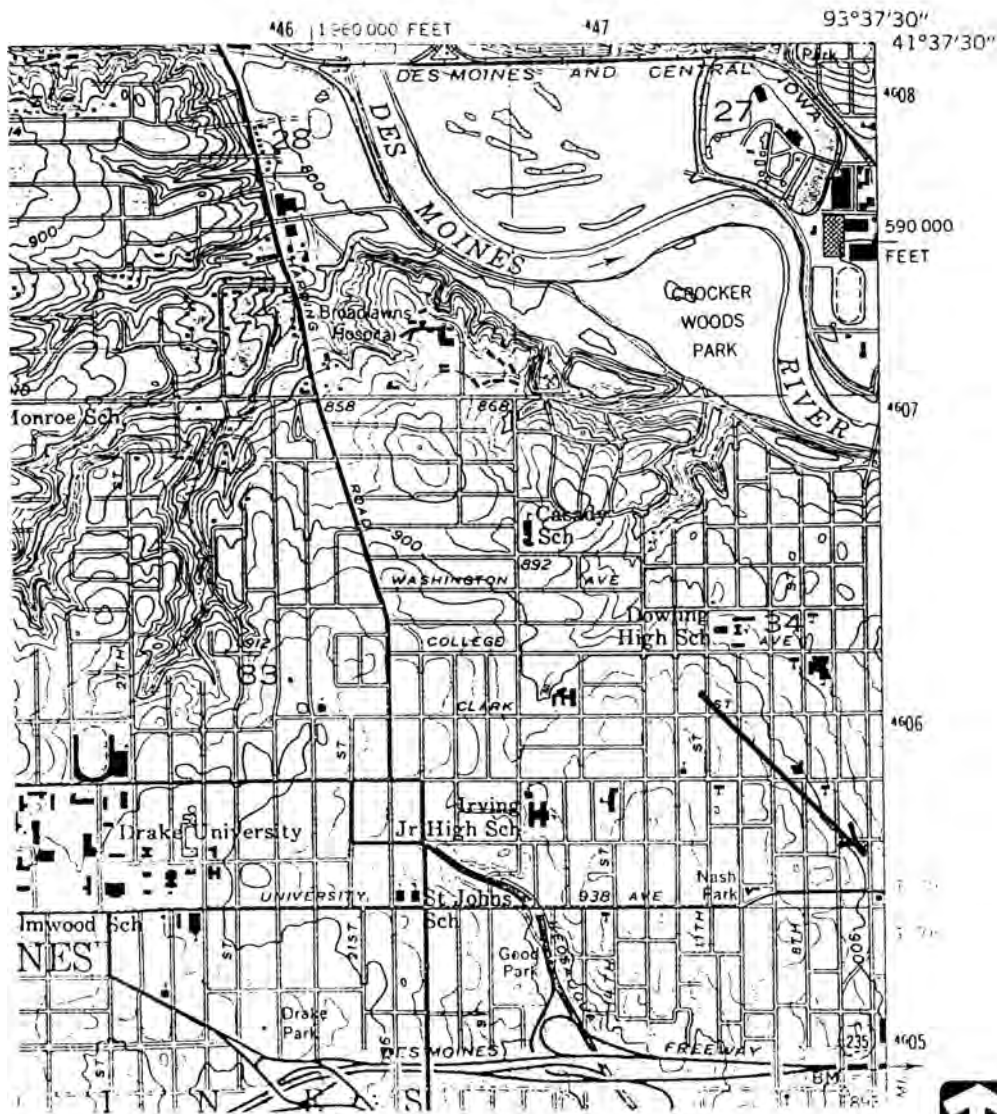
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## SITE MAP

ARROW LOCATES PROPERTY



Source: U.S.G.S. Map (7.5 Minute Series), Des Moines SW Quadrangle, 1956, Photorevised 1976.

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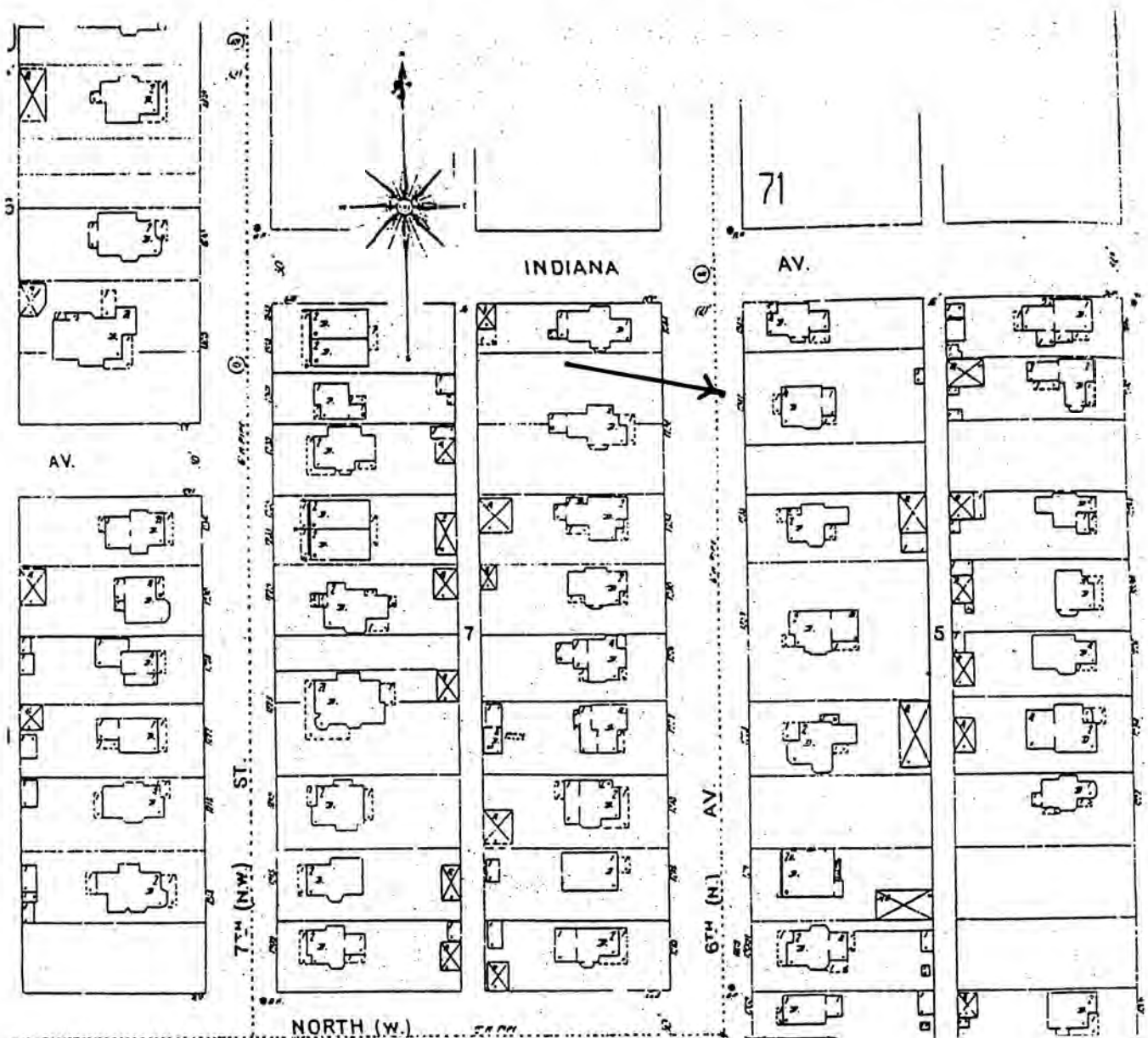
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## 1901 FIRE INSURANCE MAP

ARROW LOCATES HOUSE PRIOR TO COMMERCIAL IMPROVEMENT



Source: Sanborn Map Company, Des Moines, 1901, p. 67.





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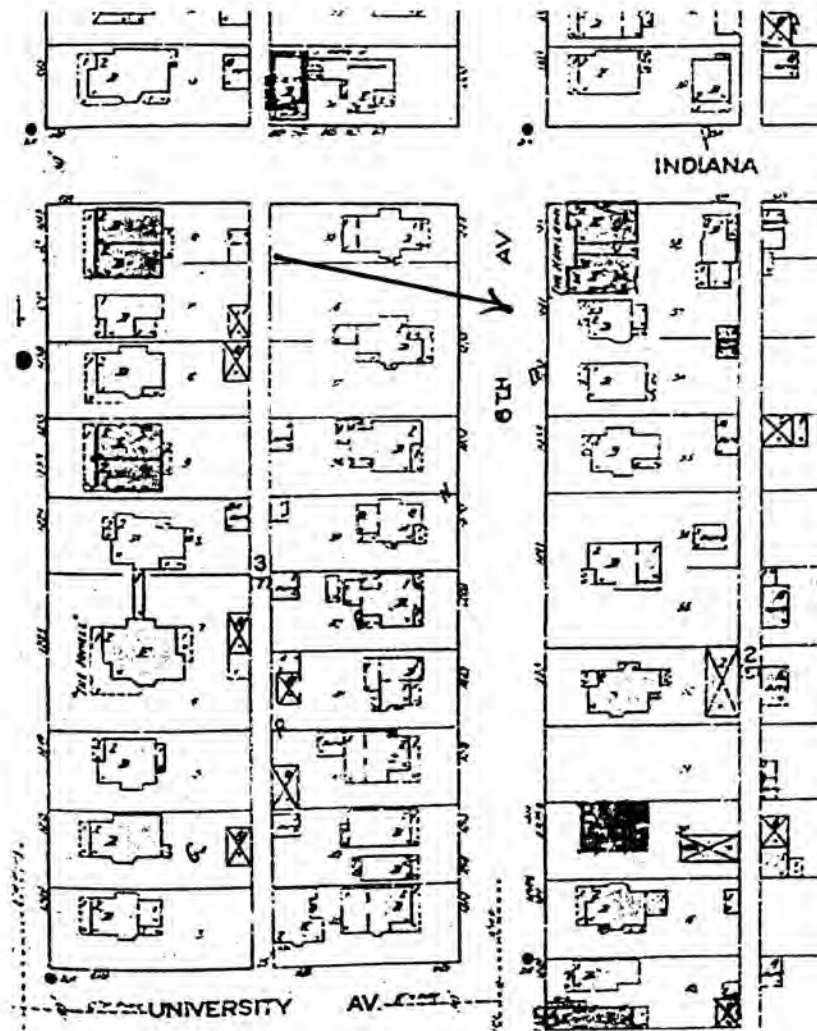
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## 1920 FIRE INSURANCE MAP

ARROW LOCATES SITE PRIOR TO COMMERCIAL IMPROVEMENT.

Compare this map with the 1901 fire insurance map.  
The site of the Whitcomb House has been reduced in size,  
facilitating the construction of "The "New Lawn" on the north and a single-family dwelling on the south.



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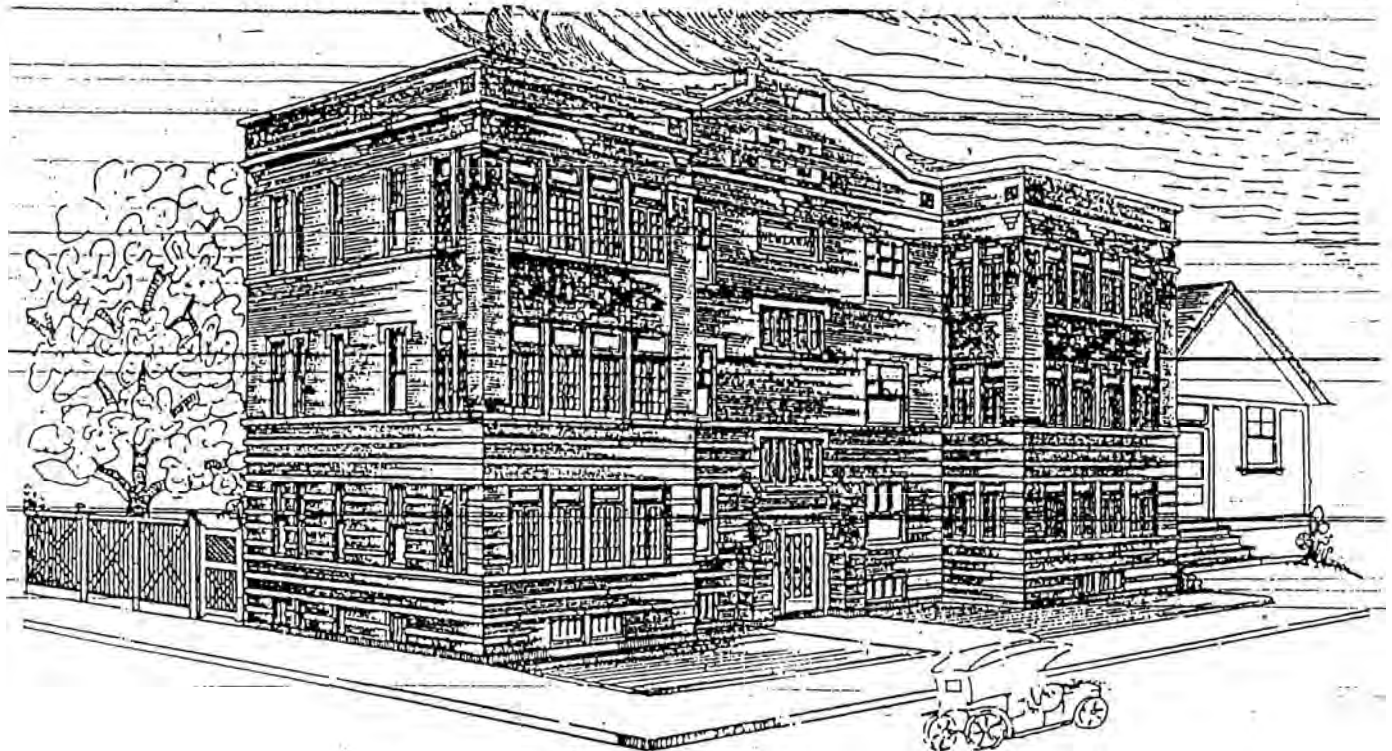
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## WHITCOMB HOUSE

DEPICTED IN 1915



New Lawn Apartments to Be Erected at West Sixth and Indiana Avenue



This drawing pictures the Whitcomb House to the right of the New Lawn.  
Although grossly lacking in scale and crude when compared with the professional drawing of the apartment building, it accurately depicts the near proximity of the two properties.

Source: *The [Des Moines] Register and Leader*, March 15, 1914.

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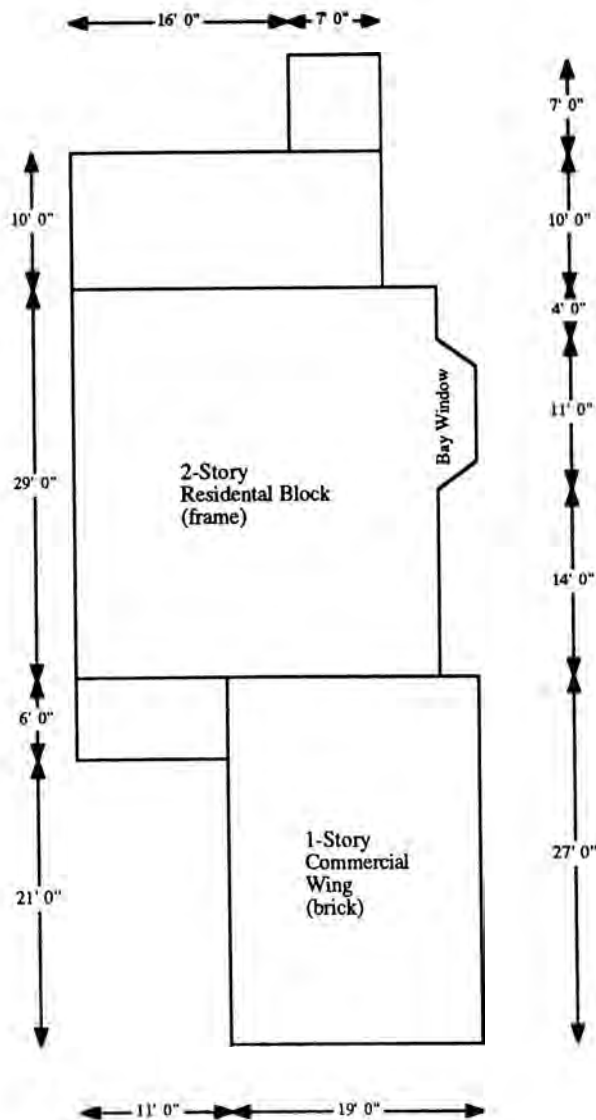
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## 1241 6TH AVENUE FOOTPRINT



Source: Des Moines City Assessor Office measurements.  
William C. Page, computer drawing.

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**8. Statement of Significance**

**Applicable National Register Criteria**

(Mark "x" on one or more lines 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" on all the lines 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)

COMMERCE  
ARCHITECTURE

**Period of Significance**

1923-1947

**Significant Dates**

1923  
1940

**Significant Person**

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

**Cultural Affiliation**

**Architect/Builder**

Unknown

**Narrative Statement of Significance** - (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets)

**9. Major Bibliography 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):**

- previous determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Record
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary location of additional data:**

- State Historical Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository

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### SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANCE

First constructed circa 1893 as a single-family dwelling for Frank W. Whitcomb, converted into commercial use as a grocery in 1923, and expanded in 1940 by the addition of a commercial room on its facade, the Burnstein/Malin Grocery is significant, locally under National Register Criterion A, as a surviving reminder from a bygone era of neighborhood business vitality, when numerous individual small commercial establishments were scattered among, and characterized, the community.

The Burnstein/Malin Grocery is also locally significant, under Criterion C, because it calls attention to the continued viability of an old architectural form/building type--the modified residence-specialty store. Located on a well-traveled streetcar line in a densely populated neighborhood, the core structure--a single-family dwelling--was expanded by the construction of an attached commercial unit in 1940 to retail groceries. Although the modified residence-specialty store was a highly-visible phenomenon along 6th Avenue from the 1930s through the 1950s, Burnstein/Malin Grocery is one of the two surviving examples of this architectural form along 6th Avenue in North Des Moines today.

The period of significance, under Criterion A, for Burnstein/Malin Grocery is 1923-1947, the period when this small commercial establishment flourished in North Des Moines. The period of significance, under Criterion C is 1923 and 1940, the years when the commercial units began and expanded.

The property contains one resource for this nomination--the building itself, which is contributing.

### NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCE

North Des Moines entered a period of transition in the second quarter of the Twentieth Century. Between 1920 and 1937, for example, the number of commercial establishments along 6th Avenue increased five-fold, from 10 to 53. The conversion of the Frank W. Whitcomb House from residential to commercial use illustrates this transition. (See Chapter I of the cover document.)

Although North Des Moines remained a popular residential section of the city between the two World Wars, it slowly changed from one of mostly single-family dwellings into increasingly one of multiple-family dwellings. Burnstein/Malin Grocery calls attention to an era of transition for North Des Moines. The modification of the Frank W. Whitcomb House into a commercial property illustrates a change in land use from residential to mixed residential-commercial along 6th Avenue. The Burnstein/Malin Grocery also illustrates the continuing economic vitality of the neighborhood during this period.

Most of North Des Moines had been built during the Victorian period. The Lowry Goode Boom of the late 1880s and early 1890s and the more restrained but nonetheless steady improvements of the pre-World War I years filled the plats of North Des Moines almost to the brim. Following the war, Americans settled in to enjoy "Normalcy" and experienced a high standard of living with new forms of entertainment, domestic amenities, services, and consumer products. The automobile accelerated its

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changes to the American way-of-life, which it had already begun, and the number of new cars and licensed drivers proliferated. In Des Moines the downtown continued to exert its dominant influence over urban life in the community, but North Des Moines remained a clearly-recognizable neighborhood where residents could obtain many of life's staples from commercial establishments like Scruby's Grocery Store. What residential construction occurred during the 1920s in North Des Moines was by way of in-fill.

The population density of the neighborhood continued to grow. Some new single-family dwellings were constructed on previously unimproved city lots, often in Period Revival architectural styles. Several highly-visible apartment buildings were constructed, like the Ayrshire Apartments and the Bailey Court Apartments. An emerging trend during the period was the conversion of many large, single-family dwellings into apartments, a phenomenon noted and criticized by city planner Harland Bartholomew in the 1930s. (See Chapter I in cover document.)

The growth of North Des Moines' population stimulated commerce. Already existing businesses, like Scruby's Grocery, continued to provide for the neighborhood's retail and service needs, and new businesses were established as well. New commercial construction in North Des Moines during the 1920s was generally limited to enterprises requiring specialized facilities. The automobile repair and body shop was a prime example of such a new demand. The 1930s and the nation's Great Depression effectively curtailed most new construction in North Des Moines, as elsewhere in the city. By the end of World War II, the initial wave of economic vitality in North Des Moines began to wane. A great wave of potential new homeowners, thwarted by the war's housing shortage, now looked to the city's outskirts, where tract housing provided new and attractive single-family dwellings. Many of these people had lived in rental properties downtown and in North Des Moines during the war years but purchased new houses in the new tracts as their financial situation allowed.

In 1932 Samuel and Ida Malin purchased the Frank W. Whitcomb House from Abram and Bell Burnstein. The Burnsteins had acquired the title of the property at 1241 6th Avenue in 1923. Previous to this, the Burnsteins had operated a grocery store at 128 East Locust Street (City Directory:1920:226). When they purchased the Whitcomb House, they converted it into a grocery business.

From 1932 to 1940, "Sam" Malin operated the grocery business from this house and lived on the premises with his family. In 1940, the Malins constructed the present commercial building on the site (City Assessor's Office) for a retail groceries and meat store. The Malins' business remained in operation at this site through the 1960s. During the late 1950s and early 1960s, Sam specialized his business, indicated by the new styling of its name: "Malin's Kosher Delicatessen" (City Directory 1962:499). He and his family continued to live on the site at the rear of the building (*Ibid.*). In the 1960s, the present owners purchased the building and operated the business until 1997.

Since about the 1960s, the number of businesses along 6th Avenue has declined. A number of commercial buildings are also presently vacant. In 1997, only about 30 commercial establishments remained along this corridor, either as functioning businesses or as vacant historic buildings. About six of these buildings have been constructed since World War II and an additional five of these

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buildings have been built within the last 15 years. These statistics, compared with those of 1924 and 1954, show that the Burnstein/Malin Grocery numbers among the few surviving commercial buildings dating from the first quarter of the Twentieth Century. (See Chapter I in cover document.)

### ARCHITECTURE

Burnstein/Malin Grocery is architecturally significant because it illustrates a new type of architecture emerging in urban centers of Iowa during the Twentieth Century--the modified residence-specialty store. In 1940, Samuel and Ida Malin constructed an attached commercial unit on the facade of the Frank W. Whitcomb House. This provided the Malins a store for their grocery business and a residence for their family. The modified residence-store emphasized practicality of design, and the Burnstein/Malin Grocery provides a good case study of this little studied architectural form.

### Background

In 1893, Frank W. Whitcomb purchased this parcel of land--containing the south one-half of Lot 57 and the north 12.5 feet of Lot 56--from the Grand Park Land Company (Book A2:221). Whitcomb proceeded to erect a new single-family dwelling on the site, the resource which remains extant today. During the 1890s, Whitcomb was employed as a salesman by the Ely Walker Dry Goods Company of Saint Louis, Missouri (City Directory 1899:744). Whitcomb and his wife continued living at this address until 1908, when they sold the property (Title Transfer Book 2B:221).

Later transfers of title to the property occurred with its purchase in 1923 by Abram and Bell Burnstein. The Burnsteins operated a grocery store at 123 East Locust Street (City Directory 1920:226). For a brief time, they operated a grocery store at 1241 6th Avenue in the early 1930s (City Directory 1932). Henry A. Luka, a dentist, also housed his practice at this site (*Ibid.*).

In 1932, the Burnsteins sold this property to Sam and Ida Malin. From this time, the Malins operated their grocery business from the site. Dr. Luka continued his practice here until about 1937.

### Form

Sam and Ida Malin's transformation of the Frank W. Whitcomb House into a modified residence-specialty store illustrates many characteristics of that form--the preferred location along a well-traveled streetcar line, the residential function of the core structure retained for the proprietor's use, construction of the store unit fronting the dwelling's facade, internal access between the two units, the commercial unit designed without architectural reference to the core structure, and the store unit directly abutting the public right-of-way.

The modified residence-store as an architectural form enjoyed popularity during the first half of the Twentieth Century. Municipal regulation became increasingly common in the Twentieth Century and

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cities in Iowa enacted zoning ordinances to regulate land use and building construction. In 1926, Des Moines enacted its first zoning ordinance. These regulations separated residential from commercial land uses. They also allowed commercial buildings to abut the public right-of-way. Following World War II, these regulations were revised. Now, a front yard setback of twenty-five feet from the right-of-way was required for commercial buildings. Although existing establishments--such as the Burnstein/Malin Grocery--were grandfathered under these revisions, these new regulations spelled the end for those modified residence-specialty stores whose conversions had included facade expansion. Today, few examples of this form remain in North Des Moines to illustrate this chapter in local history when neighborhood businesses fulfilled a vital need for nearby residents.

The modified residence-specialty store took several forms on 6th Avenue. In some instances, the commercial unit was attached to the residence, providing the proprietor, who often lived in the dwelling at the rear, convenient access to the shop. Samuel and Ida Malin chose this design. In other instances, the commercial unit was constructed at the front of the residence but disattached from it. The Jones Shoe Repair Shop at 1209 6th Avenue illustrates this configuration. (See Continuation Sheet 8-11 for an historic photograph.) Whatever design chosen, the modified residence-specialty store dramatically affected the streetscape. The historic photograph mentioned above clearly shows how they increased its visual density.

Two other examples of this architectural form--the Y-Not Grill at 1323 6th Avenue and the commercial building at 1540 6th Avenue--remained extant along that avenue in North Des Moines into the 1990s. Dating from circa 1947, the Y-Not Grill was razed in 1996. The other resource remains extant.

### PRESENT STATUS OF PROPERTY

Until January 1997, this building continued to serve a retail purpose as a well-patronized delicatessen, closely related to its original function as a food market. Known as the Pickle Barrel Deli, this business has ceased operations. The future of this building is uncertain.

### RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUTURE RESEARCH AND REGISTRATION

Further research is recommended concerning other modified residence-specialty stores in Des Moines and elsewhere in Iowa. Although never large in number, these resources illustrate a phenomenon, which occurred in many cities and towns across the state.

### POTENTIAL FOR HISTORICAL ARCHAEOLOGY

Although the site's potential for archaeological research is, as yet, unevaluated, there appears to be little in this regard. No known resources have stood on this site historically prior to the construction of the Frank W. Whitcomb House. Data associated with ancillary structures located on the site and shown on the 1901 fire insurance map might yield some information.



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### 6TH AVENUE MIXED LAND-USE

PHOTOGRAPHED DURING A WPA STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN 1938



This historic photograph clearly depicts the mixed land use along 6th Avenue in the 1930s. Higher land uses are transforming the street from single-family residential. A multiple-family dwelling, known as the University Apartments with the Walker Drug Company on the first floor, is shown on the far right. Jones' Shoe Repair Shop is located at 1209 in a disattached building fronting a small single-family dwelling, which itself may be serving now a commercial purpose. The 2-story residence at 1213 6th Avenue (on the left) remains the only improvement with a Victorian-era setback from the street.

Source: Paul Ashby Photographic Collection, State Historical Society of Iowa, Des Moines.

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**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

The north 12.5 feet of Lot 56 and the south one-half of Lot 57 in Grand Park in the City of Des Moines, Iowa.

**BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION**

The National Register boundary contains all land historically associated with this resource.

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Burnstein/Malin Grocery, Polk County, Iowa.

### **LIST OF PHOTOGRAPHS**

1. Burnstein/Malin Grocery  
1241 6th Avenue  
Des Moines, IA 50314  
Looking north northeast  
William C. Page, Photographer  
November 30, 1996
2. Burnstein/Malin Grocery  
1241 6th Avenue  
Des Moines, IA 50314  
Looking northeast  
William C. Page, Photographer  
June 2, 1997
3. Burnstein/Malin Grocery  
1241 6th Avenue  
Des Moines, IA 50314  
Looking north northwest  
William C. Page, Photographer  
June 2, 1997

Burnstein/Malin Grocery  
Name of Property

Polk County, 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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Zone Easting Northing

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**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 William C. Page, Public Historian; Joanne R. Walroth, Project Associate

organization River Bend Association, Inc. date February 20, 1997

street & number 520 East Sheridan Avenue telephone 515-243-5740; FAX 515-243-7285

city or town Des Moines state Iowa zip code 50313

**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.)

name Eli and Barbara Galinsky

street & number 4304 65 Street telephone 515-278-0162

city or town Des Moines state Iowa zip code 50322

**Paperwork Reduction Act Statement:** This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470 et seq.).

**Estimated Burden Statement:** Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Projects (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.



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THE PICKLE  
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BURNSTEIN/MAIN GROCERY  
POLK COUNTY, IA  
#1



SPEED  
LIMIT  
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BURNSTEIN / MAIN GROCERY  
POLK COUNTY, IA  
#2



DELIVERIES  
ONLY!

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Burnstein--Malin Grocery

MULTIPLE NAME: Towards a Greater Des Moines MPS

STATE & COUNTY: IOWA, Polk

DATE RECEIVED: 9/21/98                      DATE OF PENDING LIST: 10/06/98  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 10/22/98                  DATE OF 45TH DAY: 11/05/98  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 98001277

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N    DATA PROBLEM: N    LANDSCAPE: N    LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N  
OTHER: N    PDIL: N    PERIOD: N    PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N  
REQUEST: N    SAMPLE: N    SLR DRAFT: N    NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT     RETURN     REJECT    10/22/98 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

**Entered in the  
National Register**

RECOM./CRITERIA \_\_\_\_\_

REVIEWER \_\_\_\_\_ DISCIPLINE \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

# CLG NATIONAL REGISTER REVIEW FORM

CLG: City of Des Moines

Date of Public Meeting: January 21, 1998

Name of Property: Burnstein/Malin Grocery, 1241 6th Avenue

1. City of Des Moines Historic Preservation Commission:

- Recommendation of National Register Eligibility  
 Recommendation of National Register Ineligibility

Signature James S. Blackburn Date 2-4-98  
Chairman, Historic Preservation Commission

Reason(s) for Recommendation:

Historically and architecturally significant.

2. Mayor, City of Des Moines:

- Recommendation of National Register Eligibility  
 Recommendation of National Register Ineligibility

Signature Wesley A. Jurek Date 2-16-98  
Mayor, City of Des Moines

Reason(s) for Recommendation:

Historically and architecturally significant.

3. Professional Evaluation:

- Recommendation of National Register Eligibility  
 Recommendation of National Register Ineligibility

Signature Rowell J. Soike Date 3-2-98  
Name Historian Profession

Reason(s) for Recommendation:

Historically and architecturally significant.

RETURN TO: CLG, STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA, 600 E LOCUST, DES MOINES IA 50319-0290

DATE:

ASSIGNMENT:

FILE NO:

1988 PHOTOS FROM JAPPO FILES



1241 6th Ave

No longer extant.

Legend

- 📍 1241 6th Ave
- 📐 Untitled Polygon



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CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

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ADAM GREGG, LT. GOVERNOR

CHRIS KRAMER, ACTING DIRECTOR

December 18, 2018

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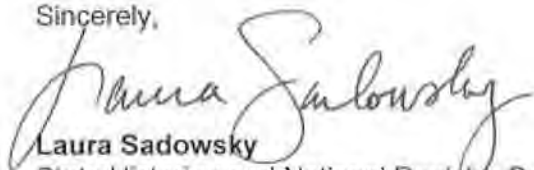
Wells Plasma LLC  
c/o RRCO Rentals LLC  
1100 Camellia Blvd STE 201  
Lafayette, LA 70508-6671

Dear Property Owner:

It has come to the attention of the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) of Iowa that the Burnstein/Malin Grocery (a.k.a. the Pickle Barrel) at 1241 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Des Moines, which was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1998, was demolished around 2013/2014. 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 that this information is in error, we will move forward with the delisting.

Sincerely,



**Laura Sadowsky**  
State Historian and National Register Coordinator  
[laura.sadowsky@iowa.gov](mailto:laura.sadowsky@iowa.gov) | 515.281.3989 | [iowaculture.gov](http://iowaculture.gov)



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December 18, 2018

Frank Cownie, Mayor  
City of Des Moines  
400 Robert D Ray Drive  
Des Moines, IA 50309

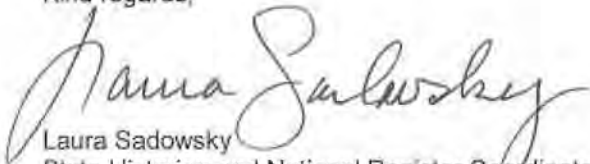
Re: **Burnstein/Malin Grocery (a.k.a. the Pickle Barrel)**  
**1241 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue**

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CHRIS KRAMER, DIRECTOR

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 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

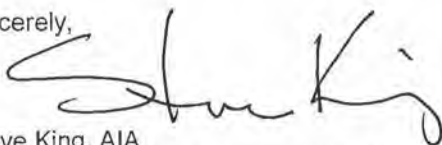
Benson Building, #95000969

- 214 East 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:laura.sadowsky@iowa.gov).

Sincerely,



Steve King, AIA  
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Enclosures.