

**Site Inventory Form**  
**State Historical Society of Iowa**  
 (December 1, 1999)

**State Inventory No. 50-00647**  New  Supplemental  
 Part of a district with known boundaries (enter inventory no.) 50-01703  
 Relationship:  Contributing  Noncontributing  
 Contributes to a potential district with yet unknown boundaries  
 National Register Status:(any that apply)  Listed  De-listed  NHL  DOE  
 9-Digit SHPO Review & Compliance Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Non-Extant (enter year) \_\_\_\_\_

**1. Name of Property**

historic name Joy Dental Building  
 other names/site number Dr. Bruns' Dental Office

**2. Location**

street & number 112 1st Ave. E.  
 city or town Newton  vicinity, county Jasper  
 Legal Description: (If Rural) Township Name \_\_\_\_\_ Township No. \_\_\_\_\_ Range No. \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_ Quarter of Quarter \_\_\_\_\_  
 (If Urban) Subdivision Original Town \_\_\_\_\_ Block(s) 15 \_\_\_\_\_ Lot(s) 7 \_\_\_\_\_

**3. State/Federal Agency Certification [Skip this Section]**

**4. National Park Service Certification [Skip this Section]**

**5. Classification**

Category of Property (Check only one box)	Number of Resources within Property	
	If Non-Eligible Property Enter number of:	If Eligible Property, enter number of:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	_____ buildings	<u>1</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> district	_____ sites	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____ structures	_____ structures
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____ objects	_____ objects
<input type="checkbox"/> object	_____ Total	<u>1</u> Total

Name of related project report or multiple property study (Enter "N/A" if the property is not part of a multiple property examination).  
 Title Downtown Newton, Iowa Historical Architectural Data Base Number 50-010

**6. Function or Use**

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)	Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)
<u>11D03 HEALTH CARE/Medical office/dentist's office</u>	<u>11D03 HEALTH CARE/Medical Office/dentist's office</u>
<u>11D HEALTH CARE/Medical Office/doctor's office</u>	_____
<u>01A Single dwelling</u>	_____

**7. Description**

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)	Materials (Enter categories from instructions)
<u>05B LATE VICTORIAN/Italianate</u>	foundation <u>03 BRICK</u>
_____	walls <u>06 STUCCO</u>
_____	roof _____
_____	other <u>17 SYNTHETICS/Metal on Masonite</u>

**Narrative Description** ( SEE CONTINUATION SHEETS, WHICH MUST BE COMPLETED)

**8. Statement of Significance**

Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" representing your opinion of eligibility after applying relevant National Register criteria)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> More Research Recommended	A	Property is associated with significant events.
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> More Research Recommended	B	Property is associated with the lives of significant persons.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> More Research Recommended	C	Property has distinctive architectural characteristics.
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> More Research Recommended	D	Property yields significant information in archaeology or history.

County Jasper  
City Newton

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**Criteria Considerations**

- 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)

16 HEALTH/MEDICINE

02 ARCHITECTURE

**Significant Dates**

Construction date 1902  check if circa or estimated date  
Other dates \_\_\_\_\_

**Significant Person**

(Complete if National Register Criterion B is marked above)

\_\_\_\_\_

**Architect/Builder**

Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Builder \_\_\_\_\_

**Narrative Statement of Significance** ( SEE CONTINUATION SHEETS, WHICH MUST BE COMPLETED)

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

Bibliography  See continuation sheet for citations of the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form

**10. Geographic Data**

**UTM References (OPTIONAL)**

Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
1	_____	_____	2	_____	_____
3	_____	_____	4	_____	_____

See continuation sheet for additional UTM references or comments

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**ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION (Submit the following items with the completed form)**

**FOR ALL PROPERTIES**

- Map:** showing the property's location in a town/city or township.
- Site plan:** showing position of buildings and structures on the site in relation to public road(s).
- Photographs:** representative black and white photos. If the photos are taken as part of a survey for which the Society is to be curator of the negatives or color slides, a photo/catalog sheet needs to be included with the negatives/slides and the following needs to be provided below on this particular inventory site:

Roll/slide sheet # _____	Frame/slot # _____	Date Taken _____
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- See continuation sheet or attached *photo & slide catalog sheet* for list of photo roll or slide entries.
- Photos/illustrations without negatives are also in this site inventory file.

**FOR CERTAIN KINDS OF PROPERTIES, INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING AS WELL**

- Farmstead & District:** (List of structures and buildings, known or estimated year built, and contributing or non-contributing status)
- Barn:**
  - A sketch of the frame/truss configuration in the form of drawing a typical middle bent of the barn.
  - A photograph of the loft showing the frame configuration along one side.
  - A sketch floor plan of the interior space arrangements along with the barn's exterior dimensions in feet.

**State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) Use Only Below This Line**

Concur with above survey opinion on National Register eligibility:  Yes  No  More Research Recommended  
 This is a locally designated property or part of a locally designated district.

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Evaluated by (name/title): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 5. Classification, cont'd.

The Joy Dental Building is considered a building and is counted as a contributing resource to the Newton Downtown Historic District.

## 7. Description

### Site Description

The Joy Dental Building is located on the north side of First Avenue East in the middle of the 100 block. It's façade faces south. It is adjoined on the east by a two-story commercial brick building. A detached Quonset-hut garage sits at the north end of the property, abutting the building on the neighboring lot. Public alleys run adjacent to the west side of this building and at the north end of the property. A public sidewalk runs flush with the building on the south, providing access to the primary entrance.

### Property Description

The building is a two-story structure of sprayed stucco over brick on a brick foundation. The two-story structure extends northward 40 feet from its 22-foot frontage on First Avenue. Like most commercial structures of the time its roof is flat. A step-down roofline is evident on the west side of the building. A 4' x 22' one-story addition, built during the original construction, spans the rear (north) side of the structure. This area was built with a sloping glass roof to allow sunlight into the dentists' north treatment rooms. The roof has since been covered with regular roofing shingles, but the glass remains intact underneath and could once again be revealed, if desired.

The building is irregular in form, with a central canted bay that spans both stories of the front façade. The bay is now clad in finely textured white metal molded to Masonite, which contrasts nicely with the gray stucco façade. A bracketed cornice surmounts the building and features rectangular inserts that mimic the inserts between floors in the bay. The entry is elevated four steps above street level. Wrought iron railings bracket both sides of the stairway. Over a new entry door and the window above it, a keystone in a splayed lentil is barely visible. A non-historic sign in the shape of a tooth provides whimsy as it announces the presence of a dental practice within.

The windows of the building have been replaced with sealed windows, which appear to retain the size and shape of the original openings. Fixed black awnings, each one individually sized and angled for maximum effect, cover all but the first floor alley-side windows. The black fabric of the awnings, contrasted with the textured gray walls, alongside the smoother white bay creates drama and maximizes the building's architectural appeal.

The secondary (alley) façade features six windows and two doors. In 1979 a truck turning into the alley hit the building's outside stairway and destroyed it. The stairway was removed and not replaced; the door it serviced remains intact.

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### Integrity Considerations

The Joy Dental Building retains a high degree of integrity as it relates to design, materials, and workmanship. No structural changes have been made to the building since it was constructed. The non-historic paneling on the bay was added to provide support for the building's original windows, which rattled whenever a heavy truck passed by the building. Although non-historic materials have been used in the current awnings they mimic the historic awnings that appear in photographs of the building in the 1950s. The multi-color paint scheme of the primary façade is more detailed than the historic all-white, but otherwise the building retains its historic appearance.

As it relates to location, association, and setting the building also retains a high degree of integrity and contributes to the integrity of feeling created by the generally intact commercial district found in Newton.

## 8. Statement of Significance

For over one hundred years, generations of Newton citizens have received their dental services in this building. Stability has been a key feature in both the appearance of the building and the professionals who have occupied it.

The Joy Dental Building is considered a contributing resource to the Newton Downtown Historic District. The building is eligible under Criterion A in association with the history of Newton commerce, specifically as a representative of the city's medical community, significant in its ability to contribute to our understanding of the evolution of the business district and its impact on the economic success of the community of Newton.

This building is also eligible under Criterion C as a well-preserved example of Italianate architecture. Given that the vast majority of the commercial district's Italianate architecture was modernized in the 1950s, the retention of the Joy Dental Building is of particular importance.

### Historical Background

Newton was platted as the Jasper County seat in 1847. The commercial district grew up around the courthouse square with the earliest buildings, which commonly housed both commerce and dwellings, constructed of wood. The development of the downtown from its platting in 1846 to c.1890 is tied to its status as the county seat and the 1867 arrival of the Mississippi-Missouri Railroad. The character of the commercial downtown is recorded in images of the contiguous brick commercial Italianate buildings surrounding the courthouse square.

Beginning in the 1890s, it was industry, specifically the washing machine industry, that drove Newton's economy and the commercial success of its downtown. Due to the success and longevity of the Maytag

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Company, its history presents the greatest impact on Newton's downtown commercial district. From 1890-1920, a period in Maytag history marked by the company's incorporation and the development of the first electrically powered washing machine, a number of significant buildings were constructed in the Newton Downtown District. The addition of these buildings (and others) introduced a 20<sup>th</sup> century architectural sensibility to the district; moving the visual character away from the Late Victorian era Italianate style that had previously dominated the streetscapes.

During the decade of 1920 to 1930, Newton's population nearly doubled. The period is marked by the Maytag Company's ascension to the nation's leading manufacturer of washing machines. The economic prosperity brought by the company's success is reflected in the Newton Downtown Historic District with the construction of some of its most important buildings including the First Newton National Bank (1920) and the Maytag Hotel (1926). Both buildings lend a sense of importance to the downtown district.

The visual character and composition of the downtown district remained generally constant through the Depression era and war years – a period when industry and commerce (including the Maytag Company) were focused on surviving and on supporting the war effort. The boom that came in the wake of Maytag's 1946 introduction of the automatic washing machine was apparent in the Newton Downtown Historic District by the mid-1950s. Between about 1954 and 1963 the downtown buildings underwent dramatic alteration, a nearly wholesale removal of the Italianate façades and replacement with those reflecting a mid-20<sup>th</sup> century Modern aesthetic. Buildings altered during that period line the streetscapes of the district. In addition to the Victorian era buildings that were re-faced during this time, a number of new buildings (including the Arcade building) were constructed, their stylistic character reflective of the era.

Although the washing machine industry in Newton is now a thing of the past, its mark on the Newton Downtown Historic District is undeniable.

### Property History

Until the middle of the twentieth century, nearly every type of medical office in the community was located on the town "square", occupying offices on the second floor of the business buildings that surrounded the courthouse. In 1902 the Joy family, consisting of four dentists, broke that pattern and constructed its own freestanding dental building, with a separate medical office upstairs, one-half block east of the square.

The Joy family consisted of Dr. A. P. Joy, his wife Anna Joy, and their sons, Arthur H. Joy and Hollis Joy. Poor health forced Dr. A. P. Joy to retire from dentistry about 1902, and it is unclear whether he ever was able to work in the building. Dr. Anna Joy continued to practice there until 1920, and Dr. Arthur Joy remained until 1944. In 1945 Dr. Hollis Joy moved his, now one-man, practice to a smaller office and sold the Joy Building to Lt. Col. David M. Reese.

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Dr. Reese had interrupted his dental practice in Newton to serve in WW II. When he was discharged, he returned to Newton and occupied the Joy building until 1973. During this time he lived in the upstairs apartment. Dr. H. Dale Hilmer joined the practice in 1969 and, following Dr. Reese's retirement, continued the business alone until 1980. Since that time the building has housed the dental practice of Dr. Gregory J. Bruns. The upstairs apartment has been discontinued.

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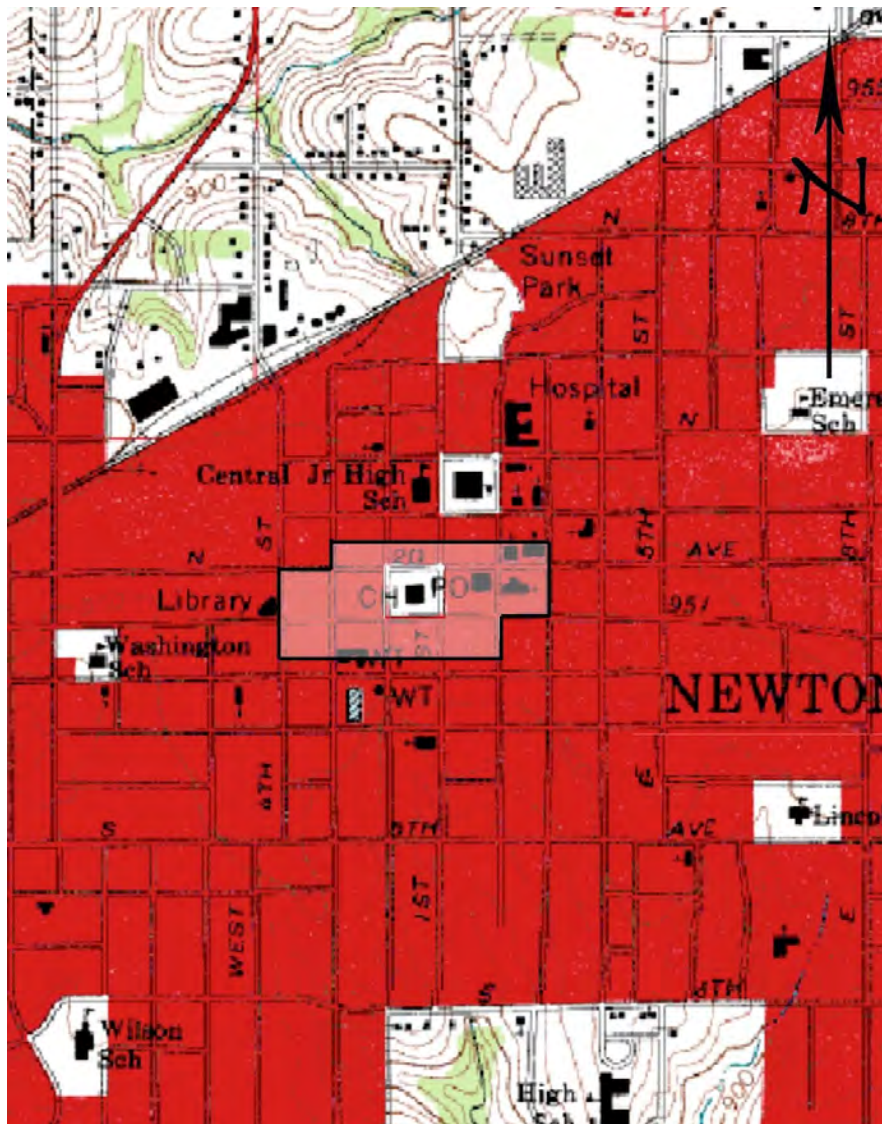
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**11. Additional Documentation - Maps**

**USGS 7.5 MINUTE TOPOGRAPHIC MAP - NEWTON - 1965**



(MAP SOURCE: <http://www.trails.com>. Accessed 09/21/2011.)

The Newton Downtown Historic District, to which the Joy Dental Building is considered a contributing resource, is indicated.

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**PARCEL MAP - AERIAL VIEW - 2011**



SOURCE: <http://beaconschneidercorp.com>. Accessed June 2011.)

The location of the building is marked with an arrow.



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**PHOTOGRAPHS**



View of the north side of the 100 block of 1 Ave E, looking northwest from the corner of First Avenue East and East Second Street. The location of the resource is indicated by an arrow.”

(All images by Sue Smith, June 30, 2011)

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**PHOTOGRAPHS**



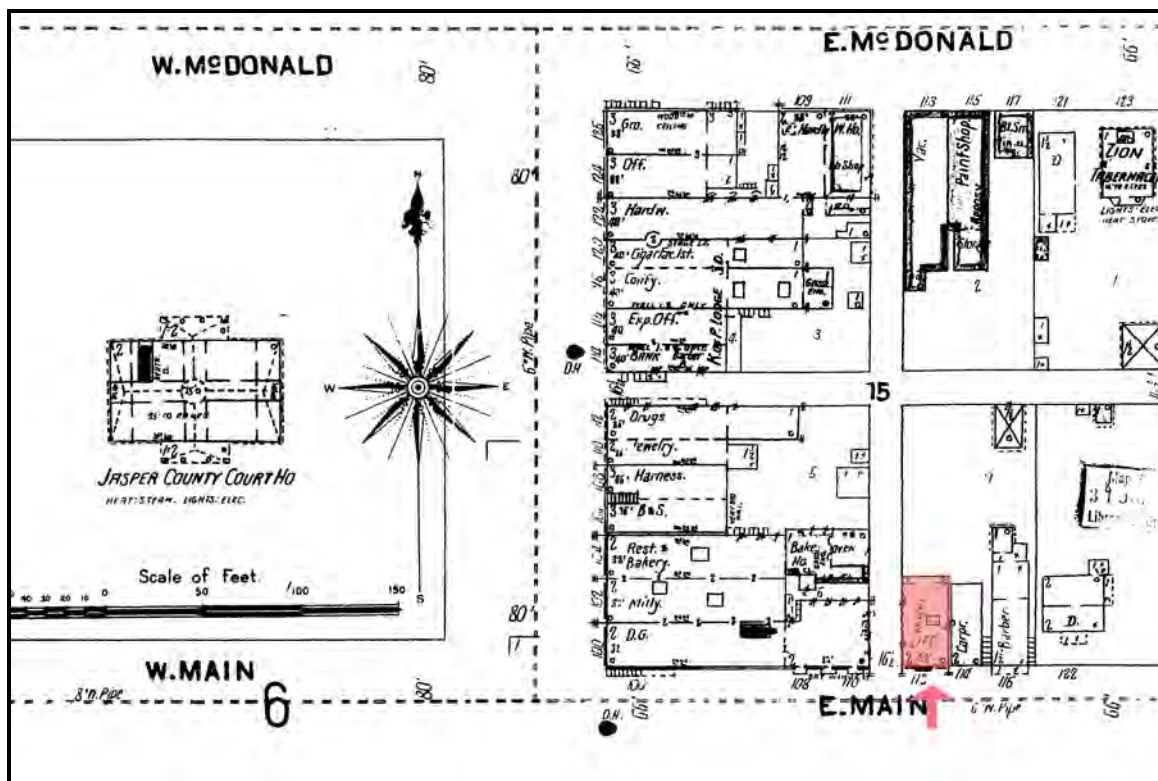
Looking north across First Avenue East, this photo shows how the current occupant has used paint and non-historic awnings to emphasize the architectural details of the building.

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**FIRE INSURANCE MAP - 1906**



(SOURCE: Sanborn Company Fire Insurance Map, 1906)

The Joy Dental Building was built in 1902, nine years before the street naming system in Newton was changed to the present numerical system. East Main Street is now known as First Avenue East. The location of the resource is indicated. This is the oldest building on the north side of this block. The buildings to the east and west were replaced in 1917.

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**HISTORIC IMAGES - 1957**



(SOURCE: photo by the late Clyde Cavitt, now in collection of Phyllis Cavitt)

This photo, taken during Newton's centennial parade in 1957, looks northwest across First Avenue East. The Joy Dental Building is the white building in the center of the photo. In the years since this photo was taken, the building has essentially retained its historic look.

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