

Site Inventory Form
State Historical Society of Iowa
 (November 2005)

State Inventory No. 50-01627

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 (R&C) Number _____

Non-Extant (enter year) _____

1. Name of Property

historic name Chamber of Commerce

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 113 1st Ave. W.

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) 20 Lot(s) N 132'N/S AI

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)

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

Number of Resources within Property

If Non-Eligible Property

Enter number of:

1 buildings
 _____ sites
 _____ structures
 _____ objects
1 Total

If Eligible Property, enter number of:

Contributing Noncontributing

_____ buildings
 _____ sites
 _____ structures
 _____ objects
 _____ 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)

02 COMMERCE/TRADE

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

02 COMMERCE/TRADE

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

09F Commercial

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation _____

walls (visible material) 03 BRICK

roof _____

other _____

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)

- Yes No More Research Recommended
- Yes No More Research Recommended
- Yes No More Research Recommended
- Yes No More Research Recommended

- A Property is associated with significant events.
- B Property is associated with the lives of significant persons.
- C Property has distinctive architectural characteristics.
- D Property yields significant information in archaeology or history.

County Jasper
City Newton

Address 113 1st Ave. W.

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District Number 50-01703

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)

Significant Dates

Construction date
1984 check if circa or estimated date
Other dates, including renovation

Significant Person

(Complete if National Register Criterion B is marked above)

Architect/Builder

Architect
Porter/Brierly Associates, Des Moines, IA
Builder
C. R. & T. Construction, Newton, IA

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

11. Form Prepared By

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 city or town Newton state Iowa zip code 50208

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 noncontributing 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 Chamber of Commerce is considered a building and is counted as a non-contributing resource to the Newton Downtown Historic District.

7. Description

Site Description

The Chamber of Commerce building is located at the midpoint of the 100 block of 1st Ave. W.; its façade faces north. It is adjoined on the east and west by two-story commercial buildings. It is located on the south side of the city square in the historic downtown of Newton, Iowa in Jasper County. The building is sited on a tight parcel of land at 113 1st Ave W. The building extends 133-foot to the south from its 16-foot frontage on 1st Ave. W. On-street parking is located on the north side of the building and a public sidewalk runs flush to the building on the north, providing access to the primary entrance.

Property Description

The Chamber of Commerce building is a two-story brick structure on what is likely a brick foundation. The building's visual character is derived from its relatively narrow front, the large 2nd story, neo-Palladian window with arched brickwork surround, and the arched parapet.

The buildings ground floor features a double-wide, centralized entrance with sidelights and a fixed metal awning.

Integrity Considerations

As a resource dating to less than fifty years of age, no consideration of integrity is warranted.

8. Statement of Significance

As a building dating to less than fifty years of age (constructed 1984) the Chamber of Commerce building does not meet the guidelines of the National Park Service, nor does the resource warrant consideration as a significant resource of the recent past. As a result, the Chamber Building is considered a non-contributing resource to the Newton Downtown Historic District.

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

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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 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 20th 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-20th 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 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

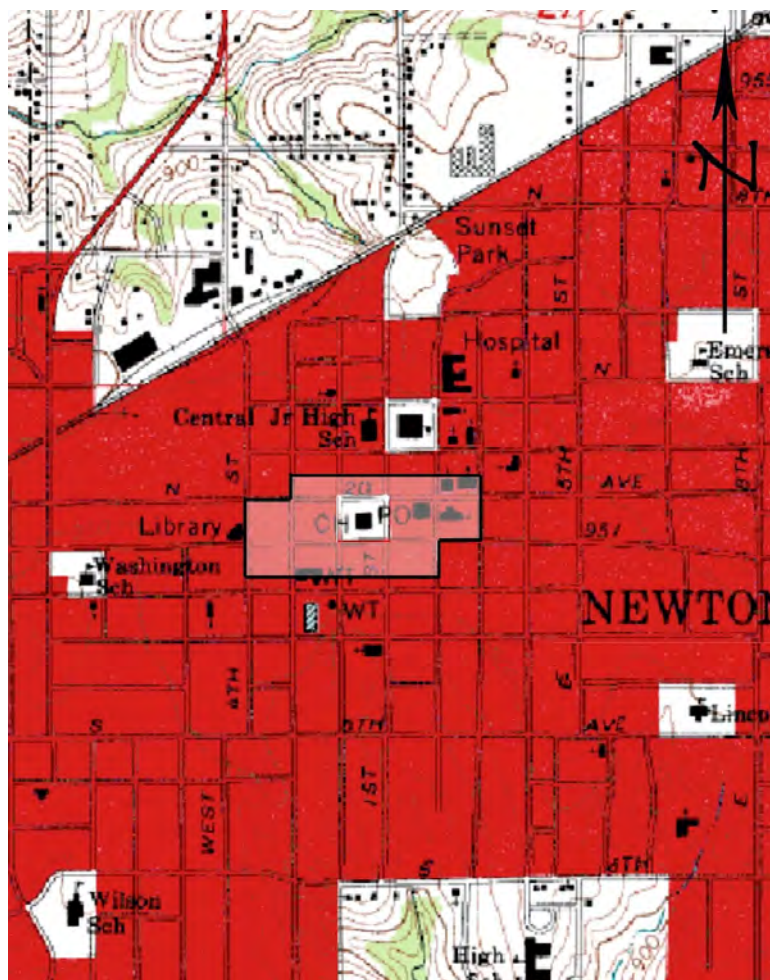
The Chamber of Commerce building was constructed in 1984 as the Chamber office and Convention and Visitors' Bureau (see historic image). The Chamber continues to occupy the building today.

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11. Additional Documentation - Maps

USGS 7.5 MINUTE TOPOGRAPHIC MAP - NEWTON - 1965



(MAP SOURCE: <http://www.trails.com>. Accessed 06/21/2011.)

The Newton Downtown Historic District, to which the Chamber of Commerce building is considered a non-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, the site of a former public alley, is indicated.

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PHOTOGRAPHS



View of the south side of the 100 block of 1 Ave W, looking southeast.
The location of the building is indicated.

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

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PHOTOGRAPHS



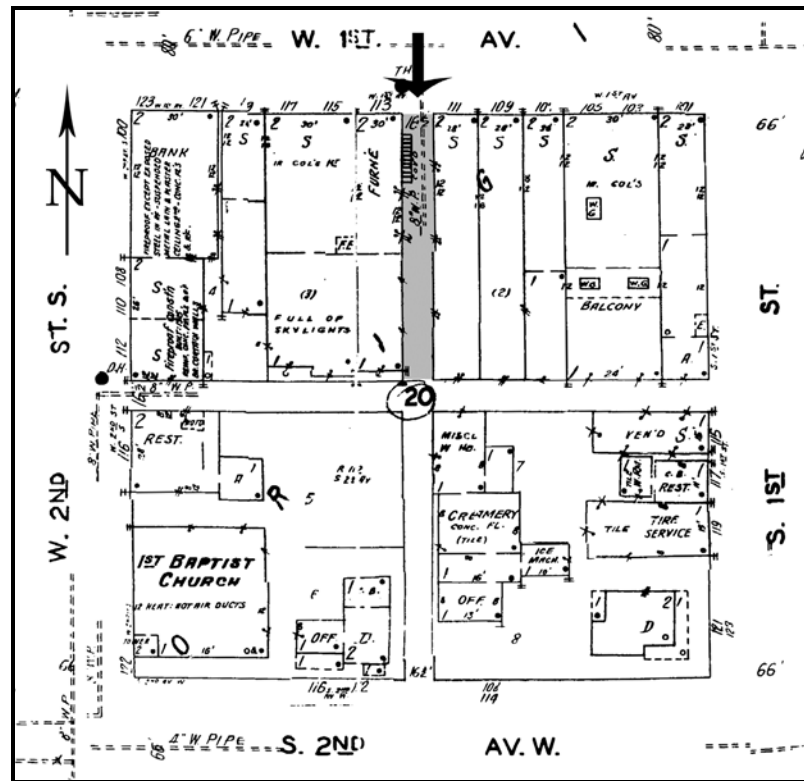
View of the building façade (north) looking south across 1st Ave. W.

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FIRE INSURANCE MAP – 1949 Revision of the 1927



(SOURCE: Sanborn Company Fire Insurance Map, 1949R)

As the fire insurance map reveals, the Chamber of Commerce building (indicated) was constructed on the site of a city alley.

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HISTORIC IMAGES – 1940s



(SOURCE: Avery Wilson Historic Collection, at Newton Public Library)

This postcard photo looks southeast along First Avenue West. The alley, visible in the photo between the Reliable and Coast to Coast stores, was closed in 1984 and the Chamber of Commerce building constructed on its site. As a result, the Coast to Coast store to the west was renumbered.

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9. Bibliographic References

Building permits on file in the Newton Public Works Office.

Jasper Co. Assessor's records. <http://beaconschneidercorp.com>.

Newton Daily News.

Newton Public Library. City Directories and Phonebooks

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps. <http://www.cbpl.lib.ia.us>