

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

**State Inventory No. 50-01698**  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 Bridges Auto Supply  
 other names/site number Newton Plate Glass & Mirrow, Kreativ Ent

**2. Location**

street & number 306 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) 17 \_\_\_\_\_ Lot(s) B \_\_\_\_\_

**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: Contributing      Noncontributing
<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>02E COMMERCE/TRADE/specialty store</u>	<u>02E COMMERCE/TRADE/specialty store</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____

**7. Description**

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)	Materials (Enter categories from instructions)
<u>09F05 Commercial/Brick front</u>	foundation <u>03 BRICK</u>
_____	walls <u>03 BRICK</u>
_____	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)	
<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 type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" 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

Address 306 1st Ave. W.

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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)

05 COMMERCE  
30 TRANSPORTATION

**Significant Dates**

Construction date  
1927  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

**11. Form Prepared By**

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state Iowa

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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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Name of Property	County
306 1 <sup>st</sup> Ave. W.	Newton
Address	City

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## 5. Classification, cont'd.

Bridges Auto Supply is considered a building and is counted as a contributing resource to the Newton Downtown Historic District.

## 7. Description

### Site Description

Bridges Auto Supply is located adjacent to the southwest corner of the intersection of 1st Ave. W. and W 3<sup>rd</sup> St. N. The building faces south. It is adjoined on both the east and west by one-story commercial buildings. Parking is available on the south side of the property and a public sidewalk is flush with the building providing access to the primary entrance. The route of U.S. Highway 6 was along 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. W. during the establishment and expansion of the downtown Newton commercial district from 1890 through 1935. This alignment of a major U.S. highway through central Iowa and Newton remained so until the late 1950's when Interstate Highway 80 was opened south of Newton.

### Property Description

Bridges Auto Supply is a two-story, brick building on a brick foundation. The building is of utilitarian commercial design and rectangular in form, measuring 100 feet from north to south and 22 feet east to west. The south façade has a centrally located single door main entrance flanked by an overhead door on the west and a display window on the east. There are four wood frame windows with brick headers and lintels on the south façade second floor. The same style of double hung windows were installed on the east and west sides of the building as well. The building has a flat roof. Because of the fact that U.S. Highway 6 ran through Newton on 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, it is not unusual that an automobile parts and supply business would locate on this street for the convenience of the motoring public. Also, the intersections along 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue typically had multiple automobile service stations during the early part of the twentieth century.

Bridges Auto Supply has always functioned autonomously and is not visually connected to the adjacent buildings on the east and west. Non-historic synthetic fabric awnings were installed above the first floor windows at the southeast corner of the building.

### Integrity Considerations

Bridges Auto Supply retains a generally high level of historic integrity and reflects a significant historic period in the life of the community when a major transportation route through central Iowa ran through Newton. The present façade is considered historic and its level of integrity as it relates to design, workmanship, and materials is high. As it relates to integrity of location, setting, and association, the building contributes to the integrity of feeling created by the generally intact commercial district found in Newton.

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## 8. Statement of Significance

The 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, significant in its ability to contribute to our understanding of the evolution of automobile transportation in small towns in Iowa as well as the evolution of the Newton business district and its impact on the economic success of the community of Newton.

### 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 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.

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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

Bridges Auto Supply was constructed on this lot ca. 1925. The first floor housed not only the auto supply business but Colfax Coal offices as well. The second floor was divided up into apartments. The apartment configuration of the second floor lasted until 2001 when the building was purchased by Randy Terlouw.

The same consistent use by tenants cannot be said for the ground floor. Colfax Coal Co. left the building ca. 1932. At that time the Bridges family added a beer garden in the ground floor. This use outlasted the auto parts business because the 1939 city directory listed only the Bridges Tavern as the occupant. The building sat vacant in the early 1940's until The Goodyear Store opened for business in 1948.

From 1955 to 1983 the ground floor of the building saw six tenants in succession including Cline Tool, Newton Auto Body Repair, Dewarco (Dealers Warehouse Company), Mahan Supply Co. (bulk furnace oil), 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue Auto Mart, and Newton Plate Glass and Mirror.

Most of the years from 1984 through 2000 the ground floor was vacant except for short periods of occupancy by Andrew Jackson TV and Worley's Used Office Furniture. Randy Terlouw Construction occupied the ground floor until 2007 when the artist's supply store Kreativ Ent opened for business there. Kreativ Ent closed for business in 2011 and the entire building is now vacant.

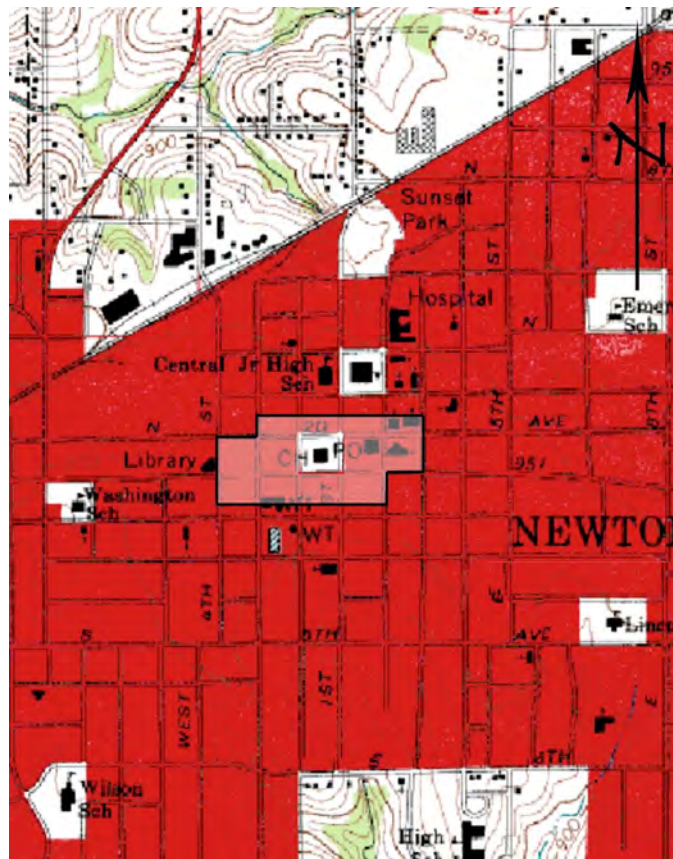
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### 11. Additional Documentation - Maps

#### 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 resource is considered a contributing resource, is indicated.

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**PARCEL MAP - AERIAL VIEW - 2011**



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

The location of the resource is indicated.

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**PHOTOGRAPHS**



(IMAGE SOURCE: Sue Smith - 2011)

View of the resource looking north across 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. W.



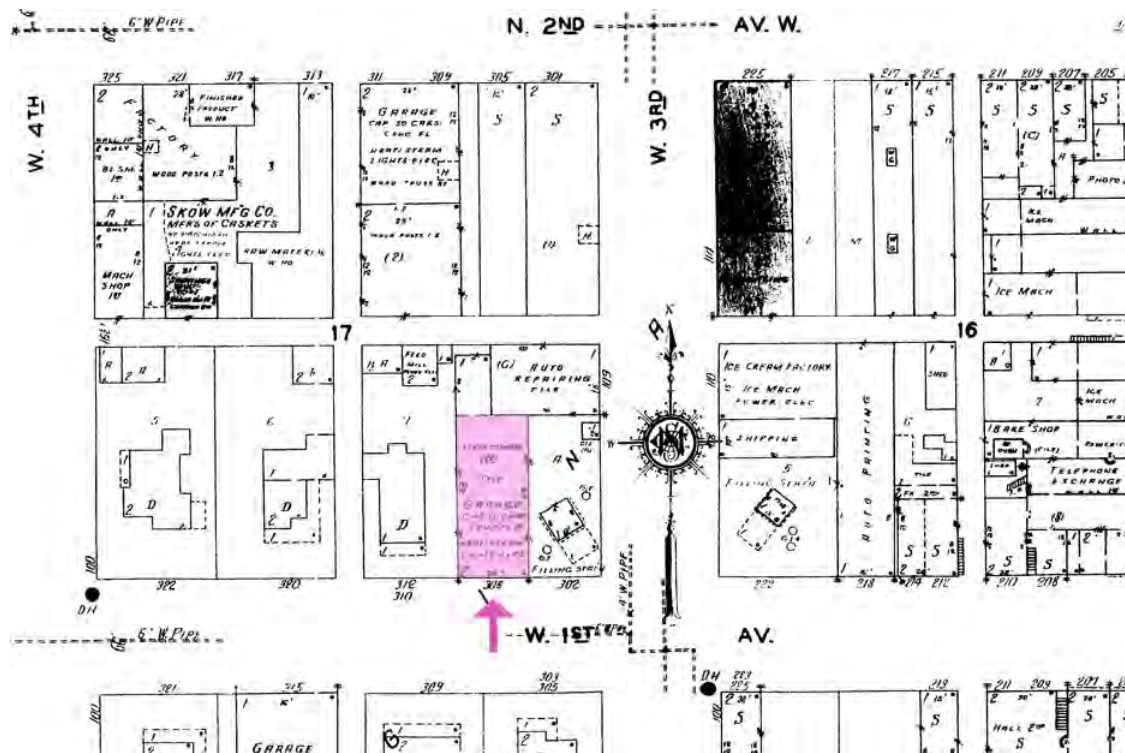
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**FIRE INSURANCE MAP – 1927**



(MAP SOURCE: Sanborn Company Fire Insurance Map, 1927)

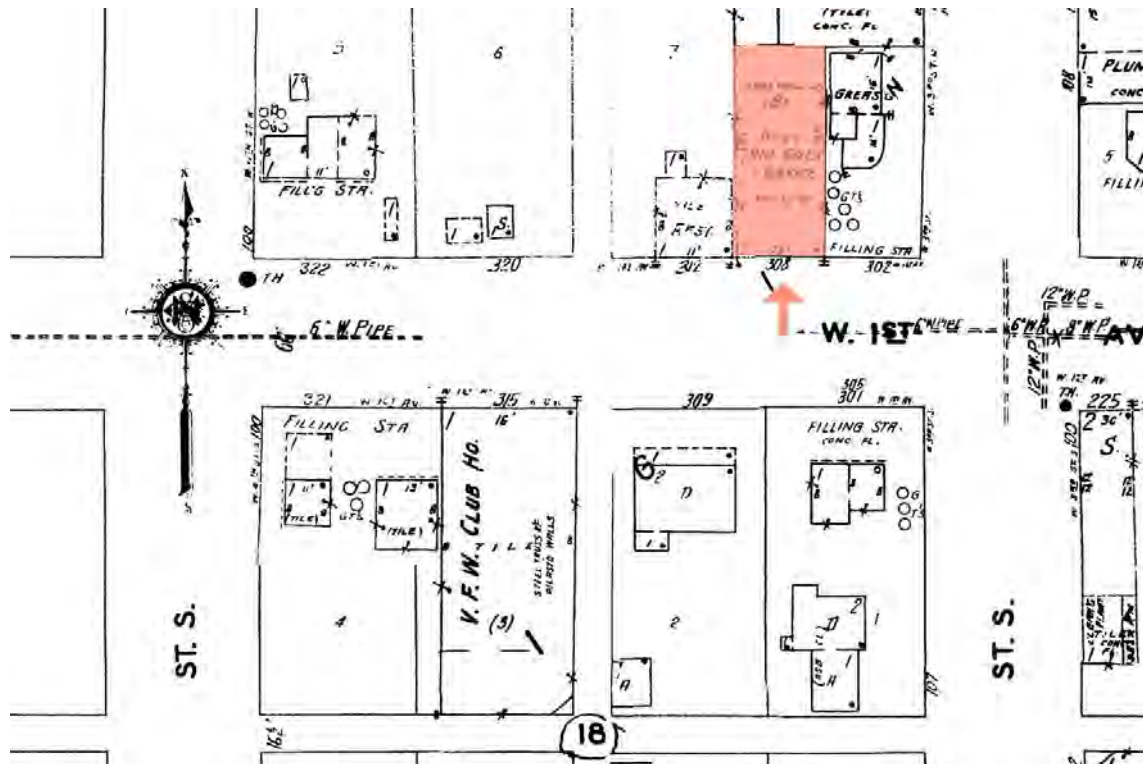
The location of the resource is indicated by the upward facing arrow, showing the building sitting on the property lot in 1927.

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**FIRE INSURANCE MAP – 1949 Revision of 1927**



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

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**HISTORIC IMAGES – ca. 1952**

**We Have Been Here 4 Years!**



Just about 4 years ago we came to Newton. Our business has grown tremendously in that time and we feel that it has been because we have always given our customers good service and fair prices. We have the finest in tires and auto accessories as well as outstanding appliances.

The Newton Daily News  
has been an important factor in our growth and we certainly are sincere in offering  
*Congratulations*  
on its  
50th Anniversary

**Goodyear Service Store**  
"STAN McCARGAR

(IMAGE SOURCE: Newton Daily News, May 2, 1952 Progress Edition)

This 1952 newspaper ad shows the Bridges Auto Supply building with its tenant, the Goodyear Service Store, in that year.

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### 9. Major Bibliographic References

Shaw Publishing Co., *Newton Daily News*, May 2, 1952 edition.

#### Internet resources

Jasper County Assessor [www.iowaassessors.com](http://www.iowaassessors.com)

National Register of Historic Places [www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov)

Iowa State Historic Preservation Office

Database of Iowa resources [www.iowahistory.org](http://www.iowahistory.org)  
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#### Topographic Maps

Source for USGS Topographic maps [www.beaconschneidercorp.com](http://www.beaconschneidercorp.com)