

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

State Inventory No. 50-01663

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 Independent Order of Odd Fellows

other names/site number United Food Market, The Floor Store

2. Location

street & number 128 N. 2nd 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 City Block(s) 10 Lot(s) 8

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		If Eligible Property, enter number of:	
Enter number of:		Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>1</u>	buildings	—	—
—	sites	—	—
—	structures	—	—
—	objects	—	—
<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)

03A04 SOCIAL/hall of other fraternal,patriotic organization

02E COMMERCE/TRADE/specialty store

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7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

07 LATE 19TH AND 20TH CENTURY MOVEMENTS

foundation 03 BRICK

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.

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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)

Significant Dates

Construction date
1879 check if circa or estimated date
Other dates, including renovation
1905, 1911, 1954, 1964, 1979

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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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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2. Location, cont'd.

The Odd Fellows Hall is located in the east 44 feet of Lot 8, Block 10 of the Original City subdivision.

5. Classification, cont'd.

The Odd Fellows Hall is considered a building and a non-contributing resource to the Newton Downtown Historic District.

7. Description

Site Description

The Odd Fellows Hall is located on the northwest corner of the intersection of N. 2nd Ave. E. and E. 2nd St. N.; its façade faces south. It is adjoined on the west by a two-story commercial building. It is located just one block east 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 128 N. 2nd Ave. E. Its 44-foot wide façade extends 132 feet to the north. On-street parking is located on the south and east sides of the building and a public sidewalk runs flush to the building on the south, providing access to the primary entrance.

Property Description

The Odd Fellows Hall is a two story, double-wide brick building constructed on a brick foundation. The building is visually defined by its mass and its modern era commercial fenestration. The storefront has double doors in the middle of its south façade and large display windows on both sides. There are two small second floor windows of industrial steel frame and mullion construction on the south façade of the structure. A non-historic fixed awning of synthetic fabric is attached to the lower level of the south façade.

Integrity Considerations

Multiple alterations to the Odd Fellows Hall has obliterated both the 19th century façade and the 1950s modernization so prevalent in the downtown district. As a result, the building's historic integrity as it relates to design and materials is completely compromised. Although, as it relates to location, association, and setting, the building retains a good level of historic integrity, the loss of integrity of design and materials diminishes all sense of time and place that would place the resource within the historic contexts relevant to the significance of the downtown historic district.

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Due to a complete breach of integrity as it relates to design, materials, and feeling, the Odd Fellows Hall 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 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 (including the Masonic Block) 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.

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Property History

The Independent Order of Odd Fellows (IOOF) purchased Lot 8, Block 10 in the Original City subdivision from C.W. Aulls on August 30, 1875. The first stage of construction of the Odd Fellows Hall occurred in 1879 when the IOOF constructed a 22 foot wide building that extended 50 feet to the north. The IOOF added an attached building to the west then extended both buildings 88 feet to the north circa 1905. The area under the original buildings remains a mix of unexcavated area and crawl space with a combination of brick and native stone foundations to the present. After 1911 the lodge extended both buildings to the north alley and the present day depth of both buildings at 132 feet. These newer portions of both buildings have basements with a combination of brick and poured concrete foundation walls. In 1879, Mr. H. J. McMurray opened a secondhand goods store in the east building and a restaurant operated out of the west building. Each building had a single door entry centered in the storefront flanked by display windows on both sides. The IOOF continued meeting in its second floor meeting hall which was referred to as a temple.

McMurray expanded his domestic offerings to include new house furnishings and operated his business until 1935. Then a wide variety of businesses leased the first floor spaces from 1935 to 1964 including Houghton Grocery, Cut Rate Grocery, United Food Market, Fleming Electric, and Dooley's Music Store. A 1954 construction project altered the historic façade by removing the original pediment and installing a new storefront for the United Food Store. However, the remainder of the historic brick masonry construction, the original windows and window caps were retained.

On February 24, 1964, the IOOF hired a contractor to remove the historic brick storefronts and second floor south walls of the east and west buildings and construct modern façades of 8-inch concrete block with 4-inch brick facing and ¼-inch thick glass display windows. A single small window of steel frame and mullion construction replaced the original tall windows at the second floor of both buildings. The IOOF ceased meeting on the second floor in that year and moved to other quarters but retained ownership of the building. From 1964 to 1983, Ken's Cue Centre Billiards, Sears Roebuck Catalog Office, and Myers Paint leased the space at 122 N. 2nd Ave. E. The adjoining property at 124 N. 2nd Ave. E. sat vacant from 1964 until 1979 when The Book Store leased the space. In 1978 the City of Newton building inspector noticed that the south façade of the buildings was bulging outward at the parapet wall. An in-depth inspection by a structural engineer determined that the 56-foot-long truss running south to north that held up the south portion of the roof of the adjoining buildings had failed. In addition to the wall bulging outward, the roof had sagged 12 inches at the south wall. The IOOF hired a contractor to make repairs in 1979. Again the south façade of the building was removed, the failed truss was replaced and the building took on the appearance that remains at present.

In 1983, Jim and Jackie Sparks leased the first floor of the west building for their wallpaper and paint business and Dan and Margaret Ellis leased the first floor of the east building for their floor coverings store. In 1988, Dan Ellis purchased the building from the Odd Fellows, then immediately sold the property to Margaret and Jackie Sparks, doing business as Her Baby, Ltd. They altered the first floor

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spaces into one continuous space for the two businesses. Jim Sparks constructed a new interior stairway in 1990 to connect the first and second floors. In that year Jackie and Margaret opened Her Baby Ltd. Bed, Bath, and Linen Shop on the second floor of the combined spaces. In 1995, Jackie sold her half of the building to Margaret. The Ellis's have operated The Floor Store on the ground floor until present. Michelle's Dance Academy operates out of the second floor space until present.

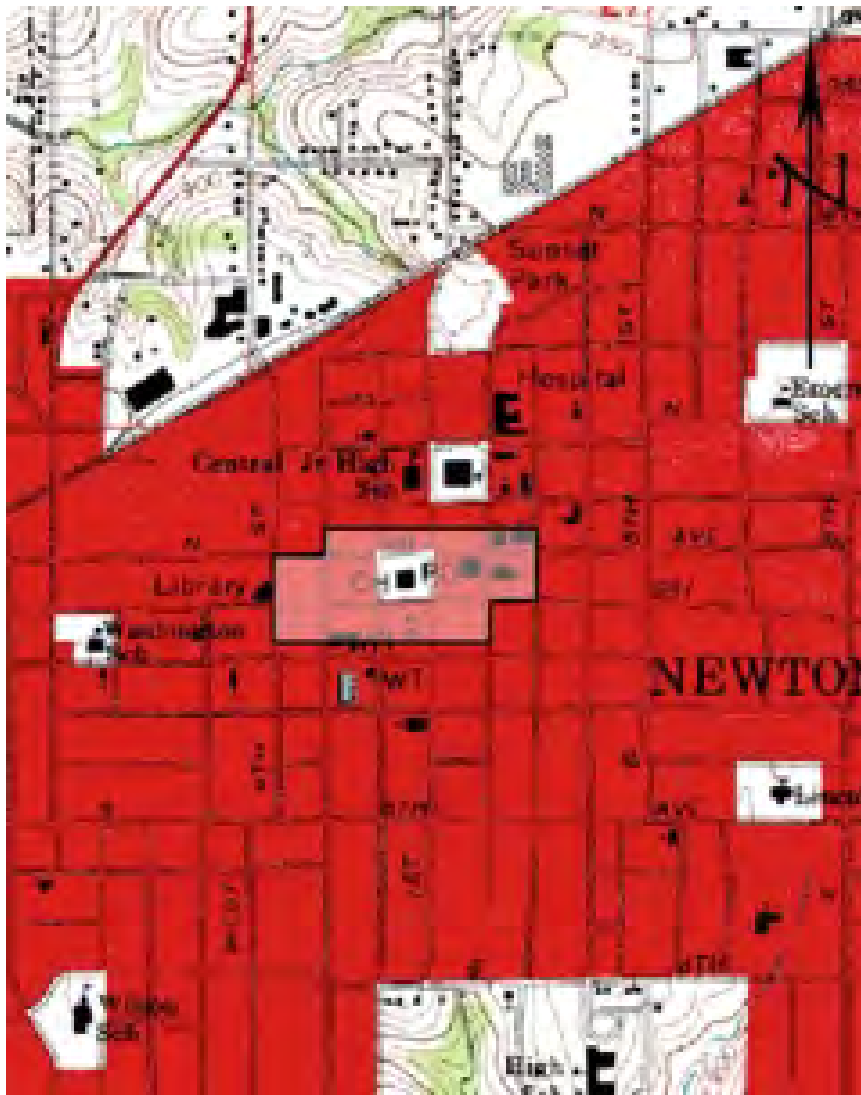
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USGS 7.5 MINUTE TOPOGRAPHIC MAP – NEWTON – 1995



(MAP SOURCE: www.trails.com)

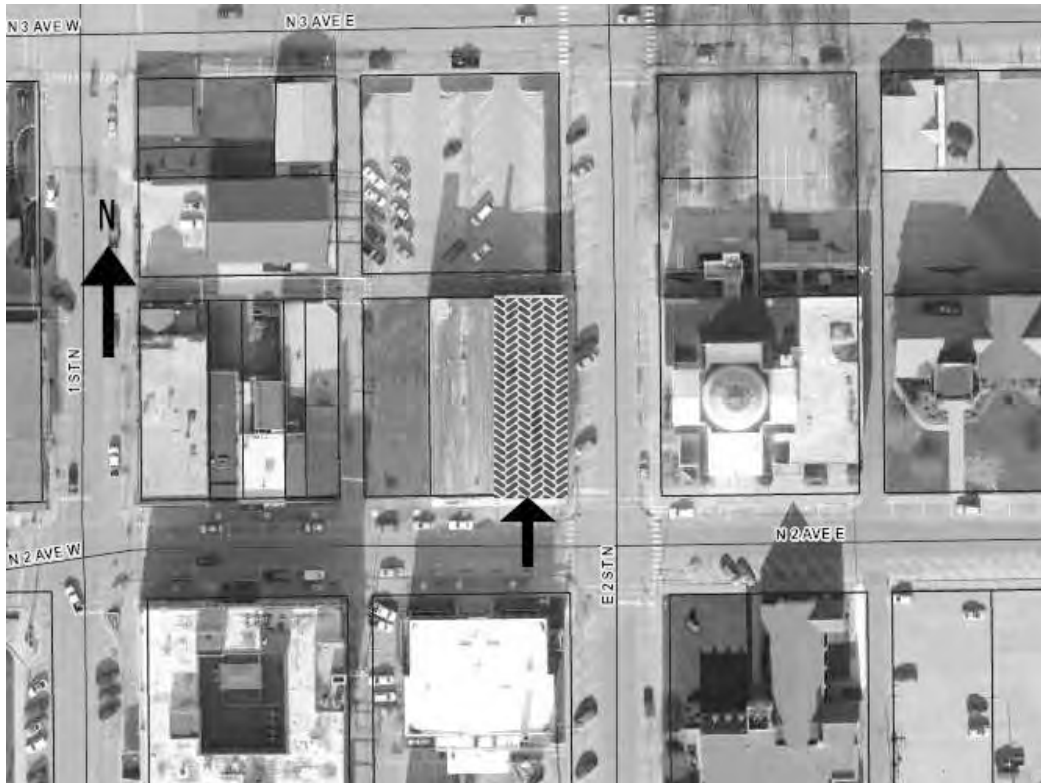
The approximate location of the proposed historic preservation district is indicated by the outlined and highlighted area.

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PARCEL MAP – 2011



(MAP SOURCE: Jasper County Assessor)

The location of the building is indicated by an arrow and shading.

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PHOTOGRAPHS



(IMAGE SOURCE: Sue Smith – 2011)

This is the view of the 100 block of N 2 Av E looking northwest. The resource is the first building on the right in this photograph.

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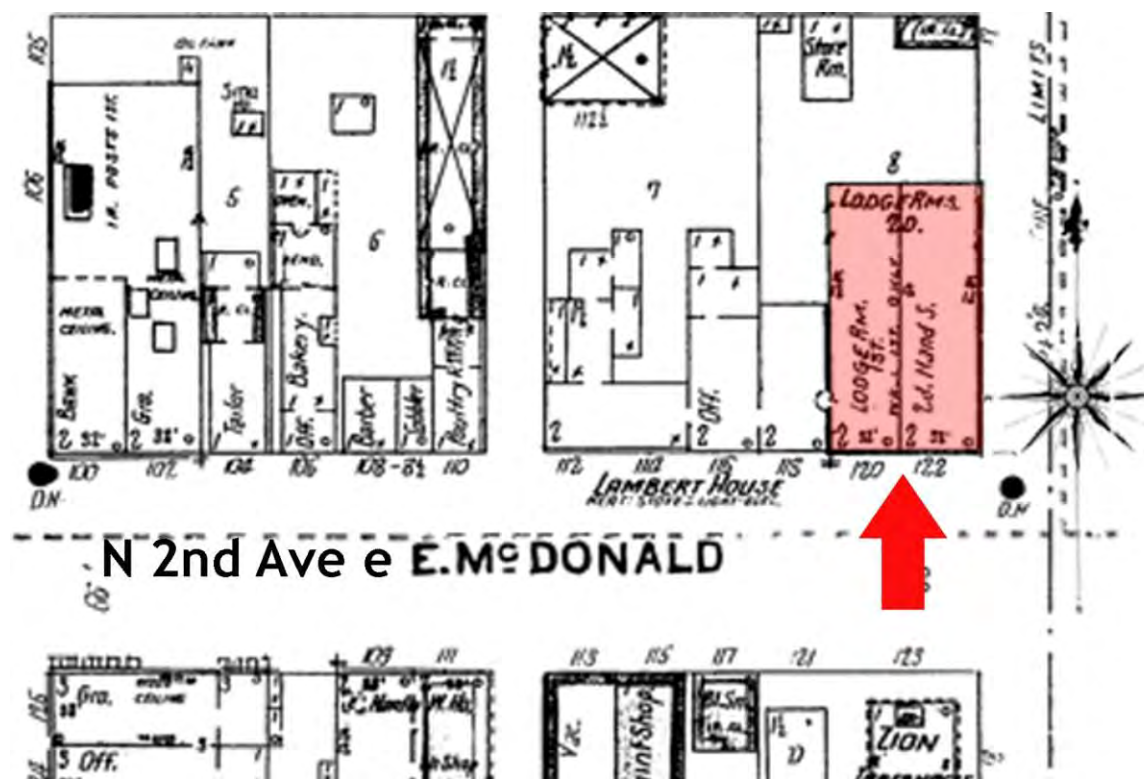
This view of the east side of the resource was taken looking west across E 2 St N. Michelle's Dance Academy occupies the second floor space where the Independent Order of Odd Fellows met for many years.

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FIRE INSURANCE MAP – 1906



(MAP SOURCE: Sanborn Company Fire Insurance Map, 1906)

The arrow marks the location of the resource at 128 N 2 Av E. As the map indicates, the resource was part of contiguous two-story buildings along this street after the turn of the century.

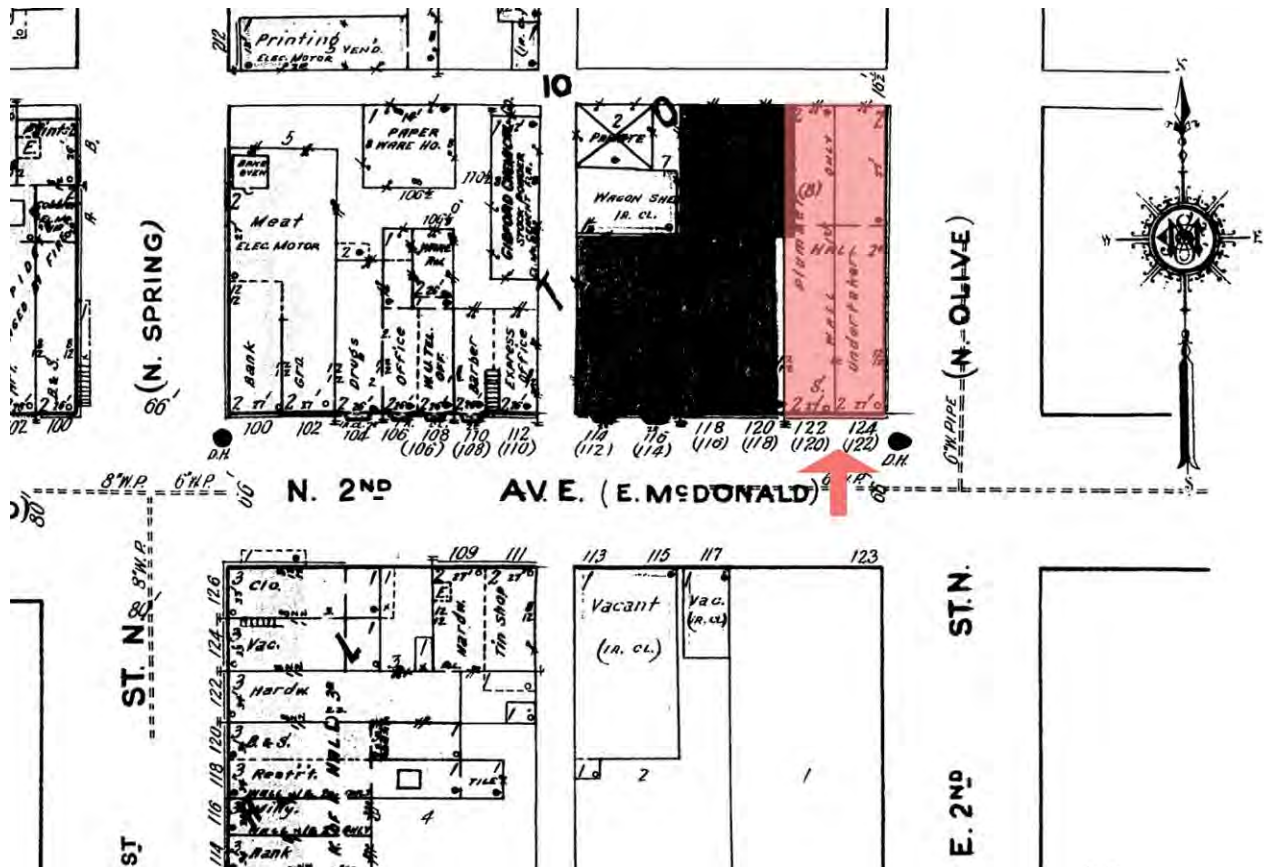
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FIRE INSURANCE MAP – 1918



(MAP SOURCE: Sanborn Company Fire Insurance Map, 1918)

The arrow marks the location of the resource at 128 N 2 Ave. E. The building was extended north to the alley after 1911.

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HISTORIC IMAGES – 1884



(IMAGE SOURCE: Jasper County Historical Society)

Newton photographer Fred Clifford took this photograph of the Odd Fellows Hall on East McDonald Street (124 N 2 Ave E) in 1884. At left can be seen the Hartcourt Hotel or Lambert House, an early hostelry.

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HISTORIC IMAGES – ca. 1910



(IMAGE SOURCE: Jasper County Historical Museum)

The resource is shown on the right hand side of this photograph. The Independent Order of Odd Fellows owned the building and used the second floor as its meeting hall. H.J. McMurray Secondhand Goods was the business that leased the ground floor.

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HISTORIC IMAGES – ca. 1954



(IMAGE SOURCE: Jasper County Historical Society Library)

The resource is shown at the right side of this photograph. United Food Market leased the ground floor of the double wide building. The Independent Order of Odd Fellows owned the building and occupied the second floor.

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Larry Ray Hurto, comp. and ed., *A History of Newton, Iowa* (Dallas, TX: Curtis Media Corporation, 1992), pp. 255-56.

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Personal interview between the author and Margaret Ellis, March 6, 2012.

The Newton Daily News, May 2, 1952.

Internet resources

Jasper County Assessor www.iowaassessors.com

National Register of Historic Places www.nps.gov

Iowa State Historic Preservation Office

Database of Iowa resources www.iowahistory.org
Berry Bennett, Inventory & Information Management

Topographic Maps

Source for USGS Topographic maps www.beaonschneidercorp.com