

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

State Inventory No. 50-01657

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 Wormhoudt Building

other names/site number Davis Café, Leuthold-Bradford Men's Clothing

2. Location

street & number 115-117 W. 2nd St. N.

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) 16

Lot(s) 2

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:

— buildings
 — sites
 — structures
 — objects
 — Total

If Eligible Property, enter number of:

Contributing Noncontributing

1 — buildings
 — — sites
 — — structures
 — — objects
1 — 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)

02E COMMERCE/TRADE/specialty store

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

02E COMMERCE/TRADE/specialty store

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

08 MODERN MOVEMENT

09D01 Roof form/flat

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

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.

County Jasper
City Newton

Address 115-117 W. 2nd St. N.

Site Number 50-01657
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)

05 COMMERCE

Significant Dates

Construction date
1890 check if circa or estimated date
Other dates, including renovation
CA.1954

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 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.

The Wormhoudt's Building is considered a building and is counted as a contributing resource to the Newton Downtown Historic District.

7. Description

Site Description

The Wormhoudt's Building is located mid-block on the west side of the city square in downtown Newton, Iowa. The building faces east. It is adjoined on the north and south by two story buildings. Parking is available on the east side of the property and a public sidewalk is flush with the building providing access to the primary entrance.

Property Description

The Wormhoudt's Building is a two-story brick building constructed on a brick foundation. The building is visually defined by its commercial design and modern modular brick masonry with steel frame windows in the second floor storefront. The ground floor historically consists of two storefronts. The southernmost storefront has a single door placed at the midpoint flanked by symmetrical display windows on both sides. The northernmost storefront has a single door on the right side with display windows to the left. Originally of Italianate design, the storefront was drastically altered in the mid-1950's in a modernization movement that altered many of the downtown buildings.

Integrity Considerations

The Wormhoudt's Building retains a generally high level of historic integrity of the mid-twentieth century modernization movement in 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.

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 the 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,

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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 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

In 1867, Mssrs. Miller and Sampey owned the north half of Lot 2 in Block 16 of the Original City Plat of Newton and William Bailey owned the south half of the lot. Henry Sampey had consolidated ownership of the North 44 feet of Lot 2 and had a double wide two-story building constructed on the lot ca. 1880. An 1885 article in The Newton Journal touted the improvements made by Mr. Sampey in the building to

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benefit his current leasees, McFarland & Son Dry Goods and W.J. Morgan & Co. Furniture. Ca. 1902 Henry Sampey sold his building to Mr. Dominicus (Dump) Wormhoudt, who later served as president of the Newton Country Club and as a director of the Newton National Bank.

Mr. Wormhoudt opened a men's clothing business in the south half of his building and leased the north half of the building over the next 72 years to a variety of businesses that included Townsend Bros. Confectionary and Ice Cream Parlor, Davos & Paulos Deluxe Sweet Shop, Davis Café, Fair & Square Grocery, Earl May Co., and 4 Banger Boy's and Men's Clothing. Wormhoudt operated his men's clothing store until ca. 1974 when he sold the building to Lew Bradford.

Wormhoudt was part of the group that drove the modernization and drastic remodeling of business storefronts around the Newton city square in the 1950's. Wormhoudt had the façade of his own business altered ca. 1954. The old commercial storefront with its recognizable parapet was removed and a modular brick masonry façade was installed. The south storefront retained a single door in the middle flanked by display windows on both sides. The north storefront retained a single door on the right side and the balance of the street level façade was display windows. Five steel frame windows were installed in the second floor of the storefront. The middle window is filled with glass block which admits light to the second floor stairwell.

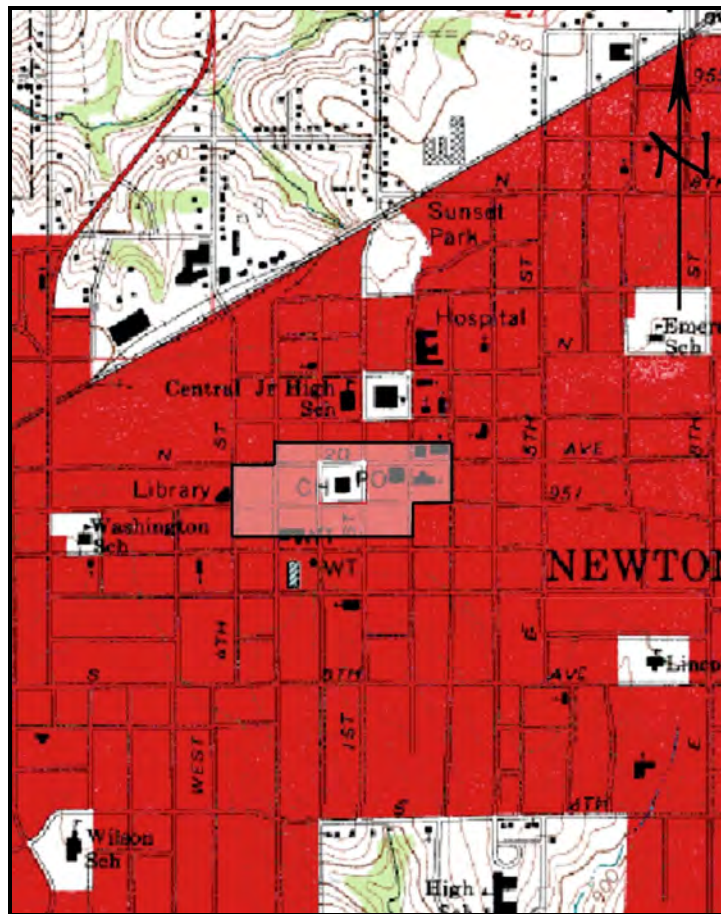
Leuthold-Bradford Men's Clothes ran its business in the entire double-wide store for the next 30 years. In 1988 it diversified and changed its name to Leuthold's Men's and Women's Clothes. In 2004 Bradford sold his business to Ron Forbes who operated Forbes (office) Technology and Forbes Quick Print out of the two business addresses. In 2011 Forbes leased the building to a business cooperative called Market Place on Second; however, the business did not succeed and the building sits vacant now

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USGS 7.5 MINUTE TOPOGRAPHIC MAP – NEWTON – 1965



(MAP SOURCE: <http://www.trails.com>. Accessed Sept. 2012.)

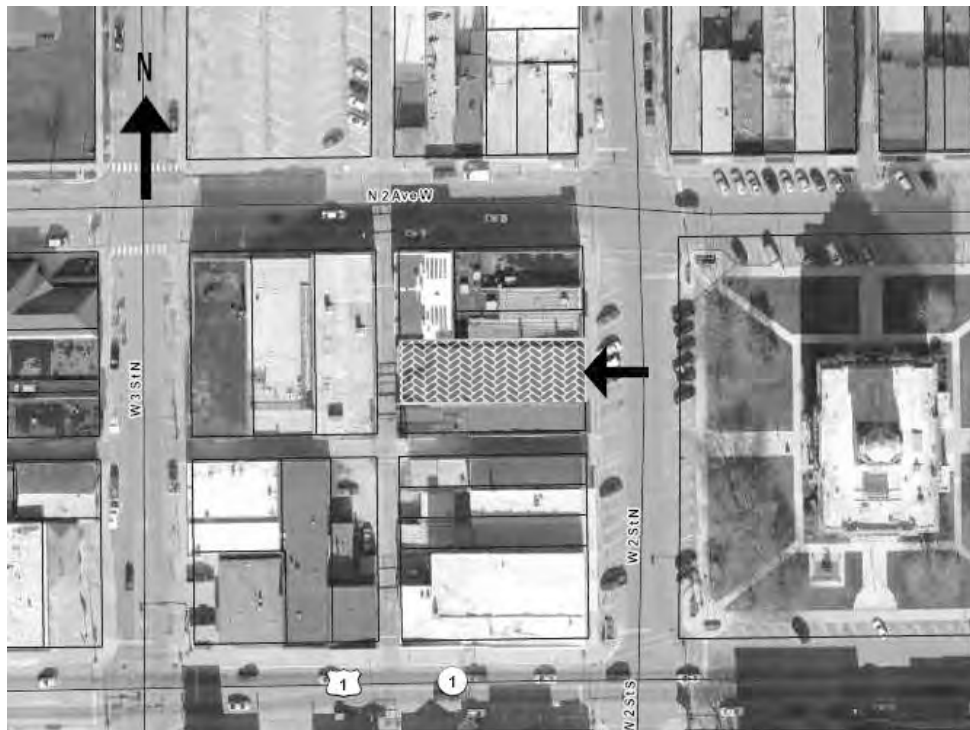
The Newton Downtown Historic District, to which the resource is considered a contributing resource, is indicated.

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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



View of the resource looking west across W. 2nd St. N.

(All images by Sue Smith – July1, 2011)

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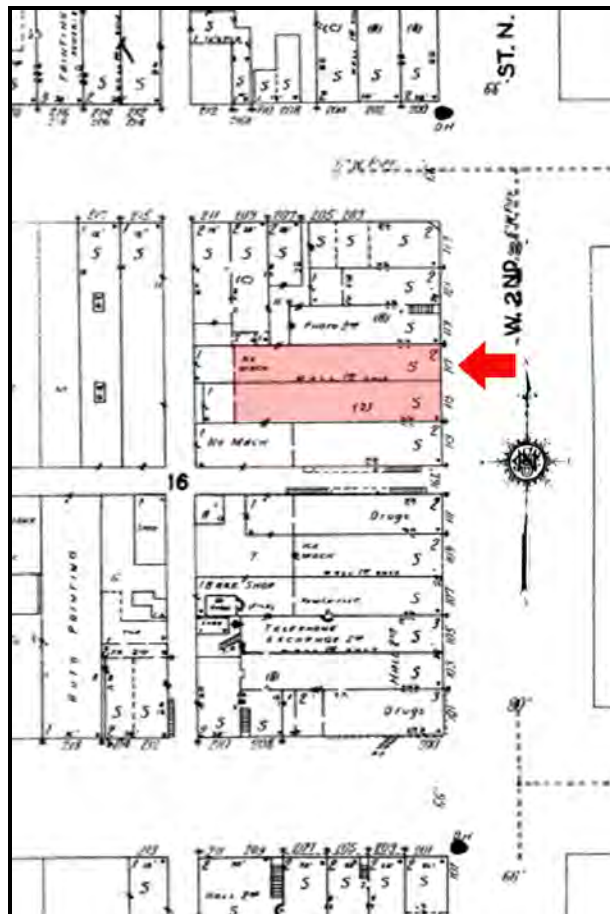
View of the 100 block of W. 2nd St. N. looking northwest. The resource is indicated.

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FIRE INSURANCE MAP – 1949 Revision of 1927



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

The location of the resource is indicated by the left facing arrow.

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HISTORIC IMAGES – ca. 1935



(IMAGE SOURCE: Newton Daily News)

This is a ca. 1935 photo of the 100 block of W. 2nd St. N. looking northwest across the intersection of 1st Ave. W. and W. 2nd St. N. The resource (indicated) is at the midpoint of the photograph and its business names are Wormhoudt's and Davis Café.

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HISTORIC IMAGES – ca. 1961



(IMAGE SOURCE: Larry Ray Hurto collection)

The resource is indicated. The business names shown are Wormhoudt's and Earl May. The building's appearance reflects the modernization of the building façade ca. 1954 which remains until the present.

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9. Major Bibliographic References

The Newton Journal, October 14, 1885

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