

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

State Inventory No. 50-01660

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 The Tavern

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 207 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) 8

Lot(s) D

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:

<u>1</u>	buildings
—	sites
—	structures
—	objects
<u>1</u>	Total

If Eligible Property, 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)

02A COMMERCE/TRADE/business

70 VACANT

02G04 COMMERCE/TRADE/tavern

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

09F Commercial

foundation _____

walls (visible material) 02 WOOD

roof _____

other 03 BRICK

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 207 W. 2nd St. N.

Site Number 50-01660
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
c.1990

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	___
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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7. Description

Site Description

The Tavern is located on the west side of W. 2nd St. N., ½ block northwest of the courthouse square in historic commercial district of Newton, Iowa; its façade faces east. The building is adjoined on the north and the south by two-story commercial buildings dating to a similar period of construction. A public sidewalk runs the perimeter of the block and flush to the building, providing access to the primary entrance on the east.

Property Description

The Tavern is a two-story, brick construction on what is likely a brick foundation. Typical of commercial properties, the roof is flat. The building stretches west approximately 80 feet from its 32-foot frontage on W. 2nd St. N. In its present condition, the historical character of the façade is well hidden by the ca.1990 application of vertical boarding siding that covers the building from ground to cornice. The sole clues to the historic appearance is the corbel table of the cornice and the tall and narrow form of the upper story fenestration.

Integrity Considerations

Because the building's facade alteration occurred less than fifty years ago, the alteration is considered non-historic and a significant breach of the building's historic integrity as it relates to design, workmanship, and materials. These losses cannot be overcome by the retention of integrity as it relates to its location and setting. As a result, the building does not bear sufficient historic integrity to be considered a contributing resource to the historic district.

8. Statement of Significance

Due to a significant loss of historic integrity (as it relates to design, materials, workmanship) the 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 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

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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. It was during this period that buildings, such as the Sinclair Oil Station, began to appear in earnest at the edges of the city's commercial 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 building at 207 W. 2nd St. N. was constructed ca.1890. By 1900 the building functioned as the warehouse for the grocery located at 202 N. 2nd Ave. W. and in 1911 appears to have been a retail grocery.

The building was been identified as a tavern/bar over much of its remaining history, operating under multiple names and owners. Some of these are The Tavern run by James P O'Roake then Alma Rinhart from the late 1930s to 1945. In the late 1940s-1960s, Gerald Sills had the Budweiser Tavern and Sills Sporting Goods, with an apartment on the upper floor. The building went through long periods of vacancy from the early 1960s to mid-1970s but twice during this period bars reestablished as the Friendly Tap and The Dump.

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Mildred Hess opened the Lark Factory Outlet, a clothing store, during late 1970s, later it was run by A. Lyon and L. Hamilton. The early-1980s found the building vacant until a gift shop opened, Country Connection in 1988.

In 1990 when Hunter Chiropractic Clinic moved into the building to the south, this building was designated as an entrance/exit to the clinic. Caring Hands, a massage therapist, reestablished the building as a business site for a short period. Today the building is vacant.

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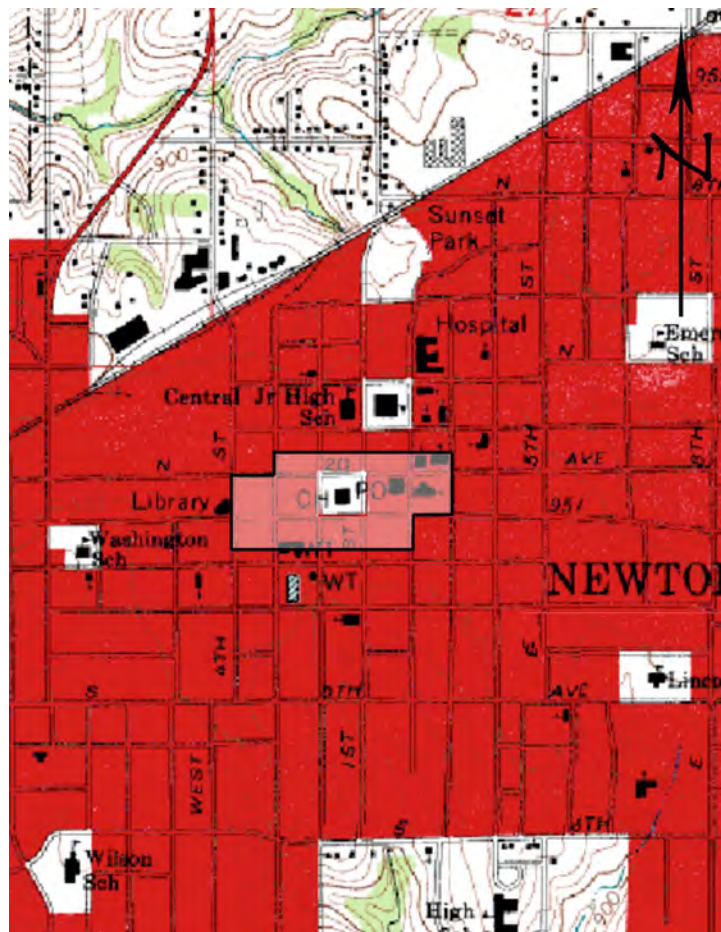
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11. Additional Documentation – Maps

USGS 7.5 MINUTE TOPOGRAPHIC MAP – NEWTON QUAD (1965)



(MAP SOURCE: <http://www.trails.com>. Accessed 06/20/2011.)

The location of the Newton Downtown Historic District, within which the resource is site, is indicated.

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ASSESSORS PARCEL MAP - 2011



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

The location of the resource is indicated.

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PHOTOGRAPHS



View of the resource, looking northwest across N. 2nd Avenue W.

(Images by Sue Smith – October 2011)

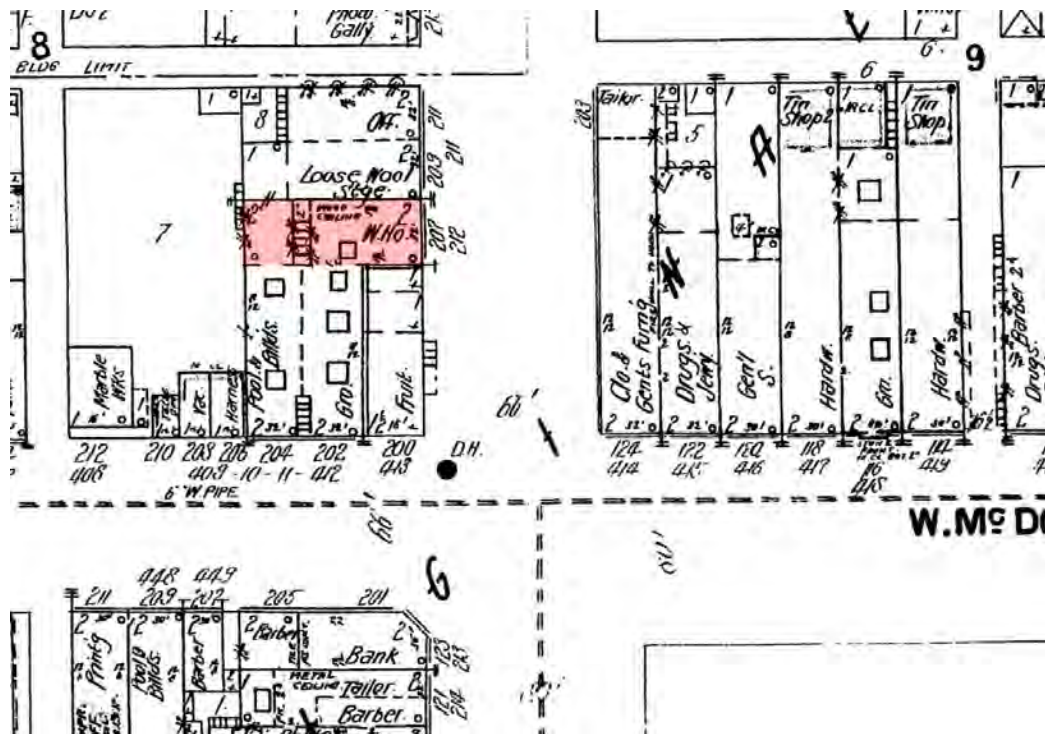
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SANBORN FIRE INSURANCE MAP – 1900



(SOURCE: <http://www.cbpl.lib.ia.us>. Accessed 12/26/2011.)

The building (indicated) first appeared on the Sanborn fire insurance maps in 1900. In that year, the building functioned as the warehouse space for the grocery at 202 N. 2nd Ave. W.

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HISTORIC IMAGE – ca.1925



(SOURCE: Jasper County Historical Society.)

View of the building (indicated) looking northwest across the intersection of W. 2nd St. N. and N. 2nd Ave. W. from the west side of the courthouse square.

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9. Reference Resources

Assessor's Record. <http://www.beacon.schneidercorp.com>.

Jasper County Genealogical Society.

Newton Public Library.

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

State Historic Preservation Office of Iowa.

Resource database. Berry Bennett, Resource Coordinator.