

**Site Inventory Form**  
**State Historical Society of Iowa**

State Inventory No. 50-01634

New  Supplemental  
 Part of a district with known boundaries (enter inventory no.) 50-01703

(November 2005)

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 Law Office Building

other names/site number \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Location**

street & number 211 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 Plat Block(s) 19 Lot(s) Part of 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 |            | 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)

02B03 COMMERCE/Law Office

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**7. Description**

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

09f Commercial

foundation 10 CONCRETE

walls (visible material) 03 BRICK

roof \_\_\_\_\_

other 15 SYNTHETICS

**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 type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Address 211 1st Ave. W.  
Newton

District Number \_\_\_\_\_

Site Number 50-01634  
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  
1980  check if circa or estimated date  
Other dates, including renovation

**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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 organization Newton Historic Preservation Commission telephone 641-792-2787  
 street & number 101 W. 4TH ST. S. 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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| Name of Property    | County |
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### 7. Description

#### Site Description

The Law Office building is sited on a tight parcel of land on the south side of 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. W., southwest of the city square, in the historic downtown of Newton, Iowa in Jasper County with its façade facing north. The building is adjoined on the east by a one-story commercial building dating to ca.1954 and on the west by a parking lot. On-street parking is located on the north side of the building and a public sidewalk provides access to the building's entrance on the north.

#### Property Description

The Law Office building is a one-story, commercial property stretching approximately 80 feet south from its approximately 40-foot frontage on 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. W. The building is faced in red brick, its architectural character derived from the prominent pedimented entrance and stylized version of a classical architrave. Other contemporary versions of classical details are utilized in the door and window details.

#### Integrity Considerations

Because the building is less than 50 years of age, no consideration of its integrity is warranted.

### 8. Statement of Significance

As a resource dating to less than 50 years of age, the Law Office 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 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

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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 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 Law Office building was constructed on this site in the 1980s. Prior to its construction, the site had been vacant since 1954 when a building housing the Newton Elks Club and Wilding Plumbing and Heating burned. That structure, which dated to ca.1905, housed the Newton Post Office from 1905 to 1925.

When constructed, the Law Office building was known as Brierly, McCall, Girdner, Chalupa & McCall. A law firm has continuously resided at this location since that time, but the law firm name has changed reflecting shifts in attorneys attached to the firm.

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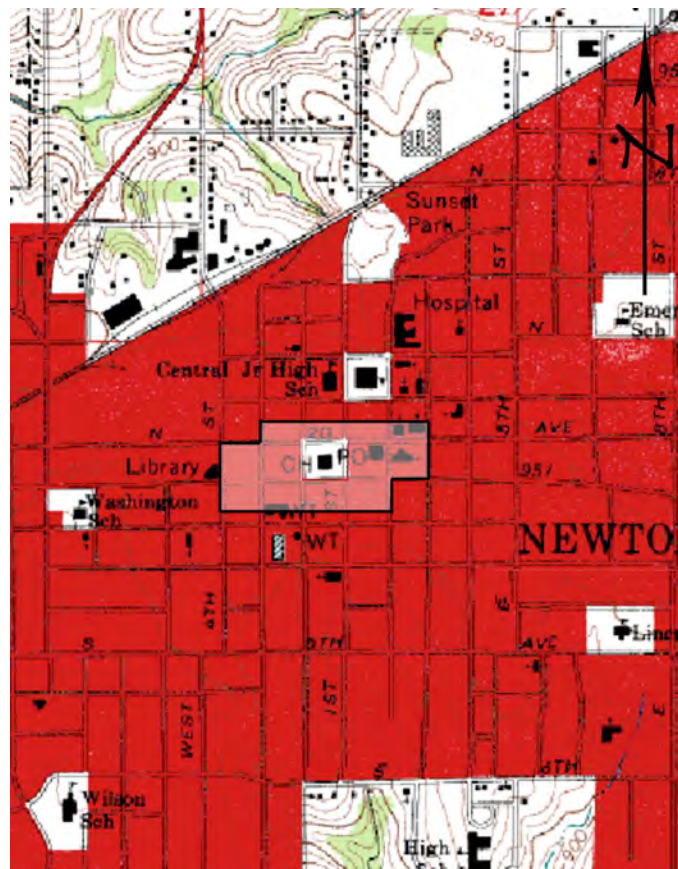
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### 11. Additional Documentation – Maps

#### USGS 7.5 MINUTE TOPOGRAPHIC MAP – NEWTON QUAD (1965)



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

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 (indicated) within the context of its streetscape - looking south across 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. W. and 1<sup>st</sup> Street.



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(Images by Susan Smith for the Newton Historic Preservation Commission, January 2012.)

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#### PHOTOGRAPHS



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

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



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As the 1927 fire insurance map indicates, a two-story structure was located on this site, a building which appears to have been constructed by 1894. The 1949 revision of the 1927 fire insurance map indicates the same building remained at that time, which is in concert with the assessor's record indicating the present building was constructed in 1954.

### 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.