

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

State Inventory No. 50-01705

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 Parks Texaco

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 301-303 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) 18

Lot(s) 1

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)

14D07 TRANSPORTATION/gas station

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

02E TRADE/COMMERCE/specialty store

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

08 MODERN MOVEMENT

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation _____

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 301-303 1st Ave. W.

Site Number 50-01705
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

30 TRANSPORTATION

Significant Dates

Construction date
1948 check if circa or estimated date
Other dates, including renovation
1957

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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 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	___
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 Parks Texaco building is sited on the southwest corner of the intersection of 1st Ave. W. and W. 3rd St., southwest of the city square, in the historic downtown of Newton, Iowa in Jasper County with its façade facing north. The freestanding building is surrounded on the west by a narrow strip of grassy yard, and in the remaining directions by concrete parking lot.

Property Description

The Parks Texaco building is a one-story, freestanding brick commercial property with the form and elements typical of a mid-20th century gas station, namely a retail/office space with a service bay attached on the west. A post-1949, one-story addition has been made to the rear (south) of the building (addressed independently as 109 W. 3rd St. S.).

The brick building features a series of pilasters that define the form of the structure. While historically these pilasters were a key visual feature, they are over-defined by a contemporary paint job. However, combined with the building's flat roof, their retention underscores the historically, boxy form of this property.

Integrity Considerations

The Parks Texaco building retains a good level of historic integrity related to design, workmanship, and materials. The retention of the boxy form and key elements of the property type (particularly the service bay) are important to our understanding of the historic function. The retrofitting of historic openings in the retail/office section of the building is unfortunate, but reversible.

While the loss of the historic pumps is a detriment to integrity of design (modern environmental statutes commonly dictate their removal), the retention of the setback, complete with drive through and parking, counters that loss by maintaining the historic relationship to the roadway. The retention of the original corner site within the Newton commercial area results in a good level of integrity as it relates to location, association and setting.

8. Statement of Significance

The Parks Texaco 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 (specifically to commerce related to the rise of the automobile, which made a noticeable and important impact on the composition of the downtown district), significant in its ability to contribute to our understanding of the evolution of the business district and the impact of the business district on the overall economic success of the community of Newton.

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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 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 site upon which Parks Texaco is sited was occupied by a residence by 1899; the property belonging to H.M. Vaughn. The residence remained on the site through at least 1927. By the late 1930s, the Vaughn residence had been replaced by a Texaco service station. It remained a gas station until 1965.

The Texaco station functioned under numerous names: Parks Texaco, Texaco Circle Service, Watkins Texaco, Nelson Filling Station, Texaco Oil Company, Marv's Texaco, Pete's Texaco and Chuck's Texaco. A city permit dated 1957 indicates that an addition to the station was made on the south and the east to accommodate a repair shop.

The Parks Texaco building was vacant from 1967-1968. Hamilton's Auto Seat Covers (Hamilton's Upholstery) began using the building in 1969 and remained there until 1993. From the mid 1990's until 2000, the building was vacant or briefly noted to house JCCF Workshop in 1997.

Boyd's Satellite TV and Cellular moved into the site in 2000 and remains there today.

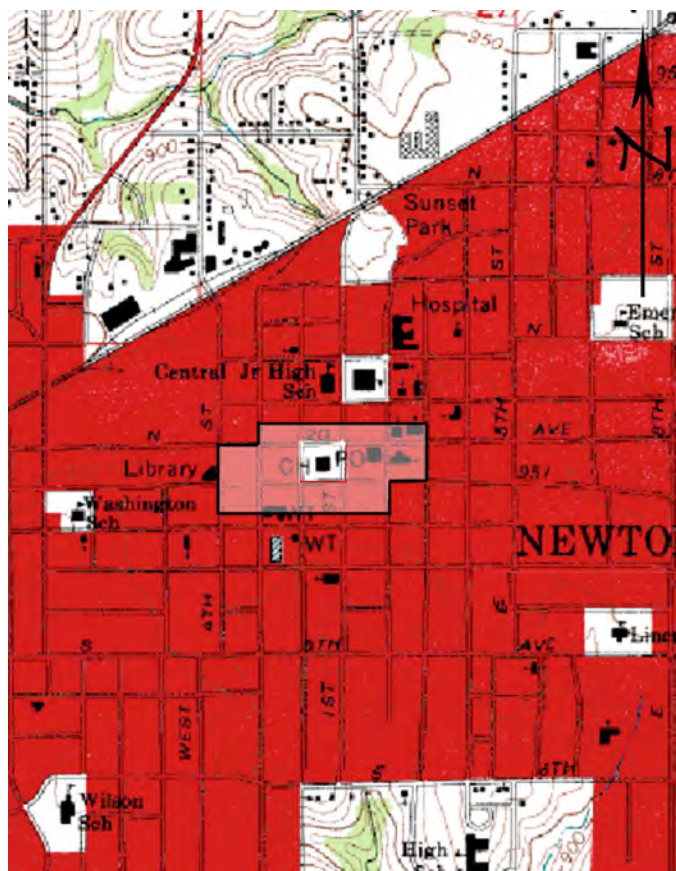
City Building permits indicted that in 1999 an address of 109 W. 3rd St. S. was established and used by Van Dusseldorp Consulting.

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11. Additional Documentation – Maps

USGS 7.5 MINUTE TOPOGRAPHIC MAP – NEWTON QUAD (1965)



(MAP SOURCE: <http://www.trails.com>. Accessed 09/21/2012.)

The location of the Newton Downtown Historic District, within which the resource is sited, 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 southwest across 1st Ave. W.

(Images by Susan Smith for the Newton Historic Preservation Commission, September 2011.)

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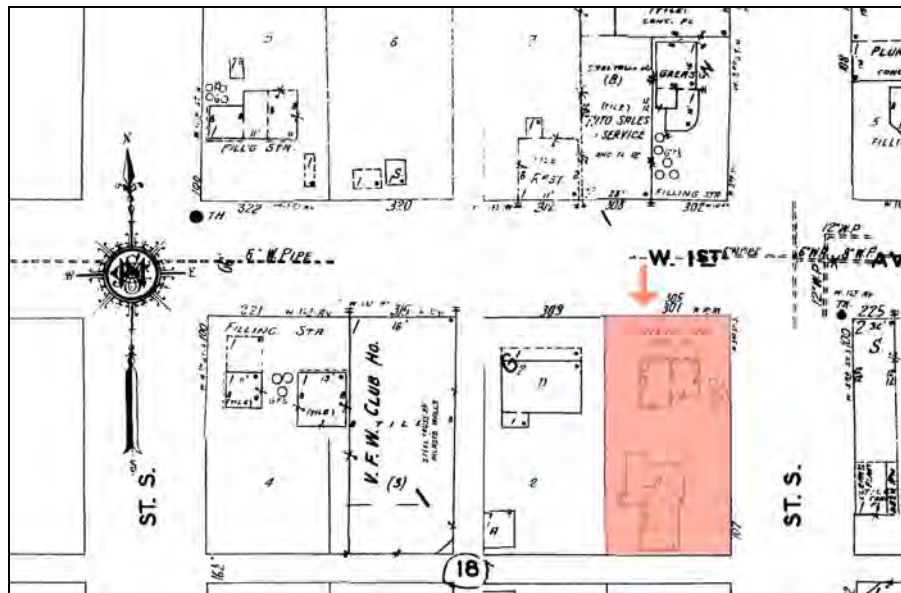
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SANBORN FIRE INSURANCE MAP – 1949 Revision of 1927



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

The present building was located on the site by the time the 1927 fire insurance map was revised in 1949.

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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.