

Site Inventory Form
State Historical Society of Iowa
 (December 1, 1999)

State Inventory No. 50-01706 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 Number _____
 Non-Extant (enter year) _____

1. Name of Property

historic name Standard Oil Station
 other names/site number Chamberlain Realty, Edward D. Jones

2. Location

street & number 302 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) 17 _____ Lot(s) A _____

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)	Number of Resources within Property	
	If Non-Eligible Property Enter number of:	If Eligible Property, enter number of: Contributing Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	_____ buildings	<u>1</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> district	_____ sites	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____ structures	_____ structures
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____ objects	_____ objects
<input type="checkbox"/> object	_____ Total	<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)
<u>14D07 TRANSPORTATION/gas station</u>	<u>02 COMMERCE/TRADE</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)	Materials (Enter categories from instructions)
<u>09F08 Roadside Commercial</u>	foundation <u>03 BRICK</u>
_____	walls <u>03 BRICK</u>
_____	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)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input 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 Newton

Address 302 1st Ave. W.

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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
1929 check if circa or estimated date
Other dates _____

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 non-contributing 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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The Standard Oil Station is considered a building and is counted as a contributing resource to the Newton Downtown Historic District.

7. Description

Site Description

The Standard Oil Station is located on the southwest corner of the intersection of 1st Ave. W. and W 3rd St. N. The building faces east. It is adjoined on the west by a two-story, commercial building. Parking is available on the east and south sides of the property and a public sidewalk is flush with the building providing access to the primary entrance. The route of U.S. Highway 6 was along 1st Ave. W. during the establishment and expansion of the downtown Newton commercial district from 1890 through 1935. This alignment of a major U.S. highway through central Iowa and Newton remained so until the late 1950's when Interstate Highway 80 was opened south of Newton.

Property Description

The Standard Oil Station is a single story brick building on a brick foundation. The building is of utilitarian commercial design and rectangular in form, measuring 48 feet from north to south and 24 feet east to west. Originally the building had a flat roof but a hip roof was added in August, 1992. Because of the fact that U.S. Highway 6 ran through Newton, it was quite common for the intersection of city streets along 1st Avenue to have several automobile service stations. This intersection of 1st Ave. W. and W. 3rd St. N. had three service stations in 1949.

The building has always functioned autonomously and is not visually connected to the adjacent buildings on the west and north. The building's southeast-facing façade is curved and fitted with floor to ceiling windows to facilitate its first use as an automobile service station. In the north end of the building's east façade one can see the outline of the two overhead doors which were the automobile service bays. There is a non-historic synthetic fabric awning installed above the southeast facing windows.

Integrity Considerations

The Standard Oil Station retains a generally high level of historic integrity and reflects a significant historic period in the life of the community when a major transportation route through central Iowa ran through Newton. The fact that the Standard Oil Station remains at this intersection speaks to the great impact that growing automobile transportation had on the community. 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.

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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 automobile transportation in small towns in Iowa as well as the evolution of the Newton 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, 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.

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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

According to the Newton Daily News edition of May 5, 1952, the first structure was constructed on this lot ca. 1915 and was the Standard Oil Station, the first automobile service station in Newton. The building was demolished and a larger service station was constructed on the property ca. 1925. A third building replaced that building after the survey for the 1927 fire insurance map; the Jasper County Assessor's records shows the present Standard Oil Station was constructed in 1935. This series of automobile service stations were authorized outlets for Standard Oil Company products from 1915 to 1963. During this period, the service station was operated by several individuals including the Kingman and Olson families.

In 1963, Clarence "Shorty" Chamberlain purchased the service station from P.N. Olson and converted the building to his real estate company. In August, 1964, Shorty had the two garage doors closed in and had two standard doors and two windows installed in their places. Ron Helms purchased the realty business from Chamberlain ca. 1997 and renamed it Re/Max of Newton. Helms had a computerized "talking" outdoor display board installed in August, 2000. This enabled customers to drive up to the board, press a button corresponding to their property of interest, and hear a recorded spiel about the property.

In 2006, the Piccadilly Pizza chain bought the property and turned it into an eat-in/take-out pizza shop. This lasted only four years until the manager found himself crossways with the law over business dealings and wound up in jail. In October, 2010, an Edward D. Jones franchise was opened at the property by Brendan G. Lamont.

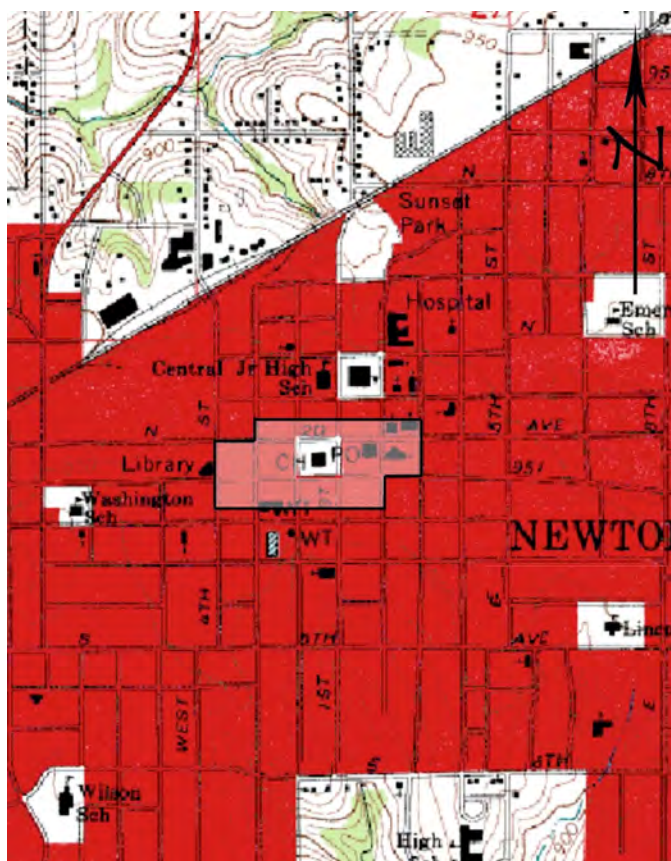
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11. Additional Documentation - Maps

USGS 7.5 MINUTE TOPOGRAPHIC MAP - NEWTON - 1965



(MAP SOURCE: <http://www.trails.com>. Accessed 09/21/2011.)

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



(IMAGE SOURCE: Sue Smith - 2011)

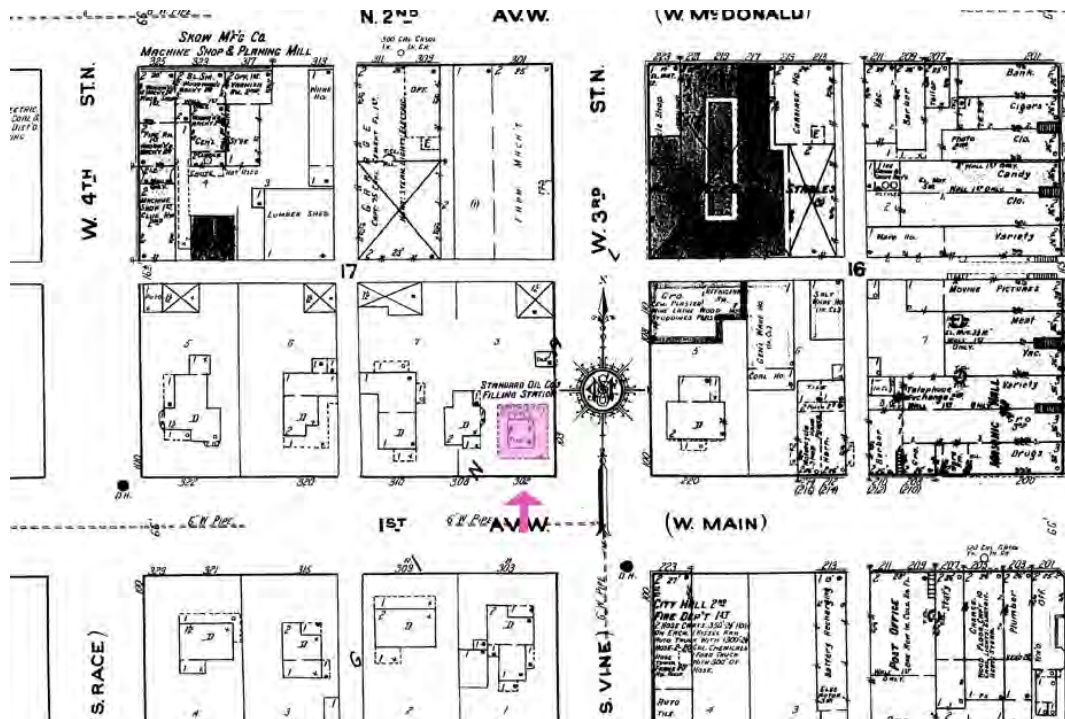
View of the resource looking west across W. 3rd St. N.

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FIRE INSURANCE MAP – 1918



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

The location of the resource is indicated by the upward facing arrow, showing the first building sitting squarely on the property lot in 1918.

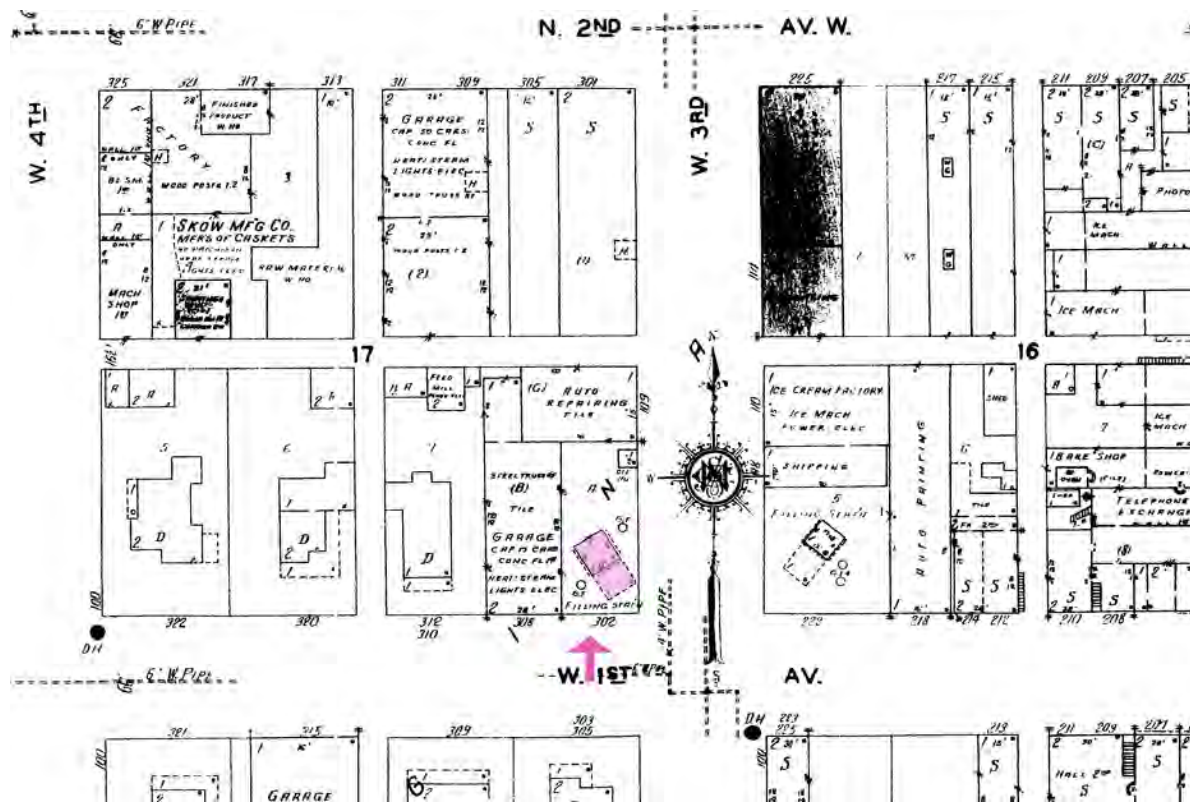
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FIRE INSURANCE MAP – 1927



(MAP SOURCE: Sanborn Company Fire Insurance Map, 1927)

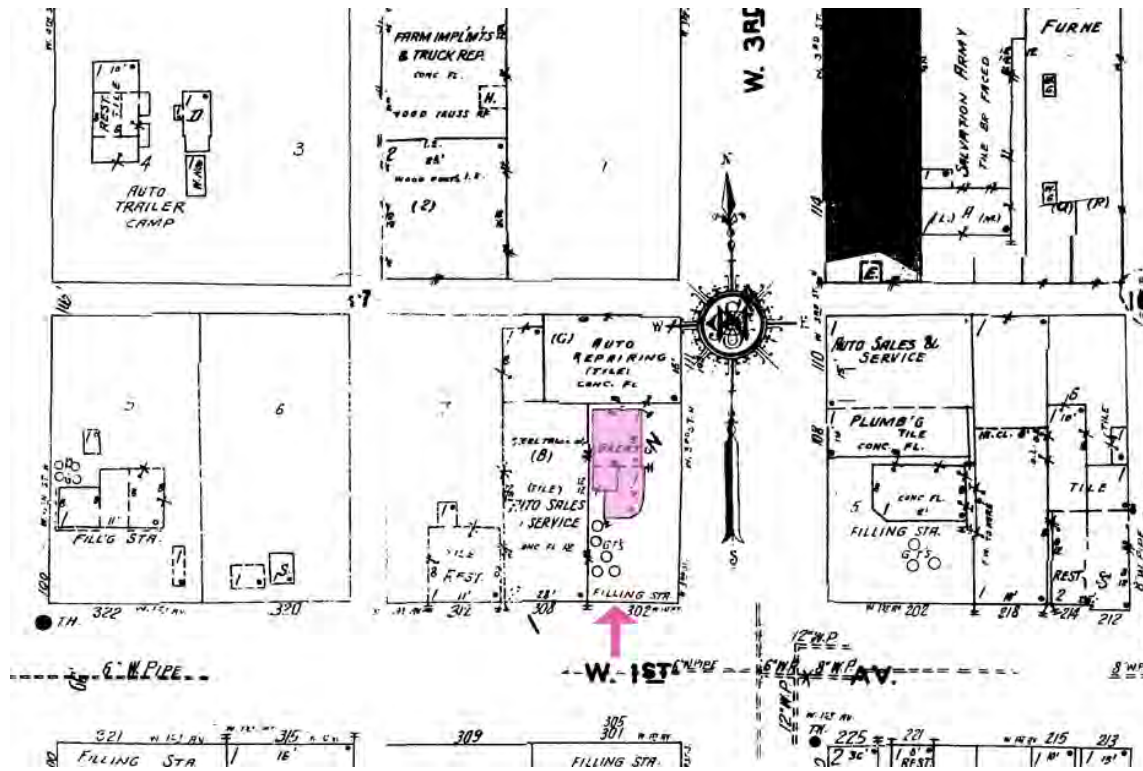
The location of the resource is indicated by the upward facing arrow, showing the second building sitting diagonally on the property lot in 1927.

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FIRE INSURANCE MAP – 1949 Revision of the 1927 map



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

The location of the resource is indicated by the upward facing arrow, showing the third and present building sitting squarely on the property lot in 1949.

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HISTORIC IMAGES – ca. 1927



(IMAGE SOURCE: Kenneth A. Brown Collection)

This is a ca. 1927 Tyler Studio photo of the aerial view to the west from the Jasper County Courthouse. At the very top center see two buildings set diagonally on lots at the intersection of 1st Ave. W. and W. 3rd St. N. The topmost building is the Standard Oil Station at 302 1st Ave. W. (indicated).

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9. Major Bibliographic References

Shaw Publishing Co., *Newton Daily News*, May 2, 1952 edition.

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