

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

State Inventory No. 50-01701

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 Sauerman and Son Garage

other names/site number Iowa National Guard Armory, Veterans of Foreign Wars Marshall Foch Post 1655

2. Location

street & number 315 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) Part of 3

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

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)

02E01 COMMERCE/TRADE/auto showroom

12A02 DEFENSE/armory

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

03A04 SOCIAL/hall of other fraternal

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

09F02 Commercial/Broadfront

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation 10B CONCRETE/poured

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 315 1st Ave. W.

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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 1920 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

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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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7. Description

Site Description

The Sauerman and Son Garage is sited on the south side of 1st Ave. W., two blocks southwest of the city square, in the historic downtown of Newton, Iowa in Jasper County with its façade facing north. The building is bounded on the west by a parking area and by an alley on the east. 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 Sauerman and Son Garage is a one-story, variegated brick building constructed on what is likely a poured concrete foundation. The broadfront building form is typical of automotive-related properties constructed in the first quarter of the 20th century. With its large display windows and open interior, the broadfront was ideal to display, repair and supply automobiles. Other elements typical of the broadfront include the one-story, wide form, flat roof, restrained decorative embellishment, and stepped façade parapet.

The Sauerman and Son Garage features an off-set, recessed entrance with three large display windows. These windows and the entrance surround have been infilled with glass block; an alteration likely dating to the 1949 occupation by the VFW. The addition of glass block may have resulted in a minor diminishment of the window openings. The façade cornice is created of a simple pattern of brickwork, the stepped parapet capped with clay tile coping.

The building's east and west elevations also retain clay tile coping and both have been parged and painted. While that on the east is a single neutral tone, the west elevation sports a mural of the American flag.

Integrity Considerations

The Sauerman and Son Garage retains a high level of historic integrity related to design, workmanship, and materials. As a property constructed specifically for the automotive business sector, the retention of the broadfront form is central to retention of historic integrity. As noted, the original windows were infilled with glass block. Because that alteration dates to 1949 it is considered historic and contributing to our understanding of the evolution of the building.

As it relates to integrity of location, setting, and association, the building retains a high level of integrity and contributes significantly to the integrity of feeling created by the generally intact commercial district found in Newton. The resource's location speaks specifically to the commercial development during the first quarter of the 20th century and the physical impact of the automobile revolution on the Newton commercial district.

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8. Statement of Significance

The Sauerman and Son Garage 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, specifically in its role as a representative of the automotive revolution.

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 (including the Arcade building) 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

The Sauerman and Son Garage was constructed ca.1920 on a site formerly occupied by a residence which dated to ca.1894. The garage is representative of the diverse commercial response to the automobile and resulting impact on the Newton downtown commercial district.

Sauerman and Son Garage and Implement occupied the building in the 1920s – the building was likely constructed to accommodate that business. From 1928-1931, the Motor Inn Garage did business there. Schlotfelat & Hook Chevrolet Co. was the next occupant, with Sanders Used Cars doing business from this location in the late 1930s.

The State of Iowa obtained the property in the early 1940s and established Newton's Iowa National Guard Armory at this location. In 1945, this was home to Company A, 13th Medical Regiment. By 1947, the Armory was housing Company F, State Regimental Guard.

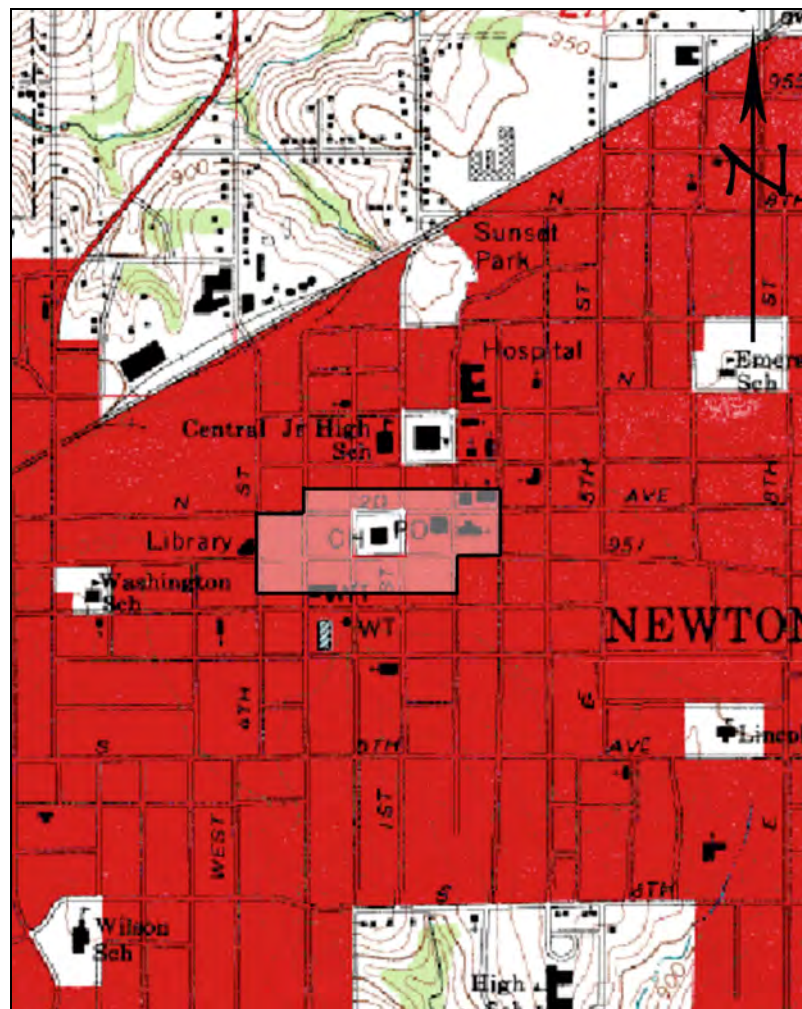
The Veterans of Foreign Wars Marshall Foch Post 1655 (VFW) had moved into this building by June 1949 and remains at this location today. An interior wall of the VFW has a patriotic wall mural that is 40+ years old. Anthony "Tony" Oskam, John Porter, and Barb Porter did the painting in approximately 1961.

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11. Additional Documentation – Maps

USGS 7.5 MINUTE TOPOGRAPHIC MAP – NEWTON QUAD (1965)



(MAP SOURCE: www.trails.com)

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 southwest across 1st Ave. W.

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

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View of the building façade, looking south across 1st Ave. W.

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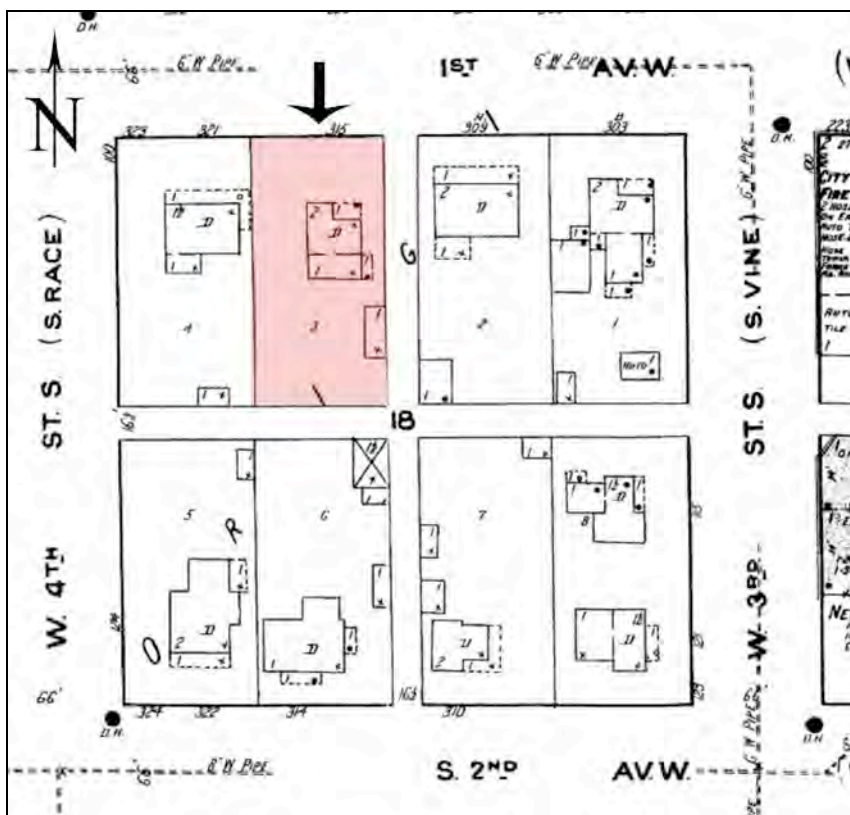


View of the resource, looking southeast across 1st Ave. W.

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SANBORN FIRE INSURANCE MAP – 1918



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

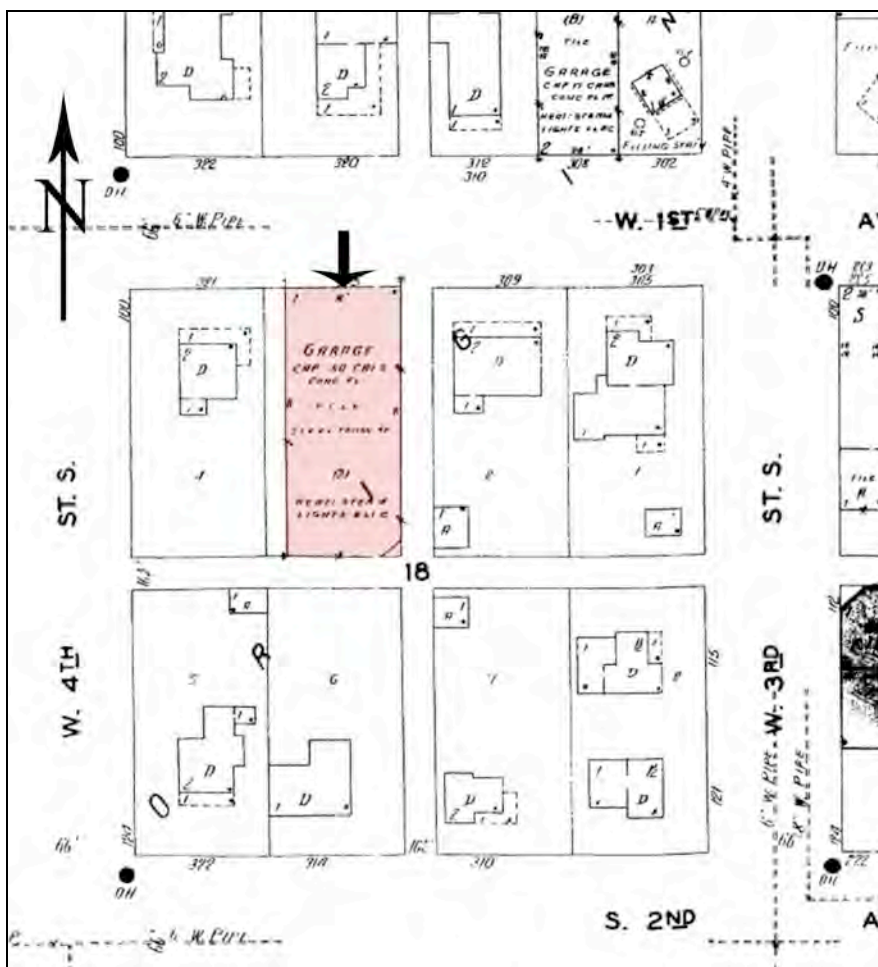
As the 1918 fire insurance map indicates, the block upon which the building now stands was predominantly residential.

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SANBORN FIRE INSURANCE MAP – 1927



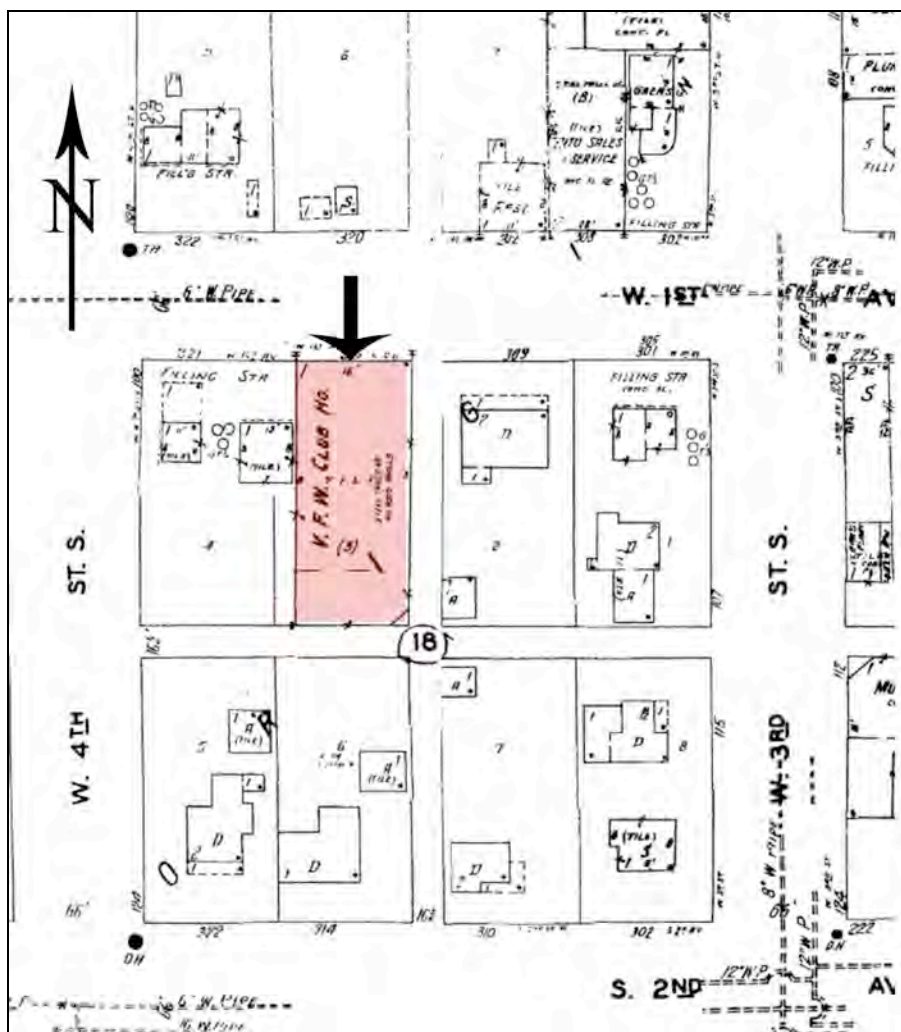
(SOURCE: <http://www.cbpl.lib.ia.us>. Accessed 12/26/2011)

By 1927, the present, one-story brick building was on the site. As the fire insurance map notes (and the building's visual character suggests), an automotive garage was located there.

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SANBORN FIRE INSURANCE MAP – 1949 Revision of the 1927 Map



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

By 1949 the VFW “Club House” was located in the building. The glass block window infill is in keeping with the stylistic trends of the mid-twentieth century, so it is likely that alteration dates to when the VFW took ownership of the property.

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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.