

Iowa Site Inventory

Office of Historic Preservation
Iowa State Historical Department
East 12th & Grand Avenue
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Site Number 07-028-8023
District Name _____
Map Reference # #283

Identification

1. Site Name James Black Dry Goods Store
2. Village/Town/City Waterloo Township _____ County _____
3. Street Address 201 East Fourth
4. Legal Location _____
Urban: _____ Rural: _____ subdivision township _____ block range _____ parcel section _____ subparcel ¼ section of ¼ section _____
5. UTM Location: zone _____ easting _____ northing _____; Acreage _____
6. Owner(s) Name _____
7. Owner(s) Address _____
(Street address) _____ (City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip) _____
Comm. _____ James Black Dry Goods
8. Use: Present _____ Original _____

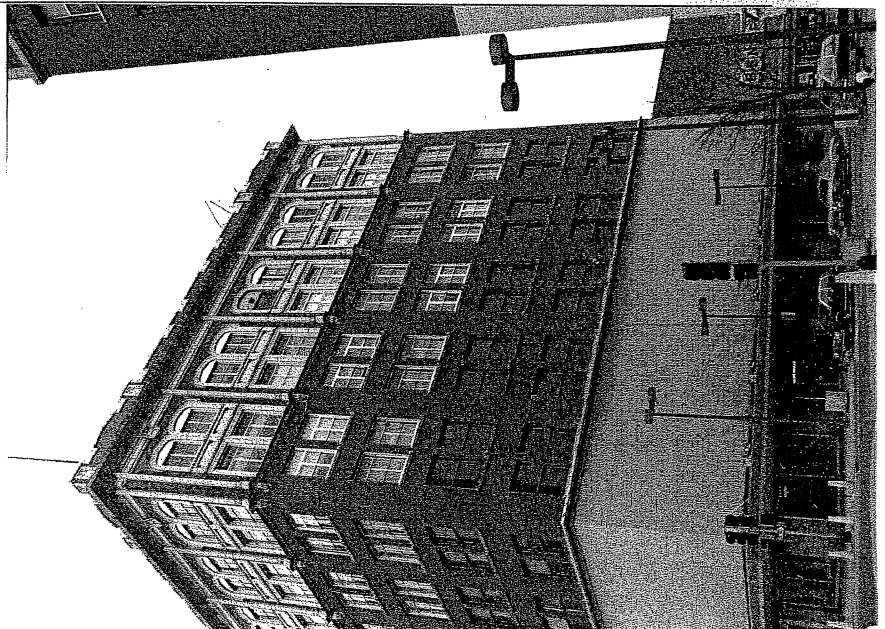
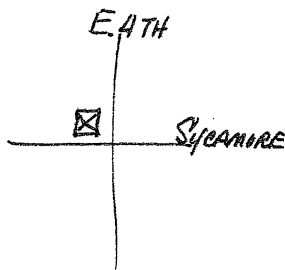
Description

9. Date of Construction c1910 Architect/Builder Clinton P. Shockley
10. Building Type:
☐ single-family dwelling ☐ industrial ☐ other institutional ☐ religious
☐ multiple-family dwelling ☐ educational ☐ public ☐ agricultural
☒ commercial
11. Exterior Walls: ☐ clapboard ☐ stone ☒ brick ☐ board and batten ☐ shingles ☐ stucco
☐ other _____
12. Structural System: ☐ wood frame with interlocking joints ☐ wood frame with light members (balloon frame)
☐ masonry load-bearing walls ☐ iron frame ☐ steel frame with curtain walls ☐ reinforced concrete
☐ other _____
13. Condition: ☐ excellent ☒ good ☐ fair ☐ deteriorated
14. Integrity: ☒ original site ☐ moved—if so, when? _____
Notes on alterations, additions (with dates and architect, if known) and any other notable features of building and site: _____
15. Related Outbuildings and Property: ☐ barn ☐ other farm structures ☐ carriage house ☐ garage ☐ privy
☐ other _____
16. Is the building endangered? ☒ no ☐ yes—if so, why? _____
17. Surroundings of the building: ☐ open land ☐ woodland ☐ scattered outbuildings ☐ densely built-up ☒ commercial
☐ industrial ☐ residential ☐ other _____

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3328, fr. 6, 7

18. Map



Significance

(Indicate sources of information for all statements)

20. Architectural significance

- ☐ a. Key structure/individually may qualify for the National Register
- ☒ b. Contributing structure
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Despite the significant changes to the lower level of the building, the structure, by its sheer size, prominent location, and interesting design, contributes to the downtown appearance. A candidate for renovation, the store was designed by Waterloo architect Clinton Shockley.

21. Historical Significance

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22. Sources (for primary and secondary sources, give complete facts of publication: author, title, place of publication, date, etc.):

Prepared by _____ Date _____

Address _____ Telephone _____

Organization _____

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1. Office Information Sources on this Property

- ☒ County Resource File
- ☐ Windshield Survey
- ☐ National Register
- ☐ Grants-In-Aid: _____
- ☐ Determination of Eligibility

☐ Review and Compliance Project:

- ☐ Other _____
- ☐ Other _____
- ☐ Other _____

2. Subject Traces

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____
- e. _____

3. Photo Images 3327/35 3328/6-7

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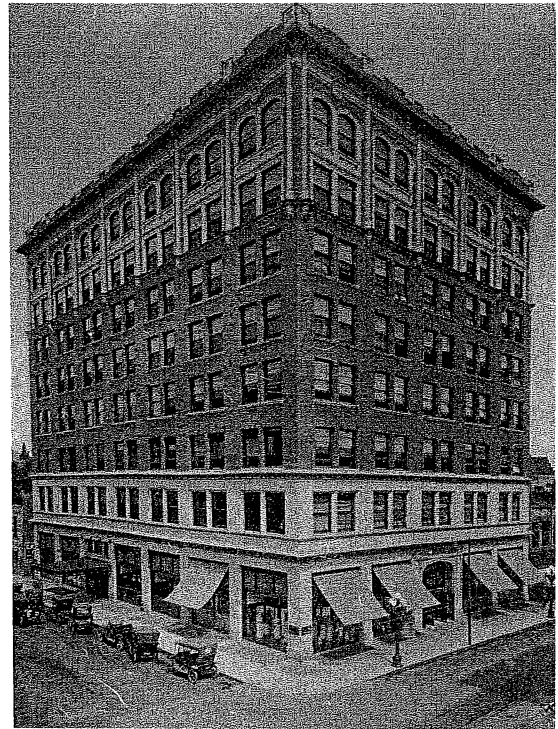
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Continuation Sheet

Item Number(s) 201 East Fourth



Original



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Division of Historic Preservation
Iowa State Historical Department
26 E. Market St., Iowa City, Iowa 52240

Site Number 007-028-109
District Name _____
Map Reference # _____

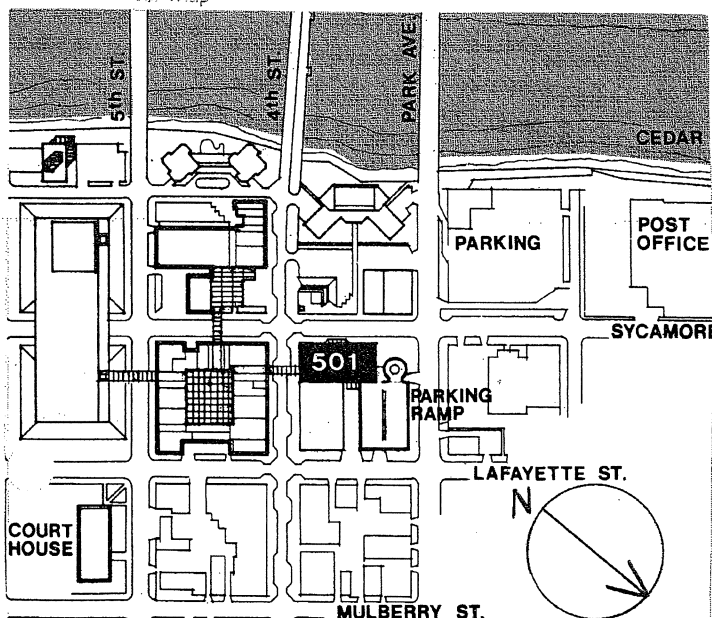
Identification

1. Site Name The James Black Dry Goods Co.
2. Village/Town/City Waterloo Township _____ County Black Hawk
3. Street Address 201-209 East Fourth Street
4. Legal Location Orig Plat Wloo East SW 40 FT Lot 7 Blk 13 SW 38 Lot 8 Blk 13
Urban: _____ subdivision _____ block _____ parcel _____ subparcel _____
Rural: _____ township _____ range _____ section _____ 1/4 section of 1/4 section Blk 13
5. UTM Location: zone _____ easting _____ northing _____; Acreage _____
6. Owner(s) Name Midtown Development Partnership (Verner & Donna Nelson, *see below
7. Owner(s) Address E. 4th & Sycamore Waterloo Iowa 50703
(Street address) (City) (State) (Zip)
8. Use: Present office Original retail/office complex

Description

9. Date of Construction 1913 & 1928 Architect/Builder John S. Bartley / J. E. Currie
Clinton Shockley Mortimer Cleveland James Maine & Sons
10. Building Type:
☐ single-family dwelling ☐ industrial ☐ Architect ☐ other institutional ☐ Construction, Gen.
☐ multiple-family dwelling ☐ educational ☐ public ☐ religious ☐ Contractor
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* also, Charles W. Granger, and Miller Development Co. (William G. G. Miller)

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Waterloo Daily article attached -- Wednesday, January 1, 1913
Waterloo Courier article attached December 31, 1928

Grand nephew of James Black--Mr. Don Graham, spoke with 1982

Prepared by Barbara H. Roberts Date July 14, 1982
Address Sycamore 501 Bldg. Suite 542 Telephone 319-233-5109
Organization Midtown Development Partnership

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3. Photo Images

- _____

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IHP-BH62 (Plate 5, Fig. Q): Black's Department Store, E. 4th Street at Sycamore (north corner). Description: Black's is the major local department store in Waterloo, and it is housed in one of the downtown's largest buildings. The nine-story structure is essentially of brick, but much of the lower facade is encased in modern stone or concrete. The uppermost two stories are heavily decorated in stone, which must originally have relieved the strict regularity of the building's design. The remodeling below does not work at all with the decorative upper area, however, and the building as a whole has become a less than magnificent major landmark in the downtown.

Impact: The proposed project will not affect this structure adversely.

Recommendation: Inclusion in the State Inventory.

