

Site Inventory Form

State Historical Society of Iowa

Inventory # 03-00536



1. Name of Property

Historic name: Town Theater

Other names/site number: Main Feature Theater

2. Location

Street and number: 38 W Main St

City: Waukon County: Allamakee

Legal description: SCOTT SHATTUCK'S 1ST ADDITION 1 E 40 FT OF W 80 1/2 FT OF LOT 2

5. Classification

Category of property

Number of resources within property

Building(s)

Contributing Non-contributing

| | | |
|---|---|--------------|
| 0 | 1 | building(s) |
| 0 | 0 | site(s) |
| 0 | 0 | structure(s) |
| 0 | 0 | object(s) |
| 0 | 1 | total |

Name of related project report or multiple property study

HADB 00-231 Schwenk, Sally Fullerton, 2010 - Historic Movie Theaters of Iowa

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

DOMESTIC

RECREATION AND CULTURE/theater/movie theater

Current Functions

COMMERCE/TRADE/restaurant

RECREATION AND CULTURE/theater/movie theater

7. Description

Architectural Classification

Materials

Foundation: Concrete

Walls: Stone

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

| Opinion | Source | Year | Criteria | | | | Considerations | | | |
|---------|--------|------|----------|---|---|---|----------------|---|---|---|
| | | | A | B | C | D | A | B | C | D |

Criteria legend: 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 archeology or history.

Criteria considerations legend: 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

Architecture

Entertainment/Recreation

Construction date

built in 1938

10. Geographic Data

UTM References

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Zone

Easting

Northing

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Continuation Sheet

Narratives

Interior investigation would be required to determine if the building retains sufficient integrity to be individually eligible for its historic entertainment associations. Currently, as a two-part commercial block it would contribute to a downtown historic district. Dennis Cote had this building constructed in 1938 and he and his wife, Ruth, operated the theater for many years while residing in the upstairs apartment. Dennis operated a shooting range in the basement and Ruth often sang and played piano before the movie. In 1951, Dennis' sons, Eaton and Paul, took over the operation and remained the owner/operators until 1986. In 1989, Frank and Sharon Hammel bought the building and remodeled the interior to its current appearance