

# Site Inventory Form

State Historical Society of Iowa  
Inventory # 06-00793

## 1. Name of Property

Historic name: Palace Theatre  
Other names/site number:

## 2. Location

Street and number: W 4th St  
City: Vinton County: Benton  
Legal description: BECKETTS ADDN 17 W 42' 9 1/2" LOT 2

## 5. Classification

Category of property Building(s)	Number of resources within property		
	Contributing	Non-contributing	
	1	0	building(s)
	0	0	site(s)
	0	0	structure(s)
	0	0	object(s)
	1	0	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  
RECREATION AND CULTURE/theater/movie theater  
RECREATION AND CULTURE/theater/playhouse  
Current Functions  
RECREATION AND CULTURE/theater/movie theater

## 7. Description

Architectural Classification

Materials  
Walls: Brick

## 8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

			Criteria				Considerations						
Opinion	Source	Year	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D	E	F	G

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  
Commerce  
Construction date  
built in 1915  
Builder(s)  
Ford, Mike

## 10. Geographic Data

UTM References



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Zone                      Easting                      Northing

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## Continuation Sheet

### Narratives

This building does not retain sufficient integrity to be individually eligible for its historic entertainment associations. As a good commercial building downtown, it might contribute to a commercial historic district. A livery occupied this site prior to the Palace Theater's construction in 1915. It appears on the 1921 Sanborn map with the notation, "Moving Pictures & Occasional Vaudeville." A 1932 fire destroyed the interior of the theater and it was rebuilt with a Spanish motif. The theater closed in 1972 and the building subsequently contained a bakery and a game arcade before again being gutted by fire. From 1994 to 1997 Hummel's Total Workout fitness gym occupied the building. The Area Community Theater Inc., a non-profit, took control in 1997 and remodeled the building to its current appearance