

Site Inventory Form

State Historical Society of Iowa

Inventory # 28-00332



1. Name of Property

Historic name: Castle Theater

Other names/site number:

2. Location

Street and number: 112 E Main St

City: Manchester County: Delaware

Legal description:

5. Classification

Category of property	Number of resources within property		
	Contributing	Non-contributing	
Building(s)	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 00-102 Cunning, Tracy A., 1988 - Iowa Opera Halls and Opera Houses: Evolution of Stage-Focused Buildings

Structures in Iowa

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

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

SOCIAL/meeting hall

RECREATION AND CULTURE/theater/movie theater

Current Functions

SOCIAL/meeting hall/hall of other fraternal, patriotic organization

RECREATION AND CULTURE/theater/movie theater

7. Description

Architectural Classification

Late 19th and 20th Century Revivals: Late Gothic Revival

Modern Movement

Materials

Foundation: Stone

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
No opinion	SHPO	1988											
Contributing in potential district	Consultant	2010	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N

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

Site Inventory Form

State Historical Society of Iowa

Inventory # 28-00332

Construction date

built in 1935

Architect(s)

Wetherell and Harrison, Des Moines, IA

10. Geographic Data

UTM References

Zone

Easting

Northing

15

626759

4704661

Site Inventory Form

State Historical Society of Iowa

Inventory # 28-00332

Continuation Sheet

Narratives

Due to extensive interior remodeling and alteration of the street level façade, the building does not retain sufficient integrity to be individually eligible for listing for its historic movie theater associations. As a two-part commercial block it would be eligible as a contributing resource in a downtown historic district.

Exterior Alterations = ticket booth removed and new aluminum storefront installed; flanking storefronts infilled. Interior Alterations - entire interior appearance dates to 1993 remodel.

A review of the available Sanborn maps suggests that the shell of this building may date to circa 1895. The 1891 Sanborn map shows different, smaller buildings, however the 1899 Sanborn map shows a building of the same height and dimension (prior to the c1917 rear addition) containing a drug store (west half) and a furniture store (east half). A furniture store occupied the entire first floor with a meeting hall on the upper floor from around 1905 until 1935. Between 1917 and 1921 a rear addition occurred, which is visible on the building today. In 1935, the building was remodeled to its current appearance from a design by architects Wetherell & Harrison of Des Moines. A December 1935 program shows the theater had showings every night, with "Bank Night" on Tuesdays. The movie theater appears on the 1948 Sanborn map with a lodge hall on the upper floor. Interior remodeled when Fridley Theatres took over around 1993. Still in operation by Fridley Theatres, however, soon to be turned over to a non-profit community group