

DEC 09 2011

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

State Inventory No. 57-09621

Part of a district with known boundaries (enter inventory no.)
Relationship: Contributing Noncontributing

Part of a district with known boundaries (enter inventory no.)

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 090657190

Non-Extant (enter year)

ELIGIBLE

1. Name of Property

historic name John Blaul's Sons Company Warehouse

other names/site number

2. Location

street & number 600 First Street SE

city or town Cedar Rapids vicinity, county Linn

Legal Description: (If Rural) Township Name Township No. Range No. Section Quarter of Quarter

(If Urban) Subdivision Block(s) Lot(s)

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)

Number of Resources within Property

- building(s)
district
site
structure
object

If Non-Eligible Property

Enter number of:

- buildings
sites
structures
objects
Total

If Eligible Property, enter number of:

Contributing Noncontributing

- buildings
sites
structures
objects
Total

Name of related project report or multiple property study (Enter "N/A" if the property is not part of a multiple property examination).

Title
Vogel et al. 2011; see continuation sheet

Historical Architectural Data Base Number
57-105

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

02H Warehouse

70 Vacant

02A Business

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

01 No style

foundation

10B Poured concrete

09 Vernacular

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

- 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 Linn
City Cedar Rapids

Address 600 First Street SE

Site Number 57-09621
District Number

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

Significant Dates

Construction date 1914 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 <u>15</u>	<u>610611</u>	<u>4647735</u>	2		
3			4		

See continuation sheet for additional UTM references or comments

11. Form Prepared By

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city or town Spring Grove

state MN

date 2011

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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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Roll/slide sheet #	_____	Frame/slot #	_____	Date Taken	_____

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): Robert C. Vogel, Senior Historian

Date: 1/24/12

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State Historical Society of Iowa
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John Blaul's Sons Company Warehouse

Linn

Name of Property

County

600 First Street SE

Cedar Rapids

Address

City

This supplemental site inventory form presents the findings of a re-survey of the property that was carried out in 2011. The John Blaul's Sons Company Warehouse is a five story, brick commercial building with red brick walls and a flat roof. The building footprint measures approximately 134 x 73.5 ft, covering much of the 140 x 80 ft lot. The southwest corner of the building is canted and there is a metal canopy on the north side. The structural system is wood frame with oak posts and joists. The first floor is raised about 6 ft above grade. Ghost signs are visible on the side elevations. The property sustained damage during the June 2008 flood but has been purchased for adaptive reuse as office space by a downtown redevelopment group.

John Blaul opened a grocery store in Burlington, Iowa, in 1870 and 1885 and entered into a partnership with Lagomarino-Grupe to operate as a wholesale grocer. Blaul opened a warehouse in Cedar Rapids in 1894. The present building was constructed for the company in 1914–1915 and was owned by John Blaul's Sons Company until 1955. The property was subsequently occupied by a number of different businesses. In 1964 it was leased by Midwest Food Distributors, which moved out in 1993. From 1995 until 2006 it was occupied by the Great Furniture Mart. The building was not being used at the time of the 2008 flood.

The subject property is evaluated as significant under National Register of Historic Places Criterion A for its association with the broad theme of commerce. The John Blaul's Sons Company was an important wholesale business that had an important presence in downtown Cedar Rapids for over half a century; as such, it reflects the importance of wholesale or "jobbing" in the economic life of the city. The building is one of a relatively small number of intact warehouses in Cedar Rapids' core business district, where it historically formed a prominent and highly visible component of the city's "jobbers' district" on First Street. Architecturally, the property also has some significance under Criterion C relating to its distinctive design and construction characteristics. The building illustrates important concepts in early twentieth century vernacular commercial building, including the use of concrete in combination with traditional heavy timber framing, oak flooring in the open-plan warehouse areas, and the canted corner. Overall historic integrity is good and the building retains all of its essential historic character defining elements. Its physical history and association with important themes and patterns of events is well documented.

City Assessor's Office

n.d. Property Records for 600 First Street SE. City Assessor's Office, City of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Sanborn Fire Insurance Company

1949 Map of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Sanborn Fire Insurance Company, Chicago, Illinois. On file, State Historical Society of Iowa.

State Historical Society Library

1914-1947 Miscellaneous City Directories for Cedar Rapids, Iowa. On file, State Historical Society Library, Iowa City.

Vogel, Robert C., Christian J. Hendrie, Joe B. Thompson, Derek V. Lee, and David W. Benn

2011 *Phase I Archeological Intensive Reconnaissance, and Architectural Surveys on Alternative 4C and Airport Borrow for the Cedar River Flood Risk Management Feasibility Study, Cedar Rapids, Linn County, Iowa.* BCA 1739. Bear Creek Archeology, Cresco, Iowa.

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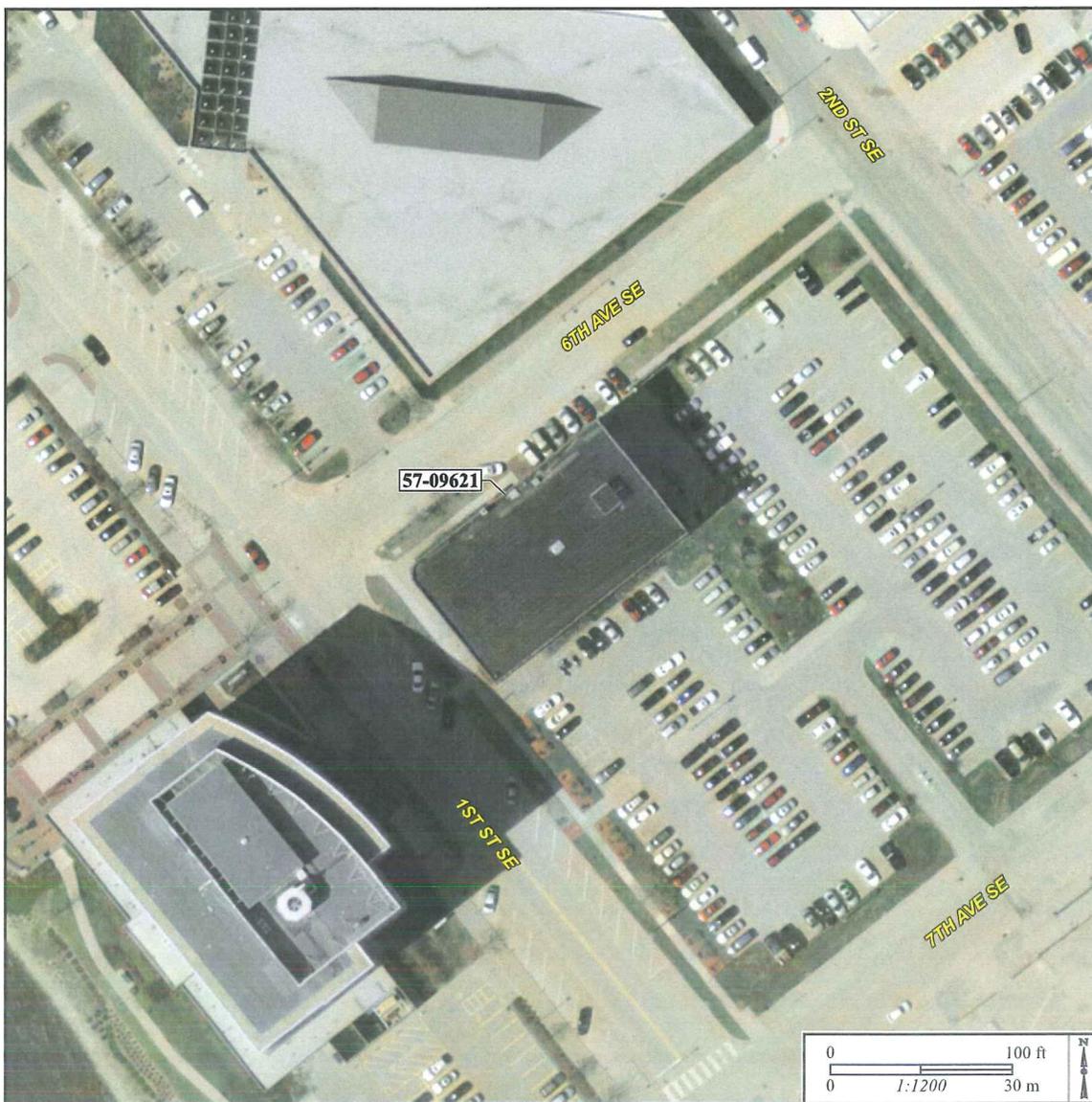
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Scale map of the property.

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Photograph of the property. View to the west (3/30/11).

Reply Sent: _____

Review and Compliance Data Record

R&C #: 090657190

Date Received: 12/9/2011

SHPO Response Due: 1/8/2012

Associated R&C #:

Date of Letter: 12/8/2011

Site Inventory #: 57-09621

County: LINN

Town: CEDAR RAPIDS

57-09849

File Agency: COE

LOGGED OUT

57-09621

Project Title: CEMVR-OD-P-2010 - CITY OF CEDAR RAPIDS - FINAL PH I ARCHEO. INTEN, RECONN/ ARCHITECTURAL SURVEYS ALTERNATIVE 4C AND AIRPORT BORROW, CEDAR RIVER FLOOD RISK MGMT. FEASIBILITY STUDY, VOL. IIA, IIB, IIC ARCHIT. STUDY [BCA 1739] (CD)

57-10501-10532

ROUTED TO:

Received

Initials Signoff Date

No Comment:

Archaeology: _____

Response Card Sent

Architectural History:

12/9/2011

History: RJC *RJC 12/9/11*

Attachment "A" Reporting Category:

Architecture: _____

Federal Review: _____

DSHPO: _____

State/Local Review: _____

SHPO: _____

Secondary Agencies: _____

Concur by 30 Day Expiration: _____ (Still requires check of finding below)

106 Project Finding: Noneligible Properties (Inventory Number or Archaeological Site Number):

* No Properties in Impact Area: _____

Effected Eligible Property (Inventory Number or Archaeological Site Number):

No Effect on Properties: _____

No Adverse Effect: _____

Adverse Effect: _____

No Adverse Effect w/ Conditions: _____

No Assessment of Effect: _____

SHPO Signature Date:

Memoranda of Agreement: _____

Programmatic Agreement: _____

Other Agreement: _____

Effected Property (Inventory Number or Archaeological Site Number):

Recon Survey Recommended: _____

Intensive Survey Recommended: _____

Data Recovery Recommended: _____

Recordation Recommended: _____

Technical Assistance Provided: _____

More Information Requested: _____

Acres: Intensive - Recon

Filing:

Information Disposition:

Archaeo: _____

Project Stays in R&C Files: _____

File Moved to NADB:

A/H: _____

Project Finished - Retain 3 Years: _____

Site Data Moved to Inventory:

Report Moved to HADB:

Copy to Agreements: _____

Project Finished: _____

Destroy Remainder: _____

Staff Comments: _____

* Property records will be scanned and destroyed

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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
ROCK ISLAND DISTRICT CORPS OF ENGINEERS
PO BOX 2004
ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS 61204-2004

December 8, 2011

Planning, Programs, and Project
Management Division

Ms. June Strand
ATTN: Review and Compliance Program
State Historical Society of Iowa
Capitol Complex
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Dear Ms. Strand:

The US Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District (District), and the City of Cedar Rapids (City), Linn County, Iowa, have been consulting with the State Historical Society of Iowa (SHSI) concerning the *Cedar River Cedar Rapids, Iowa Flood Risk Management Project*. The Feasibility Study was authorized, as promulgated under General Investigations House Resolution Docket 2749 adopted April 5, 2006, by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and Senate Resolution adopted May 23, 2006, by the Committee on Environment and Public Works. This correspondence is promulgated under the National Historic Preservation Act as amended (NHPA), and it's implementing regulations 36CFR Part 800: "Protection of Historic Properties."

Two printed copies of the final report entitled *Phase I Archeological Intensive, Reconnaissance and Architectural Surveys on Alternative 4C and Airport Borrow for the Cedar River Flood Risk Management Feasibility Study, Cedar Rapids, Linn County, Iowa: Volumes IIa, IIb and IIc—Architectural Study* (enclosure 1, Final BCA 1739, November 2011), prepared by Bear Creek Archeology, Inc., Cresco, Iowa under U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District Contract W912EK-08-D-0002, Delivery Order 0031/0032 and a CD containing the report are provided for your permanent file (Report). Your agency is also provided with unbound copies of the Historical Architectural Data Base forms (Enclosure 2). No comment is required from your agency since the report copies are provided for your permanent files in compliance with Section 106 of the NHPA, as amended.

Those on the attached *Interested and Consulting Parties List Cedar Rapids, Cedar Rapids, Iowa – Flood Risk Management Feasibility Study – Cedar Rapids, Linn County, Iowa* (enclosure 3) are provided with one printed and one CD copy of the final report (enclosure 1). Under section 304 of the NHPA, copies of the Report are not for public distribution and contain site location information. Please keep the Report in a secure location, so that the information is not made available to the public. All requested address changes, additions, or removals to enclosure 3 should be addressed to the undersigned.

Please direct all questions concerning the Feasibility Study or the Report to Mr. Ron Deiss of our Environmental and Economic Branch, telephone 309/794-5185, or write to our address, ATTN: Planning, Programs, and Project Management Division (Ron Deiss).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kenneth A. Barr".

Kenneth A. Barr
Chief, Environmental and
Economic Branch

Enclosures