

**Site Inventory Form**  
**State Historical Society of Iowa**  
(December 1, 1999)

State Inventory No. 70-00993  New  Supplemental  
 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  
Review & Compliance No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Non-Extant (enter year) \_\_\_\_\_

**1. Name of Property**

historic name Bond Brothers Bicycle Shop

other names/site number Field Site: FS-099

**2. Location**

street & number 212 Walnut Street

city or town Muscatine

Legal Description: (If Rural) Township Name

Township No.  vicinity, county Muscatine

Range No. Section Quarter of Quarter

(If Urban) Subdivision Original Town Block(s) 31 Lot(s) 5

**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)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

**Number of Resources within Property**

<i>If Non-Eligible Property</i>	<i>If Eligible Property, enter number of:</i>
<u>Enter number of:</u>	<u>Contributing</u> <u>Noncontributing</u>
<u>buildings</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>sites</u>	<u>      </u>
<u>structures</u>	<u>      </u>
<u>objects</u>	<u>      </u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>1</u>

*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

Historical Architectural Data Base Number

Historical and Architectural Survey and Evaluation of the Downtown Commercial District

70-013

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions** (Enter categories from instructions)

02E: Commerce / Specialty Shop – bicycles

**Current Functions** (Enter categories from instructions)

01B02: Domestic / apartments

**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification** (Enter categories from instructions)

09F05: Commercial / Brick Front

**Materials** (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation

walls

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)

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> More Research Recommended | A Property is associated with significant events.                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> More Research Recommended | B Property is associated with the lives of significant persons.     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> More Research Recommended | C Property has distinctive architectural characteristics.           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> More Research Recommended            | D Property yields significant information in archaeology or history |

County Muscatine Address 212 Walnut  
City Muscatine

Site Number 70-00993  
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 Person**

(Complete if National Register Criterion B is marked above)

\_\_\_\_\_

**Significant Dates**

*Construction date*

1895

check if circa or estimated date

*Other dates*

c.1915

**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	_____	_____	2	_____	_____
3	_____	_____	4	_____	_____

See continuation sheet for additional UTM references or comments

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**ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION (Submit the following items with the completed form)****FOR ALL PROPERTIES**

1. **Map:** showing the property's location in a town/city or township.
2. **Site plan:** showing position of buildings and structures on the site in relation to public road(s).
3. **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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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**

1. **Farmstead & District:** (List of structures and buildings, known or estimated year built, and contributing or non-contributing status)
2. **Barn:**
  - a. A sketch of the frame/truss configuration in the form of drawing a typical middle bent of the barn.
  - b. A photograph of the loft showing the frame configuration along one side.
  - c. 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): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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<u>Bond Brothers Bicycle Shop</u>	<u>Muscatine</u>
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## 7. Narrative Description

This is a two-story, two-bay, brick commercial building that appears to have been significantly remodeled twice. An older bakehouse stood on the front portion of this site in the 1880s and 1890s. Around 1895, the kitchen was moved into the neighboring hotel at Walnut and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, and a large rear addition was constructed behind the footprint of the old bakehouse. Since the brick of the side alley elevation appears significantly older than the rear addition, it is assumed that the bakehouse was remodeled at this time into a store, with the expanded rear space. The front brick veneer façade appears to date to around 1915, remodeled at the time of the construction of the adjacent 210 Walnut. Thus, the only wall that appears associated with the bakehouse is the north elevation, and overall the building reflects its remodeled and expanded c.1895 and c.1915 appearance.

The brick façade appears to date to the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, though it appears to clad an older building. With the similarity in detailing to 210 Walnut, it appears that this building was remodeled when the neighboring building was constructed around 1915. The wirecut tapestry brick veneer is similar to 210 Walnut, though it appears to have been repointed at a different time. Likewise, the frieze/cornice detailing is identical, though the buildings are different heights. A metal I-beam lintel spans the storefront, offset to the right. The recessed single-door entry is located on the left side of the storefront. It retains a historic door with a large window, and a transom window is found above the entry. The storefront windows also appear historic, divided by a wood mullion into two windows with a wood bulkhead. A metal awning extends over the storefront windows. The right bay of the second story has a metal oriel window. The one-over-one-light double-hung wood sashes appear to be original, though storm windows have been installed over these windows. The oriel window has a projected cornice. The left bay has a one-over-one-light double-hung wood window with segmental arch brick lintel. The frieze has simple brick detailing that mimics brackets, though only slightly projected. The cornice also defined by slightly project courses of brick.

The earlier brick building and rear addition are more clearly visible on the north elevation along the alley. The walls of these two sections do not align along the alley; the rear addition is setback from the alley about two feet. This jog is clear on the first Sanborn map depicting the addition in 1899. The north elevation of the older building has softer brick that has been painted. Two one-over-one-light double-hung windows appear to have been cut into the second story of the wall. The openings are simple with no distinct lintel or sill detail. A square chimney exits the roof near the northwest corner of the older brick building. The north elevation on the setback rear addition has also been painted, but the brick appears later than the front section of the north elevation and earlier than the c.1915 brick facade. Three one-over-one-light double-hung windows and a covered entry on the second story have brick segmental arch lintels. One covered window on the first story also have a brick segmental arch lintel. A double-door entry and series of three windows appear to have been cut into this section in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, perhaps around the c.1915 remodeling. The double-door entry has a simple rowlock brick lintel. The doors and screen doors appear to date to the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. To the rear (right) of the entry are three adjacent six-over-six-light double-hung windows. A metal I-beam lintel spans this opening.

No openings are visible on the rear elevation. A large section is covered in ivy.

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## 8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The Bond Brothers Bicycle Shop appears individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A. It does not appear individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria B or C. Additionally, it appears to be a contributing building in a potential downtown historic district.

The Bond Brothers Bicycle Shop is one of two successful bicycle businesses that operated in Muscatine in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. Ulysses G. Bond's career selling and repairing bicycles probably began while he worked at the hardware store of his brother, M.N. Bond, in the 1890s. Though bicycles were popular in the 1880s and 1890s, they were typically carried by general merchandise stores. With the increase in the number of specialty stores in the 1890s and early 20<sup>th</sup> century, the bicycle shop developed, often both selling and servicing bicycles. When Bond launched his bicycle store by 1900, he was among five dealers of bicycles in Muscatine. However, by 1910, only two businesses were listed under "Bicycles and Bicycle Supplies." Bond's business predates the other (Zeug), and the other shop operated at several locations over its lifespan. The building at 212 Walnut clearly reflects its appearance when it was utilized as a bicycle shop from 1900 to 1941, and the c.1915 remodeling would have occurred while they operated here. Thus, the Bond Brothers Bicycle Shop appears individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A.

Additionally, the Bond Brothers Bicycle Shop appears to be a contributing building in a potential downtown historic district. It falls within one historic context identified for the district: "20<sup>th</sup> Century Business and Industry." This period saw a rise in specialty stores in Muscatine, such as the bicycle store. This building appears to contribute historically and architecturally to the district.

An earlier small building stood on this site, probably associated with the hotel (National, then Eastern, then Kemble) at the corner of E. 2<sup>nd</sup> St and Walnut St. It is labeled as a wood shed on the 1883 Sanborn, and a bake house on the 1888 and 1892 Sanborn maps. By 1899, a kitchen was located at 208 Walnut for the hotel. The 1899 Sanborn map shows this building as a vacant store, with a larger rear section behind the old bake house footprint. With the older brick on the front portion of the alley elevation, it appears that the bake house was remodeled, and a rear addition constructed. A balcony is also depicted on the front of the building in 1899.

The earliest identified store in this building is the Bond & Young Bicycle Shop, which is listed at this location in the 1900 city directory. Ulysses Grant Bond was born in Muscatine County around 1873. He was working for his brother M.N. Bond in his hardware store at the time of his marriage in November 1896 ("A Beautiful Wedding," November 12, 1896, 3). Five businesses are listed under "Bicycles and Bicycle Supplies" in the 1900 city directory, including Bond & Young (bicycles), M.N. Bond (hardware, etc.), E.J. Hackett (bicycles), Adam F. Whisler (bicycles), and G. Schmidt & Brother (musical instruments, bicycles, stationary, wallpaper, etc.). Ulysses, after working with his brother, branched off with L.G. Young to form the bicycle shop. His brother continued to carry bicycle supplies, perhaps also

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selling or servicing bicycles. Schmidt & Brother also carried bicycles for a number of years previously. However, Ulysses Bond appears to be among the first group of stores to specialize in bicycles.

Young was a short-lived partner in this business, and Ulysses' brother William E. Bond joined him within the first couple years. Bond Brothers is listed in the 1902-03 city directory, selling and servicing bicycles. Pearl City Bicycle Works is also listed as the Bond Brothers. Bond Brother continued a successful business through the first decade of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. In the 1910 city directory, only Bond Brothers and John Zeug (117 Chestnut) is listed under "Bicycles and Bicycle Supplies." In the 1911 city directory, their business description has expanded to include bicycles and sporting goods. They continued their partnership through 1916. Throughout this period, the upper story was rented to a series of tenants as an apartment.

In the 1919 city directory, Ulysses G. Bond took on a new partner, J.W. Hawkins. Bond & Hawkins is listed as carrying bicycles and guns, and offering repair and locksmith services. The 1912 and 1919 Sanborn maps show "bicycle shop" as the use of the building. The front balcony disappeared between 1912 and 1919. It is perhaps at this time that the front of the building was renovated. The multi-color brick, oriel window, and storefront design appear to date to this period. The neighboring 210 Walnut was constructed around 1915, enclosing the previous exterior staircase for the second story of 212 and incorporating an entry to 212½ in this new building/storefront. It is probable that 212 Walnut was renovated around this time as well, as they share similar characteristics.

Bond & Hawkins are listed at 212 Walnut in the 1921 and 1923-24 city directories. The same two businesses, with slight name changes, continue to be listed under "Bicycles and Bicycle Supplies" in the 1923-24 directory: Bond & Hawkins and Wallace Zeug (116 Chestnut). The name changed to Bond's Sport Shop by 1927, continuing to provide retail sporting goods and repairs. They continued to operate here through 1941. In 1943, Fred's Sport Shop operated here briefly. The 1943 city directory lists the shop as "Formerly Bond's Sport Shop" with "Gun and Locksmithing, Builder's Hardware, Sporting Goods and Accessories." Fred Heerd was previously listed as a salesman, and he may have worked for Bond. On September 23, 1945, Ulysses G. Bond died in Florida.

Throughout this period, the upper story was rented to a series of tenants as an apartment, including a woman listed as a dressmaker in 1934. Nora Nowell, also a dressmaker, lived here from 1938 through 1943.

Beginning in 1946, the building became used as a printing company. Record Printing moved in here in 1946. After a consolidation, the Iowa-Record Printing Company operated here from 1952 into the 1960s. Currently the property houses a coin exchange.

### 9. Major Bibliographical References

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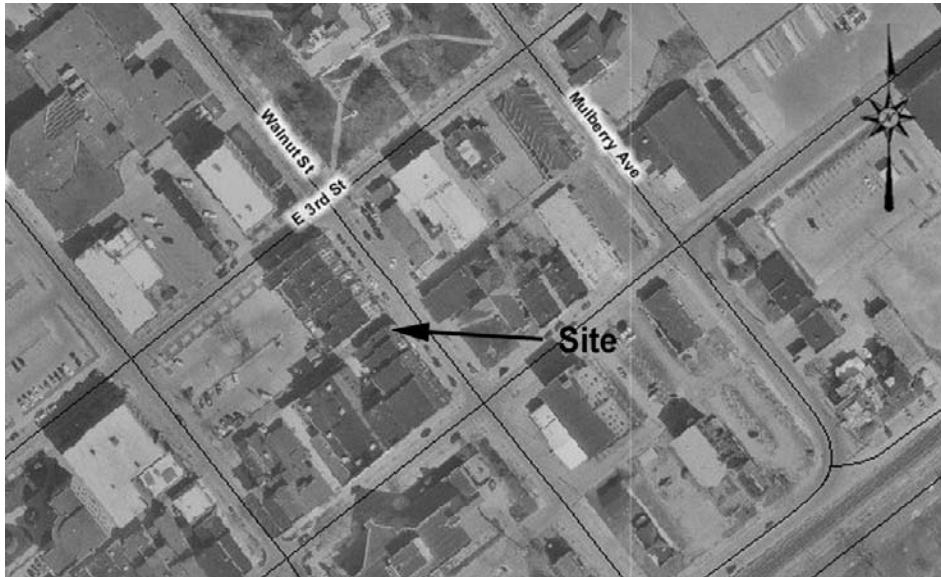
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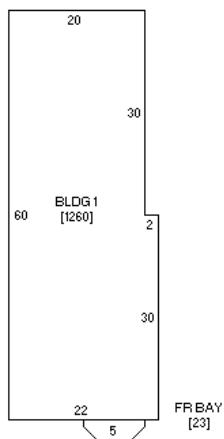
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## Location Map



## Plan (from assessor's office)



(front – Walnut)

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**Photographs of building (digital images)**

