

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

**State Inventory No. 22-01359**  New  Supplemental  
 Part of a district with known boundaries (enter inventory no.) 22-01381  
 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 Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Non-Extant (enter year) \_\_\_\_\_

**1. Name of Property**

historic name Adolph Eberhardt Building

other names/site number Gifford Insurance

**2. Location**

street & number 123 North Main Street

city or town Elkader

vicinity, county Clayton

Legal Description: (If Rural) Township Name \_\_\_\_\_ Township No. \_\_\_\_\_ Range No. \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_ Quarter \_\_\_\_\_ of Quarter \_\_\_\_\_  
 (If Urban) Subdivision Original Town \_\_\_\_\_ Block(s) 4 \_\_\_\_\_ Lot(s) S 1/3 LOT 2 \_\_\_\_\_

**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**

Enter number of:	If Eligible Property, enter number of:	
	Contributing	Noncontributing
_____ buildings	<u>1</u>	_____ buildings
_____ sites	_____	_____ sites
_____ structures	_____	_____ structures
_____ objects	_____	_____ objects
_____ Total	<u>1</u>	_____ 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 Arch. & Hist. Resources of the Elkader Downtown Historic District MPD Historical Architectural Data Base Number 22-030

**6. Function or Use**

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

02E05 Hardware

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

02A02 Office Building

01B02 Apartments

**7. Description**

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

05B Italianate

**Materials** (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation 03 Brick; 04 Stone

walls 03 Brick

roof 15C01 Ruber Membrane

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> More Research Recommended | C | Property has distinctive architectural characteristics.            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> More Research Recommended | D | Property yields significant information in archaeology or history. |

County Clayton  
City Elkader

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District Number 22-01381

**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)

02 ARCHITECTURE

05 COMMERCE

**Significant Dates**

Construction date  
1901  check if circa or estimated date  
Other dates

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

See continuation sheet for additional UTM references or comments

**11. Form Prepared By**

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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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- 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 non-contributing 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): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 7. Description:

This building is estimated by the Clayton County Assessor to have been built in 1901. The building was not in place until sometime between 1895 and 1902 according to the Sanborn Maps for Elkader published in those years. An historic photo in 1899 shows the building not in place. A building date of 1901 is consistent with the design of the building and public records.

The Eberhart Building at 123 N. Main Street is an example of a late Italianate Style commercial building. This 2-story narrow front building has a limestone foundation, light-brown colored brick walls, a flat roof on the front half and gable roof on the rear half, a bracketed cornice made of embossed metal, and a front façade divided into four bays. The Eberhart Building has an elaborate bracketed cornice with a pediment shaped date block centered on the parapet identifying “1901” as the construction year and section of the cornice beneath the pediment containing raised lettering naming “A Eberhart” as the business-building owner. The cornice brackets have larger units with urn designs at each end, single brackets, and paired brackets flanking the business-building owner name.

On the upper level, the building has four individual 1/1 double-hung windows topped by semi-circular transoms and matching arches containing a triple course of raised brick. The window spacing and arches form a colonnade typical of Italianate Style buildings. All of the window components including the transoms and limestone sills remain intact on the upper level. The storefront has the entrance to the upper level on the left side of the first floor with the original paneled wood door and transom intact. The first floor was originally divided into two shop spaces and retains double doors set beneath a twin transom at the entrance, all recessed between plate glass display windows. The only storefront modification is the installation of a fixed shingle-clad awning between levels.

## 8. Significance:

The Eberhart Building at 123 N. Main Street is a well-preserved example of a late Italianate Style commercial building. The building occupies a site along North Main Street and is both individually eligible and a contributing resource in the Elkader Downtown Historic District. The district derives significance under both Criteria A and C. Under Criterion A, the district’s commercial buildings are associated with the historic contexts developed for the downtown in the “Architectural and Historical Resources of the Elkader Downtown Historic District” Multiple Property Documentation form covering the years 1846 to 1960. Under Criterion C, the district’s Italianate Style design is representative of commercial architectural development that took place from the 1880s through the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century in the downtown.

### *Elkader Downtown Historic District Background:*

The town of Elkader was laid out in 1846 along the banks of the Turkey River approximately 16 miles upstream from the Turkey River’s confluence with the Mississippi River. The town was surveyed and laid out in 1846 with the Original Town Plat filed in June 22, 1846 by Timothy Davis, Chester Sage and John Thompson, friends and business partners, who began operating a sawmill on North Front (Main) Street in 1845 before the town was even platted. By 1849 they had a successful flour mill in operation.

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The new town was named for Abd el-Kader, an Algerian freedom fighter and world figure who was admired by Davis. The principal building stimulating development in the 1840s and 1850s was the Elkader Mill. After 1860 when the Clayton County voters selected Elkader as the permanent county seat, the downtown saw a variety of merchants set up shops, several hotels open, a number of newspapers begin publication, and small manufacturing concerns get underway in the city center. Elkader numbered 440 residents in 1860.

The new county court house saw its first section completed in 1869 opposite the downtown. New limestone buildings were erected along both North and South Main Street with public halls frequently located on upper floors. During the 1870s and 1880s 2-story brick buildings began replacing frame business houses. A permanent railroad connection was completed by the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul RR in 1886 but service remained poor as Elkader was located at the end of a spur rather than along a main line route. A more important transportation improvement during the 1880s was the completion of the Keystone Bridge across the Turkey River in 1880. Its completion prompted a period of economic vitality and community investment. The community was officially incorporated two years later in 1891 and a new waterworks system and city well were completed in 1896. Electricity was rejected by locals until the end of the decade in 1900, however. In the meantime, new churches were built in 1897 for the Congregationalists on the east side of the river and in 1897-1899 for the Catholics on the west side of the river. Coupled with a series of major fires during the 1890s, the downtown saw a period of rebuilding with a new hotel and bank at the entrance to the business district at the turn of the century. The new opera house was completed on North Main Street while other 2 and 3-story brick blocks appeared both north and south of Bridge Street.

By 1900, Elkader's population stood at its peak of 1,321 – an increase of 77 percent during the decade of the 1890s. Development continued in the downtown before and after World War I but at a much slower pace. Floods and fires damaged the Elkader Mill in 1902, 1906 and 1908, but it was nevertheless rebuilt by Schmidt Brothers & Co., retaining a key employer and anchor for Elkader's downtown. The business district began to extend to the west before and after the war with the principal changes seen along West Bridge Street. Here livery stables and wagon shops were replaced by automobile dealerships, implement companies and filling stations. Five stations eventually located along West Bridge with a sixth one block to the south along First Street SW. The national economic depression of the 1930s was coupled by the closing of the Elkader Mill in 1939 following a major fire. Natural disasters after World War I included major floods in 1922, 1947, and 1958 with a tornado destroying section of South Main Street in 1958 as well.

Despite these natural and human made disasters, Elkader saw steady but modest population growth from 1,223 in 1920 to 1,526 in 1960. The impact of the automobile was seen in traffic patterns, parking patterns, and traffic signs and the introduction of electricity saw several generations of street lighting come and go. The popularity of the opera house waned and the first floor became the municipal fire station while two movie houses came and one stayed in the downtown drawing evening crowds for entertainment and shopping. As many as 130 people resided in downtown flats during this period. A good system of inter and intra-state highways connected Elkader and its downtown to other parts of the state and country in a way that railroads had never served the community. By 1960, downtown Elkader was well-established as one of several geographically dispersed retail centers serving Clayton County.

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Virtually every storefront was filled with start-up businesses or multi-generational family stores as Elkader's downtown achieved a stable and healthy status for local and countywide residents.

### *Historic Background for the Eberhart Building at 123 N. Main Street:*

The June 19, 1901 issue of the *Clayton County Register* announced "The brick work on Eberhart's new building is completed and the cornice in position. Adolph has erected a building that is an ornament to the town. ("Pages from the Past", *Clayton County Register*, June 19, 2001) Adolph Eberhart had been in business as a jeweler in Elkader since 1893 occupying the previous 2-story wood frame building at this same location until his new building was completed. The summary of his business history below appeared in the September 10, 1925 issue of the *Elkader Register*.

#### *Eberhart Jewelry Store Oldest in Elkader. Thirty-two Years of Service Has Made it Hosts of Friends.*

The spirit of the square deal has been the inspiration of the Elkader Jewelry store since, Mr. Eberhart started business in Elkader, October 3, 1893. Good goods, fair prices, courteous services have been the background to every transaction.

Mr. Adolph Eberhart, the proprietor, was born in Volga township in 1868, and remained on the farm until he was past his majority. A love for working with fine tools, however, drew him away from farm work and he decided to learn watch-making. Going to one of the leading watch-making schools of the country his native talent aided him in making the most of all that instructors could give him.

In 1893 after having graduated from the school, Mr. Eberhart came to Elkader and installed a small jewelry stock in the store located on the corner now occupied by the Elkader State Bank. In 1894 he purchased the B. F. Falkenhainer jewelry stock and leased the building on the site of his present modern store, which he built in 1901.

The Eberharts jewelry store is well planned and equipped for the convenience of both customer and proprietor, and its stock has always been representative of the best makes in watches, clocks, jewelry, silver ware, gift goods and novelties. Throughout it all is Mr. Eberhart's insistence on reliability; that every article be exactly as represented, whether it be a Jaegersfontein diamond or a boy's dollar watch; that has always protected his customers.

#### *An Experienced Optometrist*

Early seeing the need of someone to properly fit glasses here in Elkader, Mr. Eberhart about 1894 took up optical work and has for years been a registered optometrist. His great care in this important work has made him very successful; many customers being sent to him by others whom he has fitted skillfully.

#### *Repair Work*

Mr. Eberhart's natural mechanical ingenuity is at its best in repair work or in manufacturing special articles. This, with his thirty-two years of experience, brings him so much work requiring skilled attention that he is busy all of the time in spite of the aid of an assistant.

The person needing anything in the lines usually found within a jewelry stock my got [sic] the Eberhart jewelry store and be assured of careful courteous service backed by years of experience; and, as stated in the beginning the spirit of the square deal.

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In 1926 Eberhart divided his store room and rented the south half to Floyd Hook who opened a barber shop there. In 1931, Eberhart experimented with a new marketing effort when he retained a Chicago auctioneer "to turn his stock into cash ...and make room for his new stock of Christmas merchandise." (November 19, 1931, *Elkader Register*) Business continued on an upbeat note despite the downturn in the economy and in 1933 he leased the south half of the building to Frances Wistrick, for a new a ladies apparel store, Frances Fashion Shoppe.

Two years later in July 1935 Eberhart completed a rear addition on the building to provide additional repair space for his jewelry business as well as new dressing rooms for the Frances Fashion Shoppe. The "Centennial Edition" of the *Clayton County Register* in 1936 included the following entry describing the operations of the Frances Fashion Shoppe.



*Elkader's Newest Business Specializes in Complete Line of Ladies Ready to Wear.*

The Frances Shoppe is Elkader's newest business specializing in a complete line of ladies' ready to wear. Started in the fall of 1933 by Mrs. Frances Wistrick, it soon became a popular style shoppe and in the fall of 1935 was enlarged and remodeled to include two dressing booths at the rear of the shoppe.

A notable feature of the shoppe is its specialization in lines which are famous all over the fashion world – Bradley Knitwear, Formfit Foundation Garments, Van Raalte hosiery, underwear and gloves, and the famous Miss New Yorker satin and crepe lingerie.

The accessories department of this shoppe is a mecca for gift shoppers with its large assortment of bags, scarfs and costume jewelry. A particular feature of this department is its complete line of handkerchiefs for every occasion. All are of fine linen and most exquisite are the beautiful handworked Chinese kerchiefs featured during the holiday season. The order for the coming Christmas had to be filed this month to insure its fulfillment.

By the 1940s, Frances Wistrick was joined by a new partner for the business – Alice Meyer. She died in 1944 and the business passed to Katherine Miller and was renamed the "Fashion Shoppe." The Fashion Shoppe later moved to the McLaughlin and Humphrey Building (111-115 N. Main) in 1954 and then to 105 N. Main after the building was rebuilt in 1960

following a fire in Frick's Market the previous year.

In 1947, Adolph Eberhart retired and sold his jewelry store business to Leo and Olive Hanson becoming Hanson Jewelry. In 1954 the building was sold to Glenn L. Gifford who established his insurance business in the space formerly occupied by the Fashion Shoppe. Gifford acquired the building from J. D. Taken of Waterloo who had become the owner through the Agnes Taken estate. (January 28, 1954, *Elkader Register*)

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*Insurance is a 5-generation Gifford family tradition  
Fathers, sons have worked together a long time to maintain family business.  
By Bob Anderson, Register Editor*

With the recent return of 26-year-old Tom, the Gifford family of Elkader continues a father-son tradition of selling insurance which spans five generations and extends back to the 1890's. Perhaps more impressive is that four of those generations have been involved in owning and operating the family business, Gifford Insurance Agency Inc., which was founded by Tom's great-grandfather, George Gifford, in 1931 in Elkport.

George passed the family insurance agency on to his son and Tom's grandfather, Glenn Gifford. Glenn, in his turn, passed the agency on to his son and Tom's father, Brian. And now, Brian, like the Gifford fathers who preceded him, is sharing his knowledge and years of experience with his eldest son. "Dad was my teacher when I came back in 1977 and now I'm teaching Tom," says Brian.

Glenn's father, George, invited him to join the family insurance agency in 1935 after he had graduated from the University of Dubuque. "My dad said you might as well join me in selling insurance," Glenn remembers. Glenn moved the insurance business from Elkport to Elkader in 1942. It was moved to its present location, 123 North Main St., in 1952. Glenn and his wife, Marjorie, are now retired and living in Elkader. Glenn's father died in 1973 at the ripe old age of 90.

*The first to sell insurance*

Though he never operated his own insurance agency, the first Gifford to sell insurance in Clayton County was Prentice Pendell Gifford, who is Glenn's grandfather, Brian's great-grandfather and Tom's great-great-grandfather. Prentice Pendell sold life insurance in the 1890's in Elkport for an insurance agency headquartered in Dubuque. At that time, he also owned and operated a hotel in Elkport. Of further interest is that both Brian and Tom returned to their hometowns to live and help operate the family business under strikingly similar circumstances.

For instance, both had earned advanced college degrees and held well-paying, professional positions in large cities. After graduating from Elkader High School in 1958, Brian earned a bachelors degree at the University of Dubuque like his father before him, a masters degree at the University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls and a doctorate degree at the University of Missouri.

Tom, who graduated from Central High School in 1988, earned a bachelors degree in business administration at the University of Northern Iowa and a masters degree in finance at the University of Missouri. Another similarity. Both returned home with wives they had met during their business careers. Brian and his wife, Florence, met at the University of Dubuque where Brian worked while Florence was visiting her father, who was a professor at the university. Though she was born in Boston, Florence spent much of her youth on her family's farm near Galena, Ill., where her professor father managed a beef herd.

*St. Louis to Elkader*

Tom also met his wife, Michelle, at work when both were employed by a real estate company in St. Louis, Mo. She was born and raised in Springfield, Mo., a city with a population of 150,000. And prior to meeting Tom and getting married six months ago, Michelle had lived for four years in St. Louis, one of the nations largest cities. The couple moved back to Elkader in late March.

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“Small town life is new to Michelle but she likes it,” says Tom. Of course, yet another similarity between the father and son is that both acquired valuable experience – Brian as an administrator at Drake University in Des Moines and Tom at a St. Louis real estate company – which was and is an asset as they operate their own insurance business.

Perhaps the most important similarity between the two, however, is that each decided to return to Elkader not only to join a family business, but also because of their affection for the community in which they were brought up and because it is an ideal place to live and raise a family. “In addition to buying the family business, one of our main considerations was to move the family back into small town life,” says Brian. Florence and Brian have two sons in addition to Tom. There are Marshall, who is a financial planner working in Minneapolis, and Andy, a senior at Iowa State University in Ames. The sons were children aged six and under when the family moved back to Elkader.

In this regard, there is a difference between Brian and his oldest son, Tom. Though newlyweds Tom and Michelle have not started a family yet, they discussed the advantages of raising children in a small town like Elkader as opposed to a big city or even a suburban community.

### *Small-town family life*

“Having a family is a consideration down the road. Still, it played a big part in our decision to return,” says Tom. For sure, the Gifford’s roots go a long way back in Clayton County. Gifford ancestors lived and helped develop the communities of Littleport, Volga and Elkport.

The first Gifford in Clayton County was Tom’s great-great-great-grandfather, also named George, who arrived in the middle 1800’s. He helped develop the town of Littleport where he built and operated a hotel and lumberyard. In addition to starting the family’s insurance-selling tradition, Tom’s great-great-grandfather, the aforementioned Prentice Pendell Gifford, owned a hotel in Volga before moving to Elkport where he also owned a hotel.

### *Retired at young age*

Prentice Pendell’s son, George, was raised in Elkport where he founded and operated a lumberyard, furniture store and general merchandise store in the early 1900’s. George apparently did very well in those businesses because he retired a young man. “My dad retired at age 38. He made good money especially during World War I,” explains Glenn Gifford.

However, retirement proved boring for George. “He needed something to do so he started the full-service insurance business in 1931 when he was 50 years old,” says Glenn. Throughout the years, one thing has not changed no matter which generation owned Gifford Insurance Agency. “We have remained a full-service, independent insurance agency,” says Brian Gifford.

This means that the Giffords, Brian and Tom, represent numerous different companies and sell all kinds of insurance. The future of the family business into the next century seems assured with the involvement of Tom, who has passed all his insurance examinations and is fully licensed. Tom counts himself as fortunate to be able to return to the family business in Elkader. “You know a lot of my friends back in the city would like to move to a small town but they can’t find jobs,” he says.

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Owners/Businesses: (compiled by Elkader Historical Society/Carter House Museum volunteers)

1894 – B.F. Falkenheiner  
1894 – Eberhart  
1901 – Aug. 15 – Eberhart opened newly built store (divided store)  
1926 – South half rented to Floyd Hook for barber shop  
1933 – Francis Wistrick (The Frances Shoppe)  
Before 1944 – Alice Meyer (Owner)  
1944 – Katherine Miller and Ruth Meyer (Alice Meyer's heir)  
1945 – Katherine Miller  
1954 – Glenn L. Gifford – Gifford Insurance  
1980 – Brian & Florence Gifford – Gifford Insurance  
2010 – Thomas & Michelle Gifford – Gifford Insurance

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Downtown Elkader Individual Property Site Maps compiled by Eli Garms, Clayton County GIS, Engineer's Office, Elkader, November 2010.

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United States Census, 1850-2010. (population figures provided by State Library of Iowa, January 2011 and City of Elkader, March 2011).

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Full Legal Description: Original Town of Elkader, S 1/3 of LOT 2 BLK 4.

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Eli Garms  
Clayton County GIS  
2010

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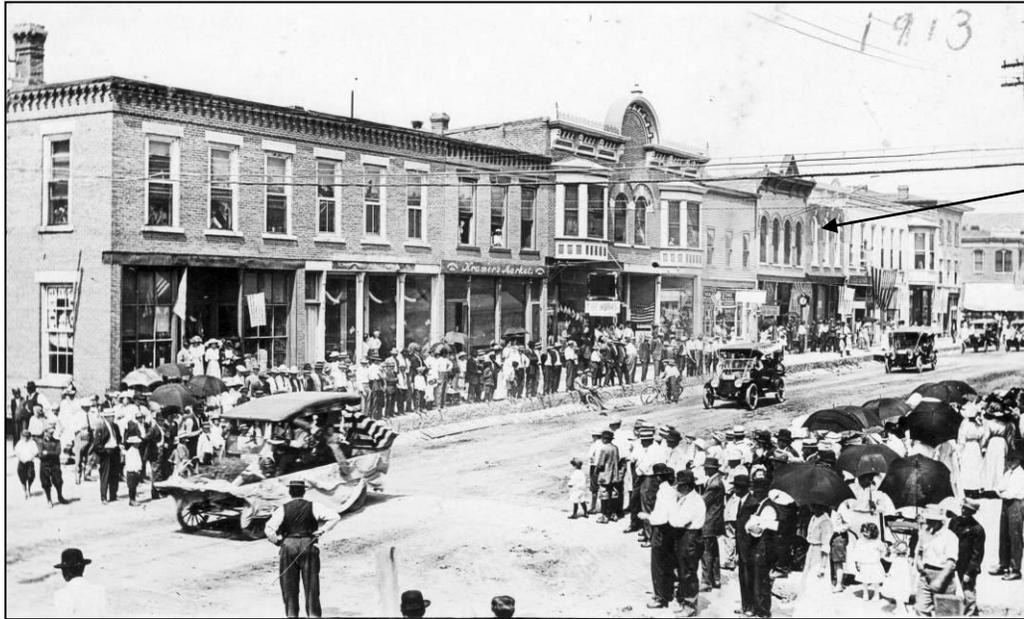
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Photographs: historic view of Decoration Day parade, 1913, 100 block of North Main Street, west side, looking northwest (Elkader Historical Society/Carter House Museum Collection); contemporary view , looking west (September 16, 2010, Marlys Svendsen, Svendsen Tyler, Inc., photographer)



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Photographs: Second floor and cornice detail (above) and street view of 100 block of North Main Street, looking west (September 16, 2010, Marlys Svendsen, Svendsen Tyler, Inc., photographer)

