

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

State Inventory No. 22-00276 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 Bayless Hotel

other names/site number Hotel Bayless; Alpine Inn Hotel; Turkey River Mall

2. Location

street & number 102 S. Main Street

city or town Elkader

Legal Description: (If Rural) Township Name _____

vicinity, county Clayton
 Township No. _____ Range No. _____ Section _____ Quarter of Quarter _____

(If Urban) Subdivision Original Town

Block(s) 5

Lot(s) 1

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

If Non-Eligible Property

Enter number of:

— buildings
 — sites
 — structures
 — objects
 — Total

If Eligible Property, enter number of:

Contributing Noncontributing

1 — buildings
 — — sites
 — — structures
 — — objects
 1 — 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)

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

01D04 Hotel

02E Specialty Store (Antique Mall)

02E02 Barbershop

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

05G Romanesque Revival

foundation 04 Stone

walls 03 Brick

roof 15C01 Rubber Membrane; 08 Asphalt

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
- Yes No More Research Recommended
- Yes No More Research Recommended
- 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 Clayton
City Elkader

Address 102 South Main Street

Site Number 22-00276
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
1897 check if circa or estimated date
Other dates
1898; 1935

Significant Person

(Complete if National Register Criterion B is marked above)

Architect/Builder

Architect
unidentified
Builder
Byrnes, Thomas

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

- 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:

The Bayless Hotel alternately known as the "Hotel Bayless" at 102 South Main Street was built in 1897 following the destruction of the previous Boardman-Clark Hotel on the same site in March 1996. Confirmation of its construction is seen in its appearance on the 1902 Sanborn Map. The design of the building is consistent with designs for other Romanesque Revival masonry buildings in the downtown built at the turn of the 20th century.

The Bayless Hotel at 102 South Main Street is a moderately well-preserved example of a blending of the Romanesque Revival and French Second Empire styles. It is likely that the building was architect designed but the individual responsible has not been identified. After an additional 14 guest rooms were constructed in 1898, the hotel had 60 rooms. The building is now used as an antique mall under single management.

The building has a stone foundation and reddish-brown brick walls. The limestone was quarried from a site south of town and installed beginning in May 1897. The original building reportedly used 200,000 bricks to complete. The reddish-brown brick walls are laid in running bond with second floor windows featuring jack arches and third floor windows topped by semi-circular arches that are outlined in cream-colored brick. Matching cream-colored brick forms a belt course at the spring points of the arches with a second geometric patterned cream-colored brick band set several courses below the metal cornice. One of the building's most important design features includes a two-story angular projecting section on the upper floors that overlooks the corner. When originally built, the angular section extended another level with a mansard roof and iron cresting around the roof ridge and along the cornice.

Fenestration includes contrasting arched openings on the upper levels. On the Main Street façade, the second floor has narrow paired 1/1 windows with jack arches with rectangular panels constructed of rock-faced limestone blocks. The window sills are dressed limestone. The third floor has short paired 1/1 double-hung windows topped by wide semi-circular arched transoms. The arches on the front face, like those on the north façade, are constructed of red brick and outlined in cream-colored brick with a connecting horizontal courses of cream-colored brick between the openings. On the north façade the single windows have similar arches and sills as those on the front façade but there are no decorative stone panels on the second level. Together the contrasting brick and stone trim give the building a polychromatic appearance typical of Romanesque Revival designs.

The first floor storefront has four shop spaces including one in the center that held the original hotel entrance. The storefronts are constructed of cast-iron columns, plate-glass windows, recessed entrance doors, and wood paneled lower bulkheads. The original fabric awnings have been replaced by a fixed metal awning.

In 1935 the rear 1-story annex was constructed replacing an earlier annex. The Broad Front form building was designed for use as a State liquor store and was completed in August 1935. It has tan-colored brick walls with a rectangular horizontal brick pattern above the display windows and entrance. The west side wall and rear are constructed of glazed terra cotta tile.

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8. Significance:

The Bayless Hotel at 102 South Main Street is a well-executed example of the Romanesque Revival Style, a style that was selected for several of the major buildings erected in the downtown at the turn of the 20th century following fires. The building occupies a prominent site along South Main Street and is 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 Romanesque Revival style buildings such as the Bayless Hotel are representative of commercial architectural development that took place from the 1890s through the turn of the 20th century.

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. 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.

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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. 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 Bayless Hotel at 102 South Main Street:

The Bayless Hotel was completed following a disastrous fire that destroyed the Boardman-Clark House on March 12, 1896. The two-story frame hotel stood at the southwest corner of Bridge and Main streets since the 1850s. Destruction of the hotel and four adjoining frame buildings, however, allowed for construction of several important second-generation brick structures.

Iowa State Senator Frank D. Bayless (1883-1891) undertook the hotel replacement in 1896-97. The following year, another 14 guest rooms were added completing the 60-room, three-story Bayless Hotel building at 102 South Main Street. Local newspaper reports celebrated completion of not only the Bayless Hotel and the adjacent Molumby Block in 1897 but the Congregational Church and the start of the new St. Joseph's Catholic Church – a total of \$60,000 of construction in one year.¹

As the use of the Italianate Style was disappearing in the 1890s, its successor style – the Romanesque Revival – came into full favor locally. Three large-scale buildings were erected at the turn of the 20th century using this style, all coincidentally after fires destroyed predecessor buildings: the Bayless in 1897-1898; the Elkader State Bank at 102 North Main Street in 1900; and the Elkader Opera House at 207 North Main Street in 1903.

¹Price, p. 264.

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Through the years the Bayless Hotel became a center for the community. The first retail shop to open in the hotel in 1899 was a barbershop operated by Jim Sizemore, an African-American, who operated it until ca. 1910. Several businesses operated from the storefronts through the years including a long-standing barber shop operated by Roy (Stub) Hyde from 1924 to 1975, the Haggensick Drug Store, and the Haggensick Brothers Electrical Store. By the 1930s the Jefferson Bus Lines used the hotel for passenger pick-up and delivery. In May 1935, owner of the hotel, R.H. Hagensick, negotiated a lease with the State of Iowa to provide space for a liquor store in a new one-story annex to be built at the rear of the hotel facing onto Bridge Street. The annex was completed and the state liquor store opened in August 1935.

By the 1970s the hotel took on a new name – the Alpine Inn. Among the prominent attractions was the stag that was mounted above the door to the Alpine Inn Rathskeller, also opening onto Bridge Street just east of the liquor store annex. The Alpine Inn was owned and operated by Lloyd Gossman who purchased the hotel in 1969 from Tom Hamilton who operated the hotel for the previous eight years. Tom's father, Merritt, operated the hotel from 1942 to 1961. By the 1970s, the Alpine Inn was known in northeast Iowa for its popular supper club as well as the Rathskeller.

In 2004 the building was sold to Becky and Timothy Dietzler. Becky named her business, "The Turkey River Mall" and within a few years had more than 1006 vendors from throughout the Midwest, offering a variety of merchandise including both new and old items. Becky continues to operate the business in 2011 after having completed a number of rehabilitation efforts.

Newspaper accounts of the Boardman-Clark House fire and reconstruction:

March 13, 1896 – *The Elkader Register*

THE FIRE.

*The most destructive fire that has visited Elkader.
The Clark House and Four Other Buildings Gone*

"At about 3:30 Saturday morning fire was discovered in the Clark House, and with the aid of a northwest wind and in spite of all efforts the hotel was destroyed and the flames spread through the four frame buildings to the south. Burning these it was stopped by the solid brick wall of Regan & Witt's furniture store, and the work of the fire department and citizens on the ice house and buildings in the rear of John Friend's building. The Regan & Witt building was on fire and is damaged to a great extent, particularly the fire wall and the front.

The hotel was the property of S.C. Clark, but was occupied by G.W. Kiple. On the discovery of the fire the guests were aroused first and then effort was made to save the furniture, as it was correctly believed impossible to save the building. Some little of the furniture of the lower rooms was gotten out. Mr. Clark has \$2,000 insurance on the building, and Mr. Kiple \$1,000 on his furniture.

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The first of the frame buildings was owned by Jos. Tiffany, and occupied by Otto Kleinpell as a harness shop with his residence above. Some of Kleinpell's stock was gotten out, also part of his household goods. He was insured for \$700 on stock and \$400 on furniture, but believes his loss to be over \$1,000. Mr. Tiffany had about \$900 insurance on his building.

The second frame building was owned by J.K. Molumby, and the first floor was occupied by F. Landon, as "The Golden Rule" millinery store and above as a residence by Marvin Cook. The Landons got out most of their goods and furniture, but lost \$400 worth of property with no insurance. Marvin Cook also was unfortunate in losing most of his furniture, his watch, and some very important papers, and to make matters worse he had no insurance. Mrs. Cook only gave up the work of rescuing the goods when driven out by the smoke and as it was Auditor Adams, who was assisting, went out the second story window. Mr. Molumby only had \$300 insurance on his building though he supposed it was at least \$800.

Postmaster J.G. Hagensick owned and occupied the next building as a residence. He thought he succeeded in getting out the most of his furniture, but finds now that many things were lost. He carried \$200 insurance on his furniture and \$400 on the building, but thinks he will have a total loss of \$500 over and above the insurance.

John Friend occupied the last of the frame buildings as a saloon, which he had closed up since the 1st. A portion of the contents were saved. The upper part was occupied by John Tujetsch. Mr. Friend has \$200 insurance on fixtures and \$800 on building.

It looked for a time as if the fine new brick building of Regan & Witt was doomed to go with the rest and many wondered where the end would be if it had. Fortunately the strong fire wall although itself seriously damaged stemmed the storm of fire. It could not prevent, however, the flames licking around and entering a second story front window and entering the part occupied as a residence by Wm. Witt, which was damaged to the extent of \$125 by fire and water. The plate glass front of the north end of the store were all broken, and the damage to stock is estimated at \$320, and to building \$1,000.

Uecker and Molumby were damaged some by smoke; and the front of their building by cinders.

During the progress of the fire the east side of the street was in great danger, and the windows and fronts of the building show the marks of the extreme heat. On the Mullen block especially, the heat melted the cornices and the ornaments dropped into the street. The air at times seemed to be cinders. The wonder is that the fire did not gain possession of some of the buildings and especially John Friend's barn. Cinders were carried over the river, and beyond Poney Hollow. All of this time on

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this side of the street in every store and upper room persons were at work with buckets of water quenching every sign of a blaze.

The State Bank building escaped with only a small crack in one corner of their plate glass windows.

F.D. Bayless' loss on the fronts of his two stores, mostly damage to windows was adjusted at \$310. D.D. Murphy sustained a small loss in his law office which was settled at \$15.

W.F. Kleinpell's hardware store was damaged to the extent of \$250.

Martin Mullen's building, containing the post office and Hempel & Klotzbach's clothing store, seemed to have sustained the heaviest damages on that side of the street. His loss figures about \$500 and has been adjusted.

On Humphrey & McLaughlin's Palace Saloon building the loss was adjusted at \$75. A. Scovil and Jos. Tiffany's losses on their buildings range from \$50 to \$100.

[The fire] is believed to have started from the outside, in the angle of the L made by the kitchen and dining room.

The old hotel, or part of it, was built in 1850 by Messrs. Thompson, Sage & Davis, the owners of the mill property and founders of Elkader. It has seen many changes but from 1850 until March 1889, it retained the well known name of the Boardman House. In 1889 Mr. Clark bought out Oliver Wade and changed the name of the hotel to that of the Clark House.

The frame block below was erected some twenty-five years ago, and have [sic] passed through many changes of ownership. This block has been looked upon with dread as to fire for many years, and it was always thought that when it should go it would take the east side with it. It has gone, and while all regret the losses, yet many people sleep and breathe easier, who believed this frame row a menace to their lives and property...."

July 3, 1896 – *The Elkader Register*

"Senator Bayless last week showed us plans for a fine three story hotel which he hopes to see erected on the site of the old Boardman Hotel. We do not know what Mr. Bayless contemplates in regard to building, but with the rest of our people we should be mighty well pleased to see a hotel such as these plans propose erected at Elkader, and hope the Senator will bring it about."

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May 2, 1897 – The Elkader Register

“Work is in active progress on the Hotel Bayless, Havens Store, and Molumby Block and the new houses are appearing in different parts of town. It looks like a boom. Elkader is growing and don’t you forget it.”

May 14, 1897 – The Elkader Register

“Rock for the foundations of the new hotel are being quarried from the old quarry south of town. St. Joseph’s church and W.F. Klienpell’s building were constructed from the stone taken out of this quarry.”

June 3, 1897 – The Elkader Register

“The Havens building is enclosed, the basement for the new hotel is completed and the foundation is being laid...”

September 10, 1897 – The Elkader Register

“Mr. and Mrs. A.E. Whitney, host and hostess of Hotel Bayless, arrived Wednesday and are now putting down carpets and getting the house to rights. They expect their furniture the last of this week.”

December 29, 1897 – The Elkader Register

Hotel Bayless Elkader Improvements for 1897 Over \$60,000.

“The people of Elkader have reason to be pleased at the substantial growth of the town for the year 1897. Never before in its history have the improvements been so valuable or beautiful. Many fine residences, up to date in design and completeness, will serve to add beauty to the little town among the hills. The hotel and business block built and furnished for the convenience and accommodation for the public are the pride of the town and receive words of praise from all who visit here. As is always the case when a building wave strikes a town, there has been a general fixing up of properties and the total of money expended in this manner amounts to quite a large sum. The man who leads in building up his home town becomes much more of a factor in its make up and prosperity than he can ever dream of. The people now living in Elkader ought not to forget the beautiful “Hotel Bayless” which bears the name of its builder and which opened the way to all that followed in this prosperous year. Real estate has largely increased in values; work has been plenty; new business houses have opened and more is to follow.

Prospects for the year 1898 are cheering; two large buildings, the Catholic church and the County Insane Asylum, will be erected, also several dwelling houses. Another elegant brick block would be erected on the best corner in the town if the site could be procured, so rumor has it...F.D. Bayless, Hotel and addition.....\$13,000.”

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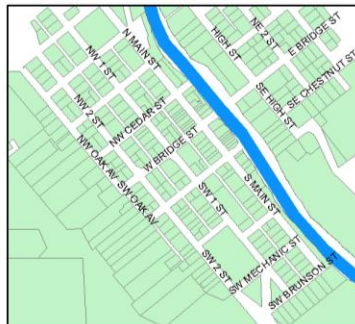
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Additional Information:

Full Legal Description: Original Town of Elkader, Lot 1, Block 5

Address: 102 South Main



Map Created By:
Eli Garms
Clayton County GIS
2010

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Historic View: Bayless Hotel, 102 South Main Street, ca. 1900, iron cresting along parapet and tower intact, looking southwest (Elkader Historical Society/Carter House Museum Collection).

Historic View: Bayless Hotel, 102 South Main Street, ca. 1915, iron cresting on parapet removed and fire escape added, looking southwest (Elkader Historical Society/Carter House Museum Collection).



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Historic View: Bayless Hotel on right side, ca. 1915, looking south along South Main Street (Elkader Historical Society/Carter House Museum Collection).



Historic View: Alpine Inn, 102 South Main Street, March 12, 1975, looking west along West Bridge Street with stag over entrance to Alpine Inn Rathskeller ; new street light being installed(Elkader Historical Society/Carter House Museum Collection).

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Historic View: Bayless Hotel post card and photograph, 102 South Main Street, both ca. 1915, looking south on Main Street, and southwest with full view of north façade (Elkader Public Library Digital Photograph Collection).



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Photographs; 102 S. Main Street, exterior looking west and interior details of former hotel lobby staircase and ceiling (Elkader Downtown Survey Photograph, 9/16/2010, Marlys Svendsen, photographer)



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Photographs; 102 S. Main Street, looking south and 1935 liquor store addition at rear, looking south (Elkader Downtown Survey Photograph, 9/16/2010, Marlys Svendsen, photographer).



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Photographs; 102 S. Main Street, 1935 liquor store addition at rear of former hotel, looking south and southeast (Elkader Downtown Survey Photograph, 9/16/2010 and 10/29/2010, Marlys Svendsen, photographer).



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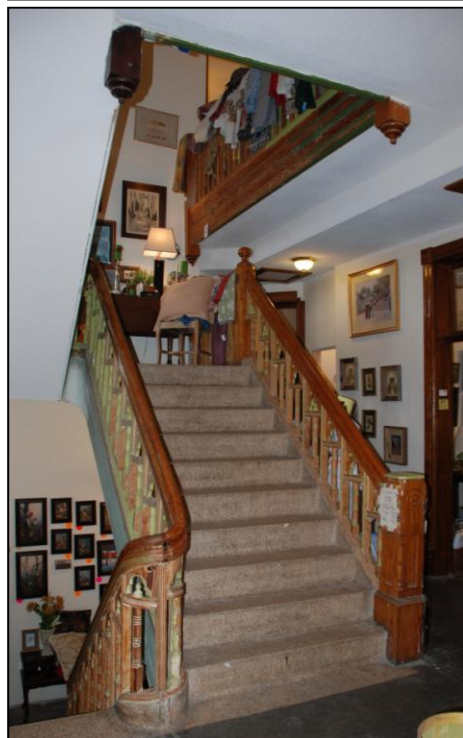
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Photographs; 102 S. Main Street, former hotel lobby and central staircase, first floor, Rebecca S. Dietzler, property owner & manager of Turkey Valley Mall, looking west and northwest; and second floor, lower right (Elkader Downtown Survey Photograph, 9/16/2010, Marlys Svendsen, photographer).



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Photographs; 102 S. Main Street, former hotel, embossed metal ceiling and cornice detail, Turkey Valley Mall, (Elkader Downtown Survey Photograph, 9/16/2010, Marlys Svendsen, photographer).

