

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

State Inventory No. 61-02365

New Supplemental

Part of a district with known boundaries (enter inventory no.) 61-00001

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 _____

Non-Extant (enter year) _____

1. Name of Property

historic name Madisonian (1st building)

other names/site number Uptown Styles (current)

2. Location

street & number 114 1st Avenue North

city or town Winterset

vicinity, county Madison

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

(If Urban) Subdivision Original Town

Block(s) 18

Lot(s) 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

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

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

Intensive Survey & Evaluation of Commercial District, Winterset, IA

61-007

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

02A05 COMMERCE/business/newspaper

02E08 COMMERCE/specialty store/beauty shop

02D02 COMMERCE/financial institution/bank

02G01 COMMERCIAL/restaurant/café or diner

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

05B LATE VICTORIAN/ITALIANATE

foundation 04C LIMESTONE

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 Madison
City Winterset

Address 114 1st Avenue North

Site Number 61-02365
District Number 61-00001

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
1872 check if circa or estimated date
Other dates, including renovation

1880 remodel

Significant Person

(Complete if National Register Criterion B is marked above)

WALLACE, HENRY

CUMMINGS, COL H.J.B.

Architect/Builder

Architect
FOSTER, L.W. & CO

Builder
COX, ELI

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
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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): _____ Date: _____

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7. Description

This two story brick commercial building is located west across North 1st Avenue from the Courthouse in Winterset on the north side of the alley. Col. H.J.B. Cummings had the building built in 1872 for the *Madisonian* newspaper on the second floor and the first floor was rented to the Citizens National Bank. The Italianate style building had an iron storefront, parts of which remain. It is pictured in the series of photographs taken in 1873 from the second Courthouse and in a line drawing published in the *Madisonian* (8/6/1874) in 1956. The soft brick building has a limestone foundation, a flat roof and a wood storefront. The building has three second story windows with terra-cotta hoods. There are brick pilasters with a brick ogee across the top of the building joining the tops of the pilasters. The early photograph shows these painted to suggest the terra cotta of the hoods. There was a cornice with a segmental arch pediment which has been removed and replaced by a parapet with brick corbeling. The taller center window has an ogee shaped hood with a diamond at the top center so that it almost looks like a triangular pediment. Although the bottom of the hood is flat, there was a segmental arched window. The original window surrounds remain, but all of the windows have been replaced with modern 1/1 windows with transoms. The flanking windows have flattened arch hoods with decorated keystones. The original flattened arch window surrounds remain. There are limestone sills.

The first floor wood storefront has a central recessed entrance with original iron pilasters and columns. The pilasters at the corners of the building have a recessed panel, a Corinthian capital, and a base with a plaque stating "Pullis & Bro. St. Louis." On either side of the entrance is a fluted column sitting on a round base with a Corinthian capital and an undecorated continuation of the column above the capital. There are similar half round columns against each of the pilasters. There is a course of hand-tooled local limestone across the front of the building under the pilasters and columns and serving as a step up to the entrance. Above the pilasters is an iron beam covered with a wood entablature with a water table and a frieze decorated with ribbon swag. There are dentils below the water table. A very early drawing and the early photograph show the building originally having a flush front with arched double doors that filled the area between the two columns. Very large four-pane display windows filled the entire area between the columns and the pilasters. The windows went to the tops of the capitals and had flattened arches with surrounds in the area above the capitals where the columns are undecorated. There was a balustrade across the entire front. A photograph taken from the courthouse in 1899 shows that the balustrade had been removed and that the flush front had been replaced. Now there is a very early wood storefront with a recessed central entrance. This remodeling likely occurred in 1880 when the space where the bank had been was remodeled for the new tenant, H.E. Wilcox, jeweler from Chicago (*Madisonian* 9/30/1880). The flanking wood-framed storefront windows are flush with the columns and storefront windows angle from these, behind the columns to the door. There are narrow windows that angle behind the half round columns to the wall behind the pilasters. All of the window segments have two ranks of transom windows that have been painted. The first story is 13' high and the second is 11' high. The second story was designed to be used as the publication office for Cummings' newspaper. It was divided into two rooms, two closets and a hall. "The front room, 17 by 17-1/2 feet, will be used as an editorial room, while the room in the rear, which will be about 17-1/2 by 36 feet, will be used as a composition and press room; for which purpose it will be well lighted from the south and the west" (*Madisonian* 4/17/1872).

The side of the building next to the alley has brick corbeling with dentils across the top. The lower three feet of the wall is covered with old stucco. The windows and doors have rowlock-arched window hoods. The window and door surrounds are intact, but the original segmental-arched windows have been replaced with modern 1/1 windows. The upper floor housed the *Madisonian* newspaper. There were four windows on the left side of the upper story and a central door with a window on the right. There is a door beneath the left-most window and a window below the window to the left of the door. There were two stairs from the single second story door, one coming down toward the front of the building and one toward the back. There is faint advertising writing on the side of the building near the street.

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At the back of the building there are two windows in the second story. The first story has a window on the left with a door on the right. Below the window is what may have been a brick coal chute. The windows have brick segmental arches and limestone sills. The first floor has a very old 4/1 window. Those above have been replaced although parts of the original window surrounds remain. The building has been sandblasted and the original soft mortar has been replaced with hard mortar, both techniques of which will likely cause deterioration of the brick in the future.

8. Statement of Significance

The building is a very well preserved example of an important brick commercial building in Winterset. It is considered contributing to the proposed Winterset Courthouse Square Commercial Historic District under Criterion C for its architectural significance. Although the cornice and balcony have been removed, the second story retains much of its appearance when it was home to the *Madisonian*. The major renovation to the first floor occurred during the nineteenth century, specifically circa 1880. The building is also contributing under C for its association with a noted Des Moines' architect and local contractors and construction workers in Winterset, providing an excellent example of their work. It is also contributing under Criterion A for its historical association with the *Madisonian* newspaper, one of the longest continuously published newspapers west of the Mississippi River and a paper where ideas about modern agriculture were first explored. It is further contributing under Criterion B for its association with Henry Wallace and Col. H.J.B. Cummings, both important persons in the Winterset community and beyond.

Col. H.J.B. Cummings contracted to have the two story brick building built in 1872 for his newspaper, the *Madisonian*, which was upstairs. The Citizen's National Bank was on the first floor. L.W. Foster & Co. of Des Moines was the architect. Eli Cox won the bid to be general contractor and agreed to complete the building in 75 days by September 15, 1872. Cox subcontracted with Caleb Clark to excavate for the foundation and lay the limestone foundation. John McLeod provided the cut stone, including the sills, from his quarry (*Madisonian* 6/12/1872). Both Clark and McLeod were well-respected local businessmen, who had been in the stone building trade for many years (*Legacy in Stone MPDF*). Cox subcontracted with these men for other aspects of the building: W.H. Edmondson burned the brick, Charles Karnes of Des Moines laid the brick, D.S. Boughton was the plasterer, and the Townsend Des Moines Planing Mill milled the woodwork (*Madisonian* 6/12/1872).

During the Civil War, Henry J.B. Cummings was captain of company F of the Fourth Iowa infantry and later was colonel in the 39th Iowa Infantry in the Union army. As a young man he learned to be a printer, studied law and was admitted to the bar. He came to Winterset in 1856 where he practiced law and served as prosecuting attorney and mayor. In 1876 he was elected to Congress. In 1869, he purchased the Winterset *Madisonian*, one of the longest continuously published newspapers west of the Mississippi, and served as editor of the paper (Union Historical Co., 532-3). Cummings published the newspaper in a frame building at this location until this building was completed in 1872. About 1878, Henry Wallace persuaded Cummings to allow him to be agricultural editor of the *Madisonian* and to write a weekly column. In the column he advocated for modern agricultural methods. When the column became too political, Cummings parted ways with Wallace. Within a few weeks Wallace bought half-interest in the Winterset *Chronicle the Beacon Light* in order to continue his columns. A few years later, the two papers merged and the new *Madisonian* provided a platform for Wallace to continue his advocacy for changing agricultural practices (*Madisonian* Centennial Edition, copy of biography of Henry Wallace written by his son Henry C. Wallace, II; July 1956). It was while working at the *Madisonian*, that Wallace experimented with modern agricultural techniques and began his writing and advocacy that brought him national renown as publisher of *Wallace's Farmer*. After a third fire in the first floor of the building, the newspaper moved from this building in 1896 to the building at 123 W. Court occupied by Wilson and Clark Marble Works (*Madisonian* 7/23-/1896). A new front was put on the first floor Jacob's Jewelry Store (*Madisonian* 04/03/1896). In addition to being a newspaperman, Col. Cummings was one of the organizers of the Citizens National Bank. The

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bank was located on the first floor of the building until 1880 when the bank had a building built for itself at 51 West Jefferson Street.

The following is a listing of the known historical uses of this building:

1872-1896 Madisonian Newspaper, upstairs (Madisonian)
1872-1880 Citizen's National Bank, downstairs (Madisonian)
1880-09-30 H.E. Wilcox Jewelry Store, downstairs (Madisonian)
1883-01-27 Keefe & Ballard Restaurant, downstairs (Madisonian)
1886-02-04 Krueger, Tailor, downstairs (Madisonian)
1886-08-05 First floor of building was damaged by fire, including Krueger and Howell businesses.
Howell's loses heavy. (Madisonian)
1886-08-05 Howell, Organs, downstairs (Madisonian)
1886-09-23 Mrs. E.H. Kridler, Millinery, downstairs after remodeling (Madisonian)
1889-01-04 to 1896-04-03 Isaac Jacobs, Jewelry Store (Madisonian)
1896-12-01 John A. Guiher, Law Office, upstairs (Madisonian)

1878 map of Business Portion of Winterset, Iowa shows the building as:

Madisonian office upstairs and bank downstairs.
1950 Madison Co. Security & Abstract (1950 – 2000 Town Square Layout)
1958 Madison Co. Security & Abstract (1958 – 2008 Town Square Layout)

The Sanborn fire insurance maps show the following in this block building:

- 1886 -- furnishings, tailor, pianos; second floor: printing
- June 1893 -- printing (rest is illegible)
- May 1899 -- no information
- October 1907 -- bank
- October 1916 -- abstract & loan offices
- September 1926 -- The map only labels the business as "store"
- May 1948 -- The map only labels the business as "store"

9. Major Bibliographic References

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Photograph taken by Tallgrass Historians L.C., August 2013, looking WNW



1873 photo of North half, West side of Square. Winterset, The two-story *Madisonian* building is on the far left. Courtesy Madison County Historical Society Photograph Collection.



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Line drawing published in the *Madisonian* (8/6/1874).

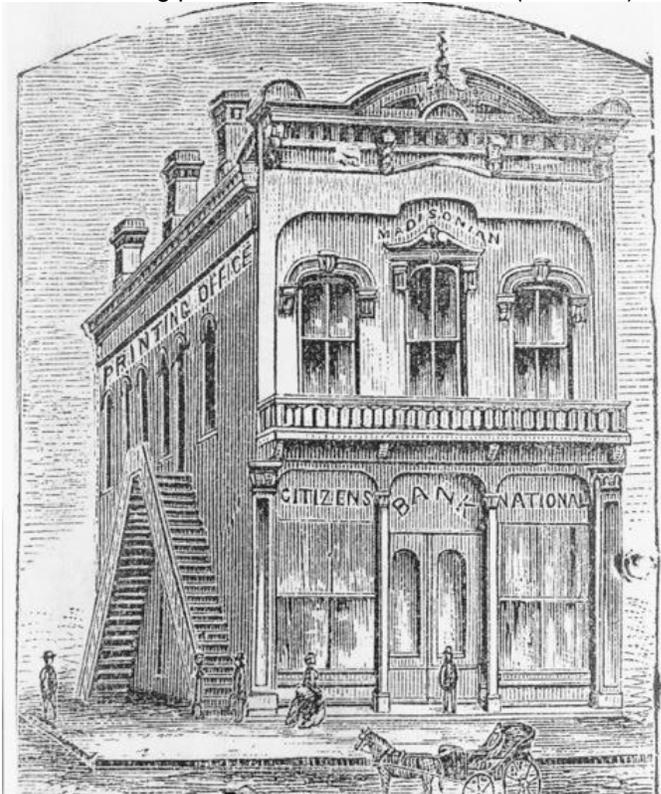


Photo of building in 2014, looking WNW.



1899 photo of North half, West Side of Square. *Winterset Review*, Centennial Edition. Panorama of Winterset Public Square. Winterset, Iowa, 1899. Courtesy Madison County Historical Society Photograph Collection. Subject building is fourth from the left.



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c. 1950s photo of South half, West side of Square. *Madisonian* building is on the far right. Courtesy Madison County Historical Society Photograph Collection.

