

Osage History Tour



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Introduction

The History Tour of Osage is a project undertaken by the Mitchell County Historic Preservation Association. This book contains pictures and historical information about the Osage Downtown Historic Commercial District, some interesting houses with a history, and information about the schools. In addition there are pictures of some lost historic structures and those threatened with demolition.

Much of the information used in this book came from *150 Years in Osage, Iowa: 1856 – 2006*. This book has a wealth of information about Osage and copies are still available for purchase from the Mitchell County Historical Society in the Museum bookstore at the Cedar River Complex, 809 Sawyer Drive, Osage, IA. Penney Morse compiled the information with input from many people. Roger Loden helped with the latest edition. Frances Morse and Mary Mills Dunea helped edit the pages. In addition to providing many of the pictures, Neal Du Shane helped with editing and creating an index.

By using *The History Tour of Osage* as a guide, you can start at City Hall or Art's Shoes and walk down the street, reading the history of the buildings as you go.

If you find information that needs to be updated or revised, contact Penney Morse at pjmorse@gmail.com or write to The Mitchell County Historic Preservation Association, PO Box 193, Osage, IA 50461. The book is available to view at our website, www.themchpa.com or for purchase at the Museum Bookstore at the CRC and at the Cleveland Turret at 618 Main St.

Who We Are

The Mitchell County Historic Preservation Association was formed in 2013. We are an independent not-for-profit organization dedicated to preserving historic sites and stories in Mitchell County. We also provide information to owners of historic structures on the state tax credit program. Annual events include the Summer Solstice Nature Poetry Reading and an annual preservation month activity. Other educational programs are held throughout the year. Board members: Mary Blake, Christie Brandau, Roger Loden Kurt Meyer, Penney Morse, and Shannon Paulus.

For more information or if you would like to get involved, contact Penney Morse at historicpres@themchpa.com visit our website at themchpa.com, or write MCHPA, PO Box 193, Osage, IA 50461.

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**806 Main St.
City Hall
Built in 1910**



Sage-Carnegie Public Library

In 1902 the citizens of Osage decided they needed a new library. By 1905, taxes were raised to support a new building and Andrew Carnegie donated \$10,000 to the building's construction. After discussing over 30 different sites, the decision was made in 1910 to build on the corner of 8th and Main. The new library was used as Osage High School for one semester after the high school burned down, and books were moved to the new facility on August 1, 1911.

The lower level was used for many community purposes, including special education rooms from 1956-1983. In 1996, the library moved to a new building at 406 Main St. **City Hall** moved here in 1997 and the library building continues to serve the public.

734 Main St.
Milk House Candles/Sparrow Photography
Built by 1921



Picture from 1956 Centennial News Paper

Built in 1921 as the McGrane Auto Garage, this business sold Dodge Automobiles. It is a one-story, single-unit red brick building that replaced the lumber shed that was here in 1892.

Businesses housed here since McGrane's include: McDougal's Implement Shop, Ventecher John Deere (1940s), Krahn's John Deere (1950s), Dunham and Nutt John Deere (mid-1950s), Richards' John Deere (1961), Economy Store (a variety store), Gambles (Doug Larson and also Dennis Tesch), Siegs Auto Parts (John Weber and sons Brad and Bill,) and Dockum Appliance.

Today **Sparrow Photography** and **Milk House Candles** occupy this space.

This building is part of Osage Commercial Historic District and was put on the National Register of Historic Places in 2002.

730 Main St.
H & R Block – JP Accounting
Date of Construction: Between 1911 & 1923



Photo Compliments of Neal DuShane

Historic Name: Star Ice Cream

This two-story tile block building has glass block in three upstairs windows and modern windows at street level. The star Ice Cream and candy Company operated between 1911 and 1923. It has also been: McCoy's Ice Cream (that is the name in the above picture), Cedar Valley Reality (1979 – 2002) owned by Allen Hauge.

The building currently houses **H&R Block - JP Accounting**. It is an interesting early twentieth century site for manufacturing on Main Street. This building is part of Osage Commercial Historic District and was put on the National Register of Historic Places in 2002.

726/728 Main St.
Farmer's Produce (now a parking lot)
Date of Construction: by 1912



Photo from 150 Years in Osage, Iowa
Life long Osage resident Richard Lunde is pictured unloading eggs from a customer's car. Richard's first new car is in the foreground.

The Farmer's Produce owned by Mr. and Mrs. John McSweeney, Jr., and later by their son Gerald McSweeney, was in operation in Osage for 46 years. The business closed in January of 1977. We closed "Because it just isn't profitable anymore. Inflation and new trends in farming hit this business too much," said Gerald McSweeney. Family farms were getting larger and so was egg production. Gerald went on to say where they used to pick up 5 cases of eggs, a big customer for the times, now one specialized "chick" farm has 60-90 dozen cases (a case being 30 dozen eggs).

Along with their produce business they also sold Wayne Feed. As they expanded, they bought the building to the west. Now both of these buildings are gone and the space is a parking lot.

In their best years, Farmers Produce turned out 400 cases of eggs per day or about 2,000 cases per week. It took a crew of 18 workers to operate the business. This included candlers, machine operators, and route men. Some egg routes would have more than 50 stops.

**735-723 Main St.
Union Block
Constructed about 1892**



Photo Compliments of Neal Du Shane

This massive seven-unit brick block, known as the Union Block, is separated internally into three two-unit blocks and one single-unit store building. It was constructed about 1892 by Maj. B.C. Megquier, Johnson & Annis, A.W. Tallman & Co., Richard Jordan, and Woods and Hastings. It covers the same or more ground than was occupied by the old Hitchcock Block, which burned in 1871. Businesses throughout the years have included:

735 Unit: Business that have been located here include: Karwac Bakery; Kling Antiques; Ungers Café and Bakery; Adams Plumbing and Heating and Fireplace Gallery; and today **Kountry Kupboard**.

733 Unit: This housed a grocery store from the late 1890s into at least the 1910s (Bucknam Grocery was here early in the 1900s). Other occupants have been: Willard Hogan and Bill Turnmire "Bill and Bill's Tavern; Sid Klemesrude Grocery. This unit has been incorporated into the 735 unit and is now part of **Kountry Kupboard**.



731 Unit: Early occupants were a millinery shop and the electric company. Cordes and Miller Meat Market, Miller's Meat Market, and Henry Gaarder Meat Market. Then from 1940-1978 it was Brink's Market, a popular place to purchase penny candy. In 1945, Brinks became the first Osage semi-self-serve grocery. It is now an antique shop called **AJ's Attic**.



729 Unit: This unit was a meat market from the 1890s into at least the 1910's. More recently occupants include: Francis Mills Grocery; Marcus Hanson's grocery called the Stop and Save; Larson Grocery; French's Little Gem Grocery; The Pantry; Vicky Ann Fabrics; Dammen Realty; Main Realty; and presently **AJ's Attic** has expanded into this unit.

727 Unit: Harness shop in the 1890s and a millinery store around 1905. This was the long-time location of the Soda Grill, a favorite hang-out for young people. The Jefferson Bus Depot was also at 727 Main. It now houses **American Family Insurance**.



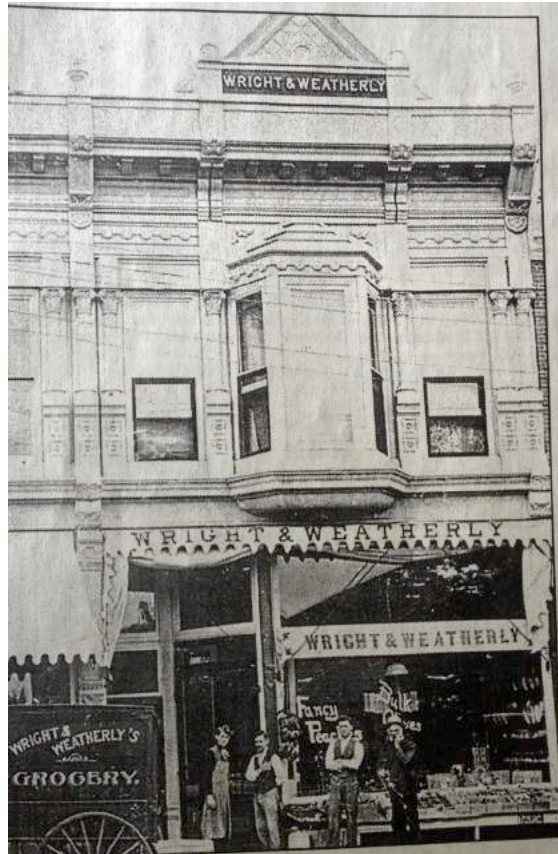
Photo Compliments of Neal DuShane

725 Unit: This was the location of the land office in Osage in the 1860s. It was a boot and shoe store in the 1890s; general store and grocery in the early twentieth century; Davidson Gas and Electric (1926-1945); Bill Gillis Electric (radios, etc.); Carter & Gillis (toy shop, slot machines called “one armed bandits” before 1955); Smith Electric, Davis Paint (Ray Duren); and **Home Town Connections**. Roman Weber had a sport shop upstairs.

723 Unit: furniture from 1892-1923, then a printing shop on the first floor with the second floor being the I.O.O.F. Hall, Jackson’s Meat Market, Andrew’s Grocery, Economy Store (1953 variety store), R & B Pizza, most recently **Flat Pie Red Eye**.

These buildings are part of the Osage Commercial Historic District and were placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2002.

721 Main St.
Vogue and Vintage/Ken's Flooring
Constructed between 1892 and 1897



This is a two-story single-unit brick building with an elaborate cast iron storefront over the entire façade. The second floor features a central oriel window flanked by two rectangular windows. The street level original plaque reads: “Mesker Bros. Front Builders St. Louis Mo., pat’d. Oct 4 ’87”. The original triangular roof pediment is gone. The storefront was updated in the early to mid twentieth century, but retains a ribbon window panel area.

Occupants of the building have been: Fred Hubbard’s Grocery, Chet Rice Grocery, Frank Chatman Grocery (moved in 1932 to 631 Main), Walker’s Gifts, Saylor’s Seconds, The Wild Iris, and today it houses **Vogue and Vintage** and **Ken’s Flooring**. The second floor apartment has been updated and the business owner lives upstairs.

This building is part of the Osage Commercial Historic District and was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2002.

720/722 Main St.

Industry Dry Bar/Renee's Loving Care

Built in 1936 as Penney Brother's



Herman Minniger building

Picture on left: Sesquecentennial Pres News



One story Penney building

Picture on right: Neal DuShane

In 1923 the Penney brothers bought the Herman Minniger frame building at 720 Main Street and expanded to 718 Main in 1926 when they bought the brick building next door. In 1936 they replaced the frame buildings with the current building and operated at both addresses. Lewis Machine and Krones and Cliff Lewis Machinists were in the back of the 720 unit. The basement provided space for John Bartlett, Lawyer along with several beauty shops, including Maxine Pullen and Marcy Havel. McKenzie's Barbershop was also in the basement.

In 1949, the Penney Brothers sold the retail sales and tire service at 720 to Art Tesch and Wilbur McClean. Eventually Art Tesch bought out McClean and ran Royal Tires for years. The Penney Brothers operated a wholesale business in front and an automotive machine shop in the rear for years. The 722 address housed the Home Savings and Loan (about 1950s and 1960s). The vault still remains. Larry's Lounge, Wants and Wishes, and Timeless Treasures followed. Now Renee's Loving Care is at 722 and Eckys Ice Cream Shoppe was in 720 following CarQuest Auto Parts. Today **Industry Drybar** operates at this address.

This building is part of Osage Commercial Historic District and was put on the National Register of Historic Places in 2002.

718 Main St.

Constructed in the 1880s?



Picture compliments of Richard Lunde

In 1926, the Penney Brothers bought the Sam Jerald Steam Laundry building at 718 Main St. Note the building has two stories. There was a cold water flat on the second floor, and Earl and Evabelle Penney lived there when they were first married. The auto parts business was downstairs. In 1929, the building was extended to the alley.

Vera Ross was the last person to live in apartment. The second floor was removed in the late 1970s. Today, the front has been changed considerably from its original appearance.

In 1949 the Penney Brothers sold their retail business at 718 Main to Arthur Tesch and Wilbur McLean. It remained an auto parts business for many years. Turtle Creek Pottery and Five 18 Boutique have been recent businesses. This building is part of the Osage Commercial Historic District and was put on the National Register of Historic Places in 2002.

716 Main St.
Subway
Built in 1876 as the Sage Library



Notice “Sage Library” on the title block above the cornice. The use of gothic-arch windows imparts a reverential status to the building, setting it apart from the commercial buildings along Main Street. Osage’s first library, this two-story yellow brick building was built in 1876 for \$6,000. It was built at a time when most towns had no formal library and certainly no specially built library building. The 1876 library was named in honor of Orrin Sage, who donated \$2,000 for the library and 600 acres for the town of Osage. It was replaced by the Carnegie Public Library building, now city hall, in 1910.

The library was on the second floor, with the first floor rented to a variety of businesses, including a jewelry store in the 1880s – 1890s and a restaurant in the early 20th century. Cromer’s Fine China was here before the Walkers bought the business. From 1950 to 1990 it was Walker’s Gift Store with the Walker family living upstairs.

Today it is home to **Subway** and the Walker family still lives upstairs when they are in town. This building is part of Osage Commercial Historic District and was put on the National Register of Historic Places in 2002.

715/719 Main St.

Sears

Constructed in 1932

Photo Compliments of Neal Du Shane



The original building at 715/719 is visible in the above photograph. Originally a large two-story general merchandise store called the Beehive was at this location. It was destroyed by fire in 1927. The present building was constructed in 1932. The current building features unusual polychrome brick patterns across the façade in a vivid checkerboard pattern. Also of note are the molded concrete Art Deco panel and end pilasters.

The first occupant was Malone and Daniels dime store. Other businesses located here were: Nature's Originals on the east side, Scott Store (dime store), Ben Franklin (dime store), which enlarged the space to include the 719 unit, the Dollar General Store, and Duckwall's (variety store). Before the 719 unit was added, it had been occupied by a marble shop, McGuire Dress Shop, and possible Mary Kelly Dress Shop. Currently **Sears** occupies this space.

This building is part of the Osage Commercial Historic District and was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2002.

**714 Main St.
Watts Theater
Built in 1950**

Opening Announcement for the Watts Theater

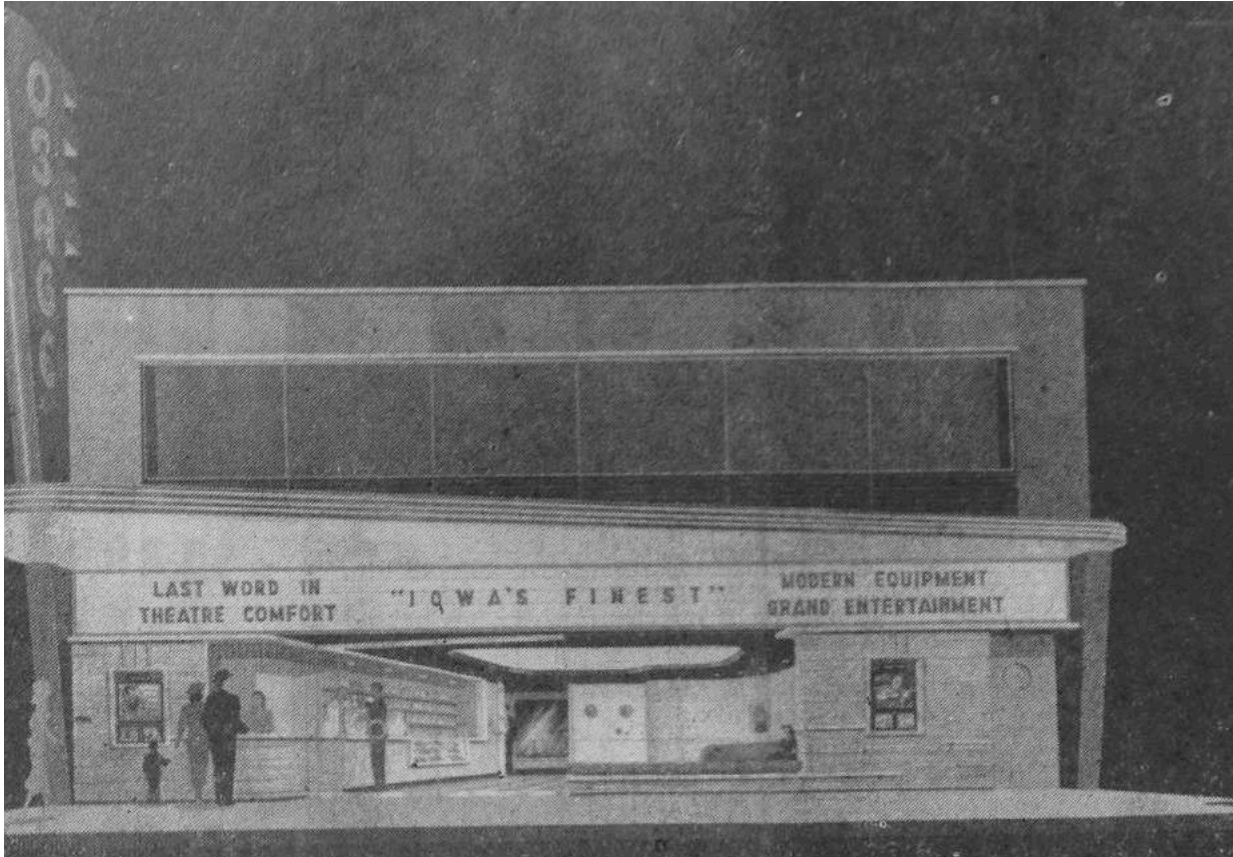


Photo from February 1950 Mitchell County Press News

The Watts Theater opened in 1950. In 1951, Jim and Millie Watts received an award for having one of the finest theaters in the nation. Mr. and Mrs. Watts operated the theater for 28 years, raising their family in the apartment upstairs.

For several years, movies were not shown at the theater, but in 1994, Paul and Gloria Bunge bought the theater and restored it to its former glory, retaining the 50s style. Bob Williams bought the theater in 1998 and sold it to Mark and Tracy Walk and their daughters Allison and Stephany in 2006.

This classic 1950's Movie Theater represents a significant survival of an Art Moderne theater featuring rounded limestone corners, aluminum sash and glass. The interior is pristine: mirrors and birch woodwork. In 2005, USA Today named the **Watts Theater** one of "Ten Great Places to Revel in Cinematic Grandeur". This building is a part of the Osage Commercial Historic District and was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2002.

**713 Main St.
Main Realty
Constructed between 1892 and 1897**



Photo Compliments of Neal Du Shane

This building housed a grocery store into the early twentieth century. It is a two-story single-unit brownish-red brick building that once had a decorative cornice that has since been removed. The second floor has three tall, narrow windows with hoodmolds. The windows have been boarded over. The storefront has been modernized with polychrome modern brick and modern windows and doors. The ribbon window panel area is covered with wood paneling.

Businesses here have been: Harry Cook's Western Auto (1940s?), Electric Company (1940s-50s), Charles Tubbs and Dwight Morse Westinghouse (1954), Dwight Morse Appliance, Bullis Electric, and Rueben Wittenburg Barbershop, and today **Main Realty**.

This building is part of the Osage Commercial Historic District was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2002.

711 Main St.
Town & Country Insurance
Early 20th Century



Photo from the Quasi-centennial of the Press News

This two-story single-unit reddish-brown brick building either replaced or represents a complete façade remodel of an older store on this lot. It was most likely built in the early 20th century.

In 1892, there was a drug store and a grocery here. For much of the early twentieth century, this building housed the office of the first woman doctor of osteopathic medicine, Dr. Kitson, Osteopath. Other businesses here have been: Herst & Duncan, Attorneys, Mott and Pruit Insurance, Cowell's Jewelry, Town and Country Insurance (Dick Haakenson and Dave Dunlop, then Dick Haakenson and Craig Snider), and presently **Town and Country Insurance**.

This building is part of the Osage Commercial Historic District was placed on the National Register of Historic Places 2002.

710 Main St.
Osage Insurance Services
Date of Construction: c. 1930



Photo Compliments of Penney Morse
Photo taken before renovation in 2014

The historic name of this building was Gene & Ory's Café. It later was called the Chat & Nibble Café. When it was the Chat & Nibble, Richard Lunde remembers eating the best 25-cent hamburgers there. JoAnne Machin remembers waitressing at the Chat & Nibble when she was in high school. Do you have any memories of the Chat & Nibble?

Weber Sport Shop closed. In 2014, the building was remodeled and **Osage Insurance Services** moved from 611 Main Street. Though it is a late addition to the district, this building contributes to the rhythm of this block and helps maintain the historic feel and appearance, despite alterations. This building is a part of the Osage Commercial Historic District and is on the National Register of Historic Places in 2002.

708-704 Main St. The Masonic Block Built by 1883



Picture provided compliments of Neal Du Shane

The Masonic Block was a significant addition to the late nineteenth century architecture of the Osage Commercial District. It also reflects major investments in commercial buildings by local entrepreneurs in the 1880s. This reflects the booming economy in the wake of the railroad's arrival. The Masonic Lodge occupied the third floor of this entire building from the time it was built until 1975. The building was remodeled in 1956. The Masons also had a kitchen and dining room on the second floor.



Photo provided compliments of Neal Du Shane—Paving Main Street



Photo Compliments of Neal Du Shane

708 Main Street: Harry Hedrick's Barbershop was located here (note the barbershop pole on the left). Then Seimer's Cleaners, Dahlen's Cleaners, Lennie Gillis Cleaners, Galen Morse Cleaners, Angell's Osage Cleaner's, Wild Bill's Custom Golf, and the future home of **Ecky's Ice Cream Shoppe** .

706 Main Street: The Express Office was located at 706 during the 1930s depression. Fred Birum's Café & Billiard Hall, pictured above, occupied this unit. Later Mary Kelly's children's clothing shop, French's Children's Clothing, J's Shop (women's clothing run by Jeannine Horn), Sonne Granquist's gift shop, All Thru the House, and the Stitchery Nook were located here. Today (2013), **The Front Porch** is open for business here.

704 Main Street: Early occupants were Mr. Marsh's Law Office, Darwin Paulson Lawyer, Joe Sams Lawyer (upstairs), Coffee Shop, Elgin Enabnit, Midwest Textile Outlet, and Lea Brian's Hair Salon. In 2015 Scott Thompson bought this storefront and opened **My Town Pictures**.

This building is part of the Osage Commercial Historic District and was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2002.

707/709 Main St.
CCI Flooring/Maple Massage
Constructed between 1892 & 1897



Photo Compliments of Neal Du Shane

This two-story, two-unit block building has Richardsonian Romanesque inspired rough-face red rock trim in combination with brown-red brick. The stepped parapet is original to the construction. The façade features a large round-arched monumental central entryway that includes the two store unit entries and the door to the second floor, flanked by two display windows.

In 1897-1905, this building housed a jewelry store in the west unit and a hardware store in the east unit. Other occupants have been: Cogland and Christianson Hardware; Christianson and Son Hardware; Sig Tesch Coast to Coast Hardware; Annis Hardware; Kingsbury and Young Hardware (east half); Pritchard's Coast to Coast Hardware; Cathy's Cyberspace and Main Street Mini-Mall; Kountry Kupboard; and Dutch Traditions (Amish furniture) and currently CCI Flooring and Maple Massage. The Neus Beauty Shop was upstairs in the east unit and Dr. Guy Horton (dentist) had his office in the west half before he moved to the Cleveland Hotel. This building is part of the Osage Commercial Historic District and was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2002.

703/705 Main St.

Frames and More/Scott's Pump House

Constructed in 1892



Photo courtesy of Neal Du Shane

The "W.L. Eaten Block" was constructed in 1892. It reflects both the influence of the earlier Late Victorian styles in commercial architecture and the newly popular Richardsonian Romanesque style in its use of rusticated stone in combination with brick and terracotta. Notice the Sullivanesque terra-cotta ornamentation over the central stairwell entrance.

In 1892, the west unit housed a grocer, with a harness shop in the east unit. By 1918, the west unit housed Bert Day Dry Goods, and later the Marie Jackson Millinery. The west unit has also had the following businesses: McGrane's Women's Clothing and many men's clothing stores, including: Gildner Donsker (1941); Gildner Arsers (1955); Arsers (1956); Wiley's; and Flemings. Currently Frames and More is in the west unit.

The east unit has had: a harness shop; Magnuson Bakery; Schmidt's Bakery; Larson Bakery; Bartch Electric (1940s and '50s); Craft shop owned by Dorothy Young and Barb Swanson; the Varsity Club; Mark Chisholm/Bob Goodale restaurant; Basic Builders; the Fabric Shoppe; Kountry Kupboard; and now **Scott's Pump House**. This building is part of the Osage Commercial Historic District and was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2002.

702 Main St.
China House
Built in 1883 as the Osage National Bank Building



Photo provided compliments of Neal Du Shane

Osage National Bank, incorporated in 1856 by Jacob and Frank Brush, was the first bank in Osage. While the building above was being constructed, the bank moved to the courthouse and while there, robbers blew open the safe and stole \$9,000. After the bank moved to its the new building in 1883, the first burglar-proof vault was installed in 1886. In 1926 the Osage National Bank and the Farmers National Bank consolidated and remained at this location until 1970.

The second floor housed many professional offices including dentist Dr. Repp, Gus Swanson Insurance, and lawyers Ray Cummings and Vern Kratchmer.

After the bank moved out, Mike and JoAnne McGhan bought the building, remodeled and opened the Maple Inn restaurant and the Clock Room in the rear. Several other restaurants have been at this location. Currently, the **China House** is open in the front part of the building.

This building is part of the Osage Commercial Historic District and was put on the National Register of Historic Places in 2002.

701 Main St. LeaBrian's Hair Styling Barbering & Spa Constructed in 1876



Photo courtesy of Neal Du Shane

The Woods and Hasting (W&H) Building, constructed in 1876 still has the wrought iron balcony and staircase on the second floor of the west side. This building was a long-time drug store and is a fairly well preserved example of later nineteenth century commercial architecture.

It was first Samson & Lezotte Druggists and Pharmacists, then Brown and Lashbrook Drug; then just Lashbrook Drug. The Fashion Corner operated with three succeeding owners keeping the name: Helen Huebsch; Diane and Jon Sparrow; and Ila Streblow. Kay Hentges leased from Streblows under the name "Kay's Fashion Corner". Next it was Shirley's Variety Store and Don's (Reiken) Bike Shop, and currently **LeaBrian's Hair Styling**.

The small back part of the downstairs had Bush (lawyer), Iverson Furniture, Dr. Owen's medical office, and the telephone office (Bessie Johnson was the operator).

The upstairs had Sampson and Coming Photography, J.A. Douglas Photography, Jasper Barlett, George Mack, Bert Carter, Harold (Shady) Hill, George West, George Gesman, and Walter and Marien Martin Photography (1921). There was a beauty parlor in the front upstairs; also Ed Buehler's Optometry was upstairs. This building is part of the Osage Commercial Historic District and was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2002.

635 Main St.
Stitchery Nook
Constructed in about 1869



Photo courtesy of Neal Du Shane

This building was used as a drug store from the time it was built until the Stitchery Nook opened in 2009. The 1883 fire insurance map shows the third floor as an armory and the 1888 map calls it a "Military Hall." Later maps simply show this as a "hall." This was a three-story building, but the third floor was removed about 1940.

Drug stores in this location have been Morse, Dailey and Mann Drug (1869), Jay Fletcher Dailey Drug and Jewelry (1874), Ross Addy Drug (1895), Kane Brothers Drug (1900-1947). Kane sold half interest to Del Almquist in 1947, and Almquist then bought Kane's interest in 1954, Skaar Drug (1968). This is when the additional store unit to the west was added. Skaar sold the business to Jakobson Drug in 1985. The drug store closed and the **Stitchery Nook** located here in 2009.

This building is part of the Osage Commercial Historic District and was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2002.

632 Main St.
Emerson's on Main
Built by 1865: Refaced 1910s – 1920s



Picture provided compliments of Neal Du Shane

This building was the location of the McNabb Public Hall (1865-1879) on the second floor when it was built in 1865. The Osage News took it over in 1879. Commercial enterprises in the store unit through the years have included clothing and boot and shoe stores in the 1880s and 1890s, and Gregory & Weston Drugs and a jewelry store in the early 1900s. Note the large street clock in the front of the jewelry store. Hand printing (1892), Cromer's Dry Goods (they went to the old library building from here), and Lohr Furniture have all been in this building.

It was the location of Champion Furniture from 1929 – 2011 before becoming **Emerson's On Main** in 2011. This building is part of the Osage Commercial Historic District and was put on the National Register of Historic Places in 2002.

**633 Main St.
Stitchery Nook
Constructed in 1872**

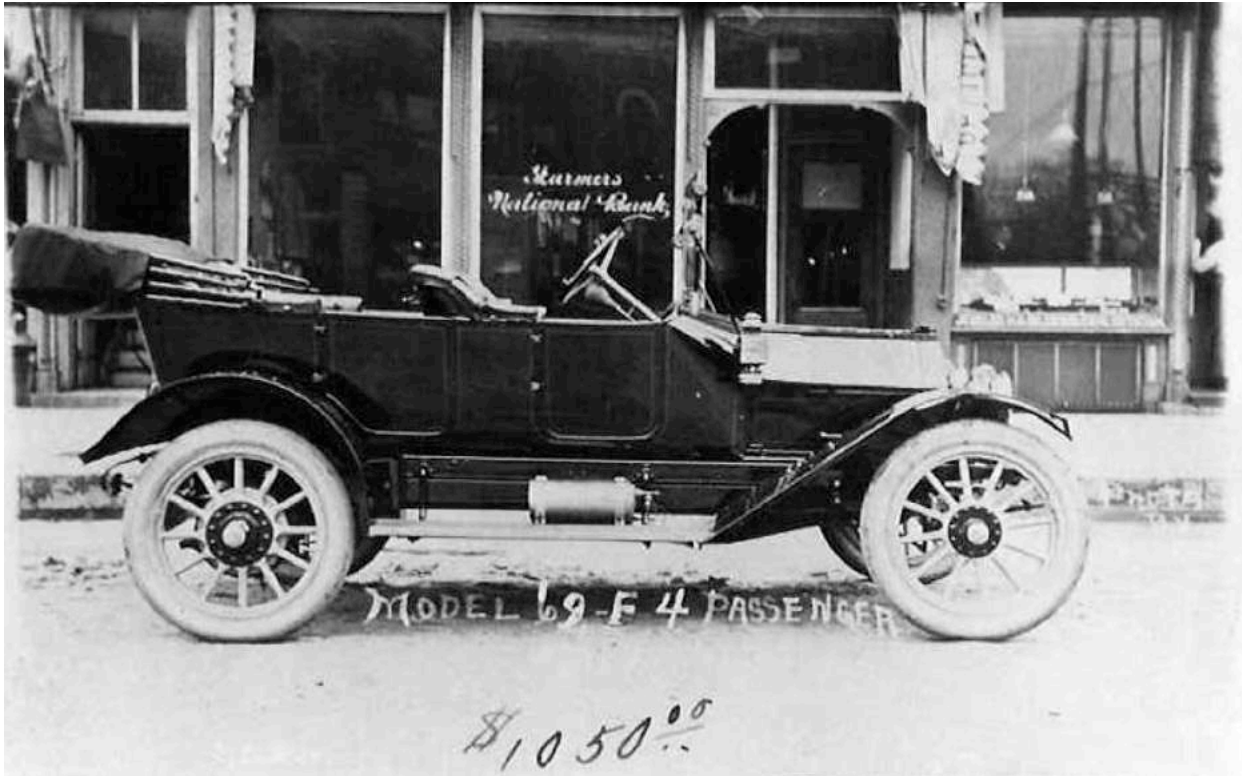


Photo courtesy of Neal Du Shane

There is no business with an address of 633 Main Street today. The storefront you see above has been incorporated into 635, the building on the corner. This building was the Osage post office from 1872-1875. In the 1880s and early 1890s, there was a hardware store here. Eaton and Clyde law office was here, also. By the late 1890s, Farmers Bank, pictured above, was located here before it merged with the Osage Bank and moved to 702 Main Street.

After the bank moved out, the store housed Buehler Jewelry, Green Jewelry, Max Andrews Grocery, and Peterson Drapery. When Almquist sold the drugstore next door to Skaar in 1968. When the drapery shop closed next door, Skaar bought the unit and incorporated it into the drug store.

Lawyer Mark Van Voorhis had his office above the bank in the front office and dentist Dr. Krapek has his practice in the rear office upstairs.

This building is part of the Osage Commercial Historic District and was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2002.

631 Main St.
McPhail Law Firm
Constructed in 1872



Photo courtesy of Neal Du Shane

As you can see in the above picture, the building that today houses the Gross & McPhail law offices and the entrance to the Stitchery Nook were originally built as a two storefront unit. In the 1880s and early 1890s, there was a grocery store in the west unit (A.W.Tallman's Grocery). Other occupants have been: W.T. Sherman Grocery; F. Mauson Grocery (1906); Ole Odden Grocery (1912); F.L. Gillis Faultless Grocery (1920); J.Willis Drew Grocery (1923-1933); and Chatman's Grocery. Clayton Jackson had a meat market in the rear of the grocery store. There was no wall between the two businesses, but there were two different Checkouts. Today the former grocery store became the law office for Gross & McPhail, and now is the **McPhail Law Firm**.

Dr. Whitley had his office on the second floor above the store. The rear office housed several photographers including: Holst's Photography; Delta Printing Shop; Roy and Margaret Koschmeder Photography; and Everett Showalter Photography.

This building is part of the Osage Commercial Historic District and was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2002.

630 Main Street

See and Sew

Built in 1900



Photo Compliments of Neal Du Shane

(Richard Lunde's great-grandfather is pictured spraying the street to control dust.)

The building first housed the Plate Glass Barber Shop in the early part of the twentieth century. It is a two-story single-unit masonry building that is faced with white stone. The façade features the only inset balcony on the second floor on Main Street. The second floor round-arched colonnade was later replicated on the first floor, which was originally a large plate glass window. It is a very significant façade design.

J.W. Johnson operated the Plate Glass Barber Shop and Bathrooms here. Charles Christianson had a barbershop here. There was a jewelry store, a bakery in front, attorney office of Joe Sams, Central States Power and Light, Marie Shankland attorney, and attorney office of Joe Sams, Keith McKinley, and Jerry Folkers at this location. This building was part of Champion's Furniture Store.

In 2011, Ken and Diane Emerson bought this building and the along with the corner building (632 Main), renovated the upper apartment, and opened **See and Sew**.

This building is part of the Osage Commercial Historic District and was placed on the National Historic Register in 2002.

**629 Main St.
Teluwut Expansion
Constructed in 1872**



Photo courtesy of Neal Du Shane

This two-story building was built in 1872 about the same time as 627 Main (Teluwut) next door. Note the same windows in both buildings. In 1883, there was a dry goods store located here, followed by a meat market (1892), R.G. Anderson Jewelry (1929), Johnson Bootery (1930s), Schlick Jewelry, Hinrickson's Upholstery and Mark's Bike Shop, and Promise Land Book Store. **Teluwut** has incorporated the building into its business today.

This building is part of the Osage Commercial Historic District and was placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

628 Main St.
Home Trust & Savings Bank
Built between 1897 - 1905



Photo compliments of Home Trust & Savings Bank

Known as the Smith Building, there were originally two store units. In 1905, the post office was in the west unit and a clothing store in the east unit. The third floor housed the Playmor Ballroom.

In 1937, the Home Trust & Savings Bank bought the building and moved here from its previous location in the Cleveland Building (where the Cleveland Turret is located today). The bank was originally only in the east unit and a clothing store was in the west unit. In the 1950 the bank added a new marble facade and in 1958 expanded to the entire first floor, doubling its space. The bank also purchased the building to the west in 1958, tore it down and added the community's first drive-up window. In the 1974 the bank purchased the Cleveland Hotel and tore it down for a parking lot. **The Home Trust & Savings Bank** remains the only locally owned bank left in Osage.

This building is a part of the Osage Commercial Historic District and was put on the National Register of Historic Places in 2002.

627 Main St.
Teluwut Grille House & Pub
Constructed in 1872



Photo courtesy of Neal Du Shane

This impressive building, constructed in 1872, was a significant addition to the commercial district at an early date. It reflects the trend of fraternal organizations investing in the construction of a large building that housed their meeting halls, but also contained space for commercial properties. It was known as the Woods and Hasting (W&H) Building and the I.O.O.F. Hall. The I.O.O.F. first had their meeting hall on the third floor. The Woodmen of the World also used this building.

Commercial enterprises in this building have included a grocery store in the 1880s and early 1890s and a drug store until 1962. Oscar Pohle opened Pohle's Drug Store in 1929 and ran it until he died while at work in the drug store. Pohle's had a popular soda fountain and during Prohibition, Pohle served friends alcohol in the back room. Tesch's Paint and Sundries, Sparrow Photography, and 1872 Eatery and Pub were more recent occupants. It is now **Teluwut Grille House & Pub**.

This building is part of the Osage Commercial Historic District and was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2002.

625 Main St.
Murphy Smith & Co
Constructed in the 1870s



Photo courtesy of Neal Du Shane

This building was built as a men's clothing store in the 1870s and early 1880s. The original Italianate-influenced façade featured a bracketed cornice overhang and tall, narrow windows with prominent hoodmolds.

This building was completely remodeled in the 1960s with vertical panels of ceramic tile in-between brick pilasters added to the second floor and the four windows greatly reduced. A metal canopy was added over the storefront and the recessed entryway was removed in 2011. Men's clothing owners have been Leuthold and Cummings, Leuthold and Sexe, Hogan, and Romey Pellemonger. The upstairs had Burnham and Warren Insurance at one time. The current occupant of the first floor is **Murphy Smith & Company**.

Due to the nature of the changes from the original structure, this building was not included as contributing to the historic downtown district.

621/623 Main St.
Alliance of Tae Kwon Do Schools
Constructed 1883



Photo courtesy of Neal DuShane

Known as the S. & B. Katz Block, this one-story brick building is two units wide, but was built as a single unit. The façade reaches higher than one story but is a false front. The building suffered a fire in 1924 that resulted in a slightly lower façade. It was also damaged in 2001 when the building next door burned.

An early business at this location was a dry goods and clothing store. Groceries were added in 1892, with a tin shop to the rear by 1897. Through much of its life the building, housed the Daylight Store. Petersons (Dale Peterson's parents) first owned the Daylight Store. Ollie and Blanch Holcomb bought the store, then Sam and Rachel Holcomb ran the store until it closed. When it was the Daylight Store, customers may remember the vacuum tube system that sent receipts and money up to the register on the balcony above the first floor and packages were wrapped with brown paper and string.

After that, Terri Lynn's Olde Friends Antiques (Terri Lynn Lancaster) was here. It was Shirley's Variety Store (Shirley Reiken) after the fire, and today it houses the **Alliance of Tae Kwon Do Schools**.

This building is part of the Osage Commercial Historic District and was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2002.

620 Main St. Cleveland Hotel

Photo Compliments of Neal Du Shane



In 1877, R.M. Cleveland leased, and then bought, the Merchant Hotel, a building that had been on this site since 1859. The Cleveland family included his wife and daughters Sarah (Miss Pet) and Ida and son Byron. When R.M. Cleveland died in 1891, his wife and Sarah (Miss Pet) took over the hotel. Sister Ida Cleveland Spicer operated Vendome (an eating place) in the private Spring Park for several summers.

In 1901, the New Cleveland Hotel was started, incorporating the old Merchant Hotel building, and completed in 1902 for a cost of \$35,000. Miss Pet ran the hotel until her death in 1969. Many older Osage residents may remember Miss Pet sitting at the window of the hotel, watching the activity on the street. Many people may also remember visiting the Farmer's Inn in the basement of the Cleveland for a cold beer or a game of pool. Men used to sit at the bar and look up out the window of women passing by wearing skirts.

In 1960, the Cleveland Hotel was sold with most of the original contents, including marble topped dressers and oriental rugs. The building was demolished in 1975 to provide a parking lot for the Home Trust Bank.

Notice the small building next to the hotel. It was part of the original Merchant Hotel and was owned for many years by Vivian Du Shane, who had a beauty shop on the second floor. The bank tore it down in 1958.

617/619 Main St. Burned to the Ground, Oct. 2001



The two buildings are next to the clothing & Dry Good sign

Photo courtesy of Neal Du Shane

These buildings burned to the ground in October 2001. The west building (617) had housed Harry Johnson Plumbing, Pfaltzgraff Plumbing, and Mick's Tavern.

The east building (619) housed Johnson and Annis Hardware, Hans Odden and William Tupper Tin Shop and Hardware Store, Thomas Atherton and Frank Gardner Hardware (in 1921 it was just Atherton). Ray Peterson managed Atherton's in 1929. Jesse Brooker bought one half interest in 1938 and Peterson and Brooker operated Osage Hardware. This storefront was incorporated into the Daylight Store (east of it), until it became a pizza parlor. Godfather Pizza was located here at the time of the fire. (Information from *150 Years in Osage, Iowa 1856 – 2006*.)

616/618 Main St.
The Cleveland Turret
Built in 1899



Photo provided compliments of Neal Du Shane

Sarah (Miss Pet) Cleveland and her mother were investors in this building. The elegant Cleveland Hotel replaced the Merchants Hotel on the lot to the east in 1901-1902. This building housed the Home Trust Bank on the east side and a music store on the west side. By 1923, the west side housed the post office until the new post office was built in 1934. The Montgomery Ward store was also located at 616. The upper floor housed various offices over the years. The Mitchell County Soil and Conservation District, Birchard Brush Real Estate, and All Through the House are just some of the businesses that have been located in this space.

The Cleveland Hotel was torn down in 1974 for a bank parking lot. The Cleveland building was vacant for several years. Brendhan and Jeanne Wagner bought it began renovation in 2010. In 2011 Cora's opened. When Cora's closed, Ken and Diane Emerson opened the **Cleveland Turret**.

This building is a part of the Osage Commercial Historic District and was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2002.

614 Main St.

Rookies

Date of Construction: Between 1911 - 1923



Photo compliments of Penney Morse

This building replaced an older frame building on this lot and housed the telephone company until the late 1950's. It subsequently housed a Starr's Candy Shop and several cafés. Among café owners were: Clark Kelly, Donnely, Murray, and Woodiwiss, & Amy Hill's Snack Shop. Johnston Real Estate and Kara Zimmerman's Great Escapes travel agency and Spring Creek Floor Covering were also at this location. **Rookies** is here today.

This early twentieth century building reflects the simpler commercial building designs popular at the time and retains a high degree of integrity on the second floor.

This building is a part of the Osage Commercial Historic District and was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2002.

613/615 Main St.
Bisbee Income Tax & Accounting
Henaman's Barber Shop
Constructed Between 1883



Photo courtesy of Neal Du Shane

Constructed in 1883, the two-story, two-unit block building originally had a united second floor façade that is now sub-divided by a slipcover over the east unit façade and the removal of the bracketed cornice across the entire building. The west part of the building was the long-time location of the Osage Meat Market (for over 50 years). Owners of the meat market were Bill Dorow (after 1900), Husselman Brothers (1915), A. Miller and Forslund (1918), H.C. Palmer and Henry Gaarder (1918), S Teegarden was added in 1931, H.C. Palmer sole owner (1934), and Willard Koch Meats (1950), the Bernice and Bob Hartwig Meat Market. There was a tailor shop here, also. Jim Tracy and Tim Leeman had jewelry stores here before Glendon Borchardt opened Nature's Originals Floral Shop in 1979. Today **Bisbee Income Tax & Accounting Services** have offices there today.

The east unit housed the Editor Cigar Store (1911). Other businesses in this portion have been a tailor shop, barbershop, and boot and shoe and boot repair shop. Currently **Henaman's Barber Shop** is housed here.

This building is part of the Osage Commercial Historic District and was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2002.

612 Main St.

Clip Joint

Date of Construction: 1934

Gary Hepner and Bob Hinzman at Oscar Otteson Barbershop in 1956

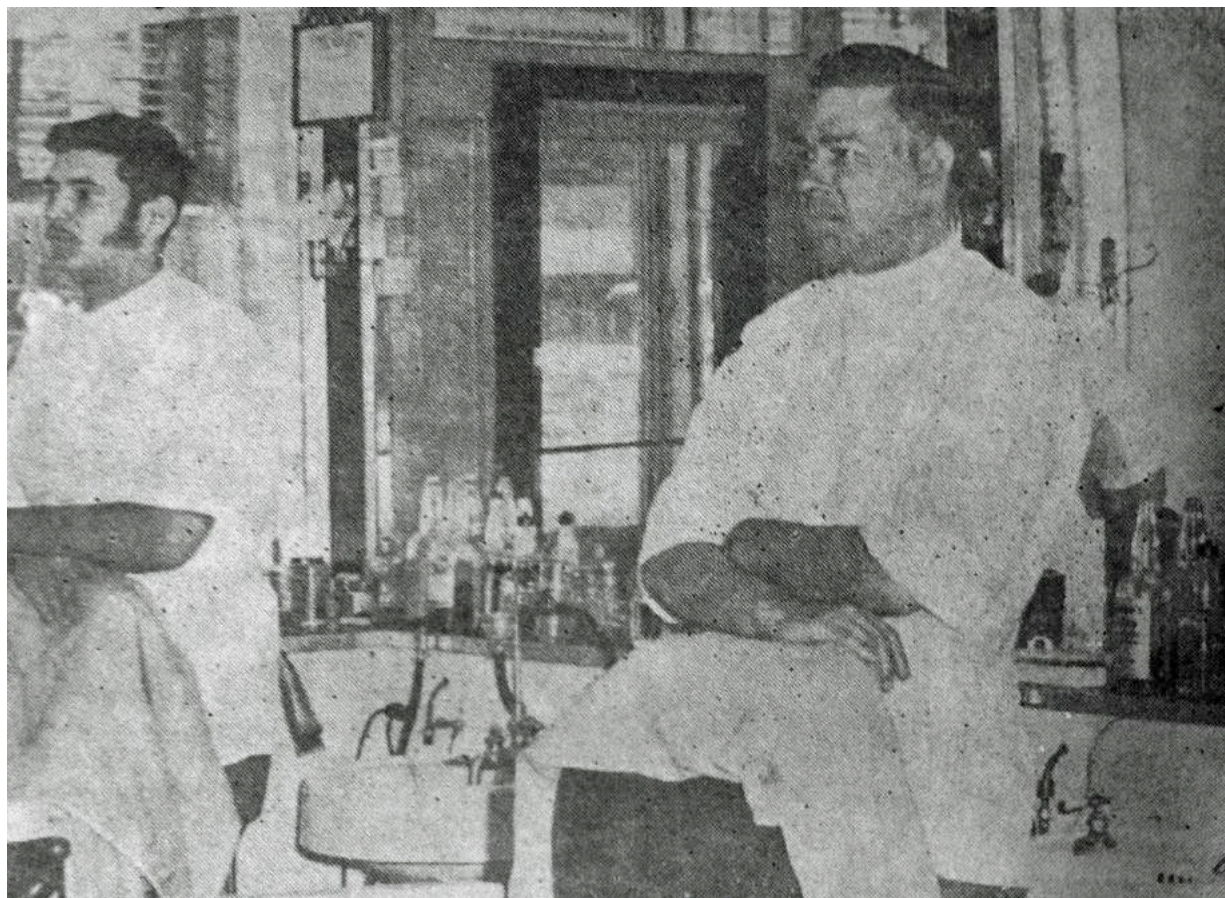


Photo from *Mitchell County Press* Centennial Addition

The original facade was a decorative tile block front. This is now covered with stucco and faux half timbering. This building was constructed in 1934 as Joe Heiner's Barber Shop after his previous one-story wooden building burned. Though it was a late addition to the district, it replaced the older building that burned.

Oscar Otteson Barbershop opened in 1955. Today, it is the **Clip Joint**. While the building has been remodeled in more recent years, the scale and form still contribute to the rhythm of this block and district.

This building is a part of the Osage Commercial Historic District and was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2002.

611 Main St.
Mick's Bar & Grill
Constructed between 1883-1888

Photo compliments of Neal Du Shane



The bicycles are lined up in front of 611 Main St. in the early 1900's. Note the street is not paved. This small one-story building has housed books, stationary and candy stores during the 1880's. In the early part of the 20th century, a tavern, a grocery, and Dean's Meat Market were located here. The small, one-story, brick-veneered building was probably remodeled in the 1910s.

Osage Insurance Services and Iowa Cattle Marketing Cooperative were located here. In 2014 Osage Insurance Services moved to 710 Main and Mick Comesky bought the building and remodeled it, turning it into **Mick's Bar & Grill**.

This building is part of the Osage Commercial Historic District and was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2002.

610 Main St.
Sculpture Hair & Fashion
Built by 1883



Photo Compliments of Neal Du Shane

This building is the fourth building from the left as it looked when it was built. The original round-arched windows were replaced early in the twentieth century. In 1883, this was a boot and shoe store. In 1888 it was a candy and confectionary shop and a bakery in 1892-97. Lohr Furniture was here and Champions Furniture was there until 1929. Shelledy Furniture and Funeral Home followed Champions. Loney's Second Hand store and Gambles were later occupants. More recently, it has been the Style-Mor Beauty Salon, and today, **Sculpture Hair and Fashion**.

Though it has been altered through the years, it retains sufficient integrity, particularly in the retention of the metal cornice and brick front to be a contributing building in the Osage Commercial Historic District and was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2002.

609 Main St.
Main Street Blossoms
Date of Construction: Between 1888 - 1892



Photo Compliments of Neal Du Shane

In 1926 Davidson Gas and Electric opened here. Wes Birdsall bought the business in 1953 and operated it until 1964. Carter Radio and TV was here from 1967-1989. Sharon Schlick and Mary Milton had a clothing store called “Bib and Tucker”, Days Gone Bye (health foods), Galeys Emporium, Freeman and Friends (consignment and crafts), Val Blossoms, and today **Main Street Blossoms**.

The east used to house a dry goods store in the east unit, with a photo gallery on the second floor. The building was the location where Keith McKinley and Went Carter built the fuselage for an aircraft that originally had been started by Dr. John Repp and then moved to the building at 609 Main. McKinley and Carter used the basement for part of the building moving it to the second floor and back again to the basement by way of the elevator shaft. When the fuselage was ready for the wings it was moved to another location. The project was successful and the plane is still used today (in 2006 anyway).

This building is a part of the Osage Commercial Historic District and was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2002.

608 Main St.
Heard Insurance Co.
Date of Construction: 1930



Photo Compliments of Neal Du Shane

The Savre building is between the Gambles store and the Maid-Rite Café

Dr. Savre built this building in 1930 on the former site of a one-story wood frame commercial building that was three units wide. That building had, in turn, been built on the site of an earlier dwelling. This was a doctor's office for several years for Drs. Huber and Robert Isham, then Drs. Isham and William Spencer. Dr. Guy Horton (dentist) was also here before he moved to the Cleveland Hotel building. Warren Insurance occupied the building before **Heard Insurance** opened their business here.

A late addition to the district, this small building contributes to the rhythm of this block and the overall historic look and feel despite a modernized storefront.

This building is a part of the Osage Commercial Historic District and was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2002.

607 Main St. Gifts Galore

Date of Construction: between 1888 and 1892

Photo Compliments of Neal Du Shane



This building was constructed as a two-unit block building and housed an office in the west unit from 1892 through 1911. Long time tenants of the 607 part of this building included the Go-Fer Dry Goods Store, Goplerud's Grocery and/or Goplerud's Department Store (1911), and Leuthold and Evens Clothing. At various times, other businesses housed here were: J.C. Penney's (until 1931), Anthony's (both units), S&L (both units), Gilles Grocery (in 1946), Krahenbuhl sisters shop "We Three" (children's clothing), Sweeney's on Main, and currently **Gifts Galore**.

The building has well-preserved upper floor façade details, including bracketed metal cornice, three oriel windows across, with single windows flanking each oriel window. Though the windows have been reduced, they retain their original surrounds and hoodmolds.

This building is a part of the Osage Commercial Historic District and was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2002.

605 Main St.
Debbie's Quilt Shop
Date of Construction: 1919

Photo from 150 Years in Osage Iowa: 1856 - 2006



Roy Raub built the Colonial Theater, reflecting the influence of the Mission Style, in 1919 for the purpose of showing movies. Later it was renamed the Osage Theater. It is an interesting two-story polychrome building, with a triple window on the second floor that has an unusual shaped concrete surround that has molded Lyre symbols at the corner of the windows. The painted ghost sign for the Colonial Theater is still evident on the west side.

The Osage Theater closed in 1952. Theater owners included builder Roy Raub, Frank Wewerka, Ed Mason, Frank Weber, George Schwennecker, and Jim Watts (Watts bought it in 1942). Other occupants have been: the land office, Sawyer and Seeward Real Estate, Sam Melson's Grocery (may have included the unit next door at 607), Liquor Store, Inspirations Christian Book and Gift Store, Debbie's Tea Room and now **Debbie's Quilt Shop**.

This building is a part of the Osage Commercial Historic District and was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2002.

604 Main St.
Rusty's Last Call
Date of Construction: by 1883

Photo Compliments of Neal Du Shane



Rusty's Last Call is in the second building on the right. The brick building on the corner, now an outdoor garden was the Mitchell County Savings Bank building, which was torn down in the 1980s.

The original facade of this building featured a plain wood cornice overhang, clapboard siding, and two double-hung windows on the second floor, now covered over. The Maid Rite café building on the east side (not the building pictured above) was demolished and a new addition was added to Rusty's, blending in with the style of the older building.

This building housed a cigar store in 1883 and from the late 1880's into the early twentieth century it housed the Addington Meat Market. While altered, this building is still recognizable as a wood-frame, false-front commercial building. It contributes to the overall rhythm of this block and the sense of time and place in the district as a whole.

This building is a part of the Osage Commercial Historic District and was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2002.

601-603 Main St.

Date of Construction: between 1905 - 1911

Photo Compliments of Neal Du Shane



Unit Available to rent and Shelter Insurance

Photo compliments of Neal Du Shane

When this building was constructed, it replaced an older monitor-roofed frame building on this corner. The new building housed a clothing store, with a piano shop on the east. It underwent a major remodel in the 1960s resulting in the current storefront configuration and materials.

Businesses housed in this building have been Jean Carden's Men's Clothing, Donskers Men's Clothing (here in 1936), W. Buehler Jewelry, Andersons Music (east half), J. Failing Grocery (west half in early years), Snack Shop owners Amy and Stannard Hill, followed by their daughter, Sandra Balsley Bower, Chamber of Commerce office (east half in early 2000s). The Osage Liqueur store was on the east side in the '40s and '50s Banks here were Pioneer Savings and Loan, Metropolitan, First Bank, Gateway, and CUSB Bank.

In 2015, Movie Run moved out of the west half and **Shelter Insurance** in the east half.

This building is a part of the Osage Commercial Historic District and was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2002.

535 Main St.
Wright Plumbing
Date of Construction: by 1874



Photo compliments of Neal Du Shane

This building was part of the Sprague block. Symmes and Sprague ran a grocery store in this building from at least 1884 – 1918, though after 1905, it may have been run by Symmes only and was known as Sno White Grocery. Other businesses housed in this building, through the years include: Fred Hubbard Grocery, Diamond Brothers Grocery, Neibergall Grocery, Pete Klobberdanz Corner Grocery, and Hartwig Meats. Dr. Blickenstaff (dentist) had an office upstairs in this building. The second floor also housed apartments as well as Griswold's Watch Repair in the second half of the 20th century (exact dates aren't known). Currently **Wright Plumbing** owns and operates in this building.

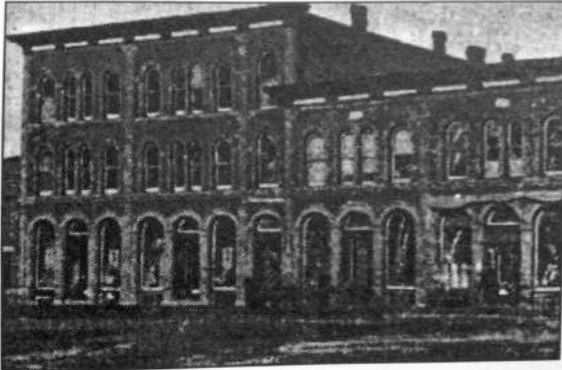
The original yellow and red brick trim is still exposed around the second-floor windows though the windows have been covered over. Originally, this building featured a central round-arched entryway flanked by two round-arched display windows.

This building is a part of the Osage Commercial Historic District and was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2002.

533 Main St.

Art's Shoes

Date of Construction: by 1876



Sprague Opera House was built in 1879. It was located west of Art's Shoe store.



Art's Shoes: Gentleman to the left is Art Olson



Photo on the left from *150 Years in Osage Iowa*, Photo on the right from Janeal Dunn

This building was part of the Sprague block. The building on the corner was built 2 years earlier. The Sprague Opera House burned in 1933. In 1833, 533 housed the Lyman and Cutler Furniture Store. By 1888, the ground level store was vacant, with the second floor used as a dwelling. There was a clothing store on the first level by the 1890s, with the second floor still used as a residence. The building was again vacant in 1905, but later housed Symmes Grocery. The Frazee Jewelry Store was located here as well as the Gallup and Shelledy Funeral Home.

This building currently houses Art's Shoe Store. Art Olsen ran Art's shoes for about 50 years, Carmen and Ward Harris owned and operated **Arts Shoes** from 1979 to 2001, and Jill and Dan Popp now run it.

This building is a part of the Osage Commercial Historic District and was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2002.

532 Main St.

Date of Construction: c. 1871

Stricker Plumbing & Heating Co.



Photo from the Centennial Edition of the Mitchell County Press News

Parts of this building have been on this lot since 1871. When H.H. Bowman bought the land, the abstract mentions a building, and H.H. Bowman Implement Company opened for business that year. E.S. Fonda built the main building in 1892. His son-in-law, W.J. Towner ran an implement business until 1910.

James Casey became a business partner in 1910 and it was known as James G. Casey and Co. In 1920 Ben Chatman bought his father-in-law's interest and it was called Casey & Chatman. In 1941, Chatman bought out Casey.

In 1948 Tony Foth and his son Bob rented the building from Chatman and opened Foth Plumbing and Heating. In 1952 the Foth's bought the building. First Bob, then Tom and then Mike Foth operated there until 2000. Ken Stricker bought the building and opened **Stricker Plumbing and Heating**.

This corner has historical significance as a long-time implements business in this community. While altered, under the siding, the original boards are still present; therefore this is a contributing historic building and in 2002 became part of the Osage Commercial Historic District and is on the National Register of Historic Places.

530 Main St.
Flower Gallery
Date of Construction: 1911



Photo Compliments of Home Trust Bank

In 1911, this building was connected to the adjacent implement business. The first floor housed an auto supply store with offices on the second floor and it retained an association with the implement business until 1919.

In 1936 Ivan Sewright opened the Sanitary Dairy. Izzy Saline bought the dairy in 1937 and provided the first pasteurized, homogenized milk in the county that was bottled and delivered. McCoy ice cream, butter, and cottage cheese were also sold. The Sanitary Dairy sold ice cream and cones in the retail store. Cones were sold until midnight on Saturday nights with 400 cones topping the record for one night. In the 1930s there was also a duckpin alley in the rear. In 1939 the dairy moved to 113 N. 6th Street.

Several other businesses operated here including Casey's Restaurant, Demuths Radio & TV and the **Flower Gallery** today.

This building is part of the Osage Commercial Historic District and was put on the National Register of Historic Places in 2002.

528 Main St.
Construction: c. 1888



Photo Compliments of Neal Du Shane

This small frame building has housed many businesses over the years. In the 1890's, it housed Dean's Grocery in 1892 and a bakery in 1897. Joe Dean's Clover Farm Grocery was here. From 1941 – 1955, it was Marreel Café. In 1955 Madeline Marreel Zerck bought out her father and changed the name to Madeline's Café. Rosemary, Carol, John, and Joseph Zerck grew up in their parent's café. There was a jukebox, cold beer, fresh coffee, and it was a popular spot for workers at the Marr Knitting Mill that was located down the street.

At the time of the National Register nomination in 2002, Dees Jewelry and Spartz Real Estate had offices here. Today, the building is empty.

This building is part of Osage Commercial Historic District and was put on the National Register of Historic Places in 2002.

526 Main St.
Lucy's Lunch Box
Date of Construction: By 1883

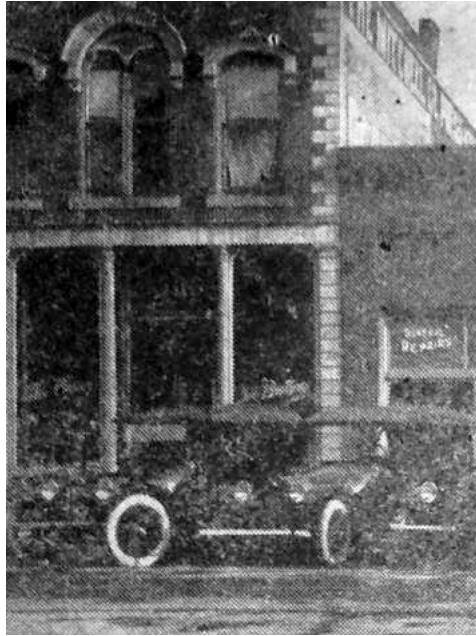


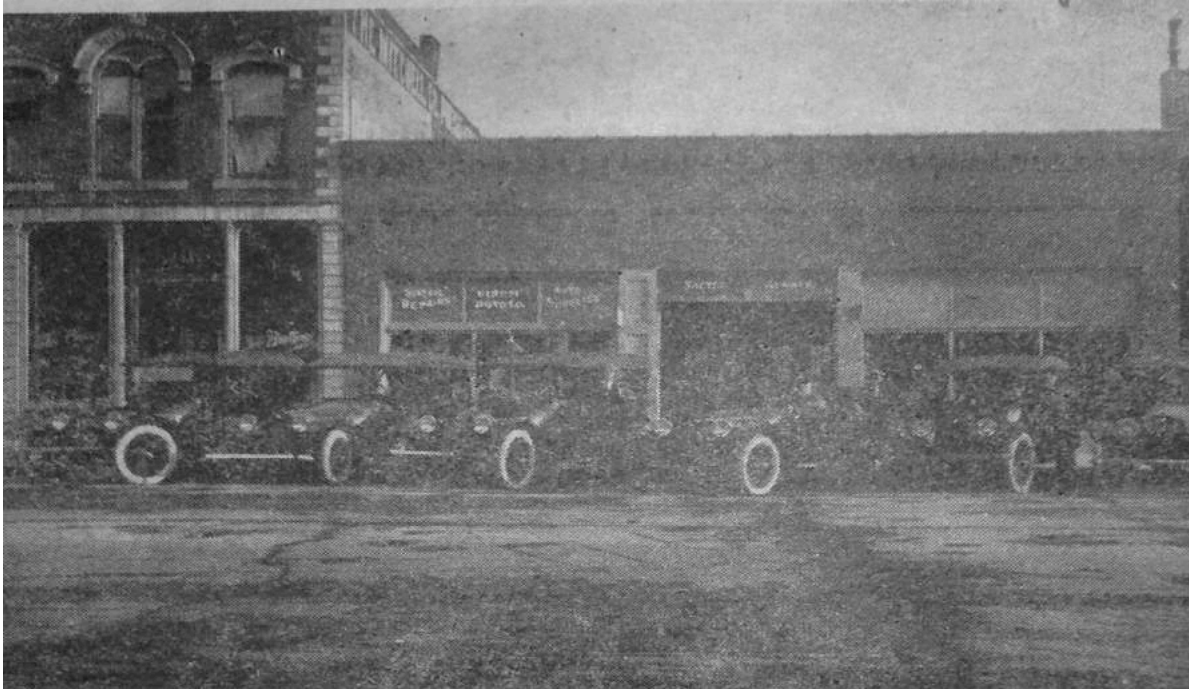
Photo from Centennial Press News

Historic Name: Osage News Building

This building was a long time printing house from 1883 – 1939. It was the printing house for the Osage News newspaper until 1923. Ruth and Alvin Gilbrech operated the Mariposa Beauty Shop upstairs from 1926 – 1974. When they first opened their business, Alvin carried soft water across the street from the Gallup and Shelledy Funeral Home (now Art's Shoes) and upstairs to the business. Most of the Gilbrech's original equipment is displayed at the Mitchell County Museum at the Cedar River Complex.

After the Press News moved out downstairs, White Way Cleaners, Spring Creek Flooring, and Deb's All American Coffee House (Deb Gage) were occupants before **Lucy's Lunch Box**. Some time after the above picture was taken, the building was completely refaced with polychrome brick veneer and the insertion of modern doors and windows on both the first and second levels. The only remnants of the original façade are the stone block quoined corners. A stone block pilaster is still exposed on the storefront level as well. As you can see, originally this building had an elaborate pressed metal cornice with pediment above and three round-arched windows across the second floor with hoodmolds. Because of the significant alteration of the storefront, this building is not listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

524 Main St.
Date of Construction: 1919
Tony's Auto Body



1919 Photo when it was Birum's Buick

This one-story raked brown brick building has a simple corbelled brick cornice with inset panels. This twentieth century building reflects the simpler commercial building designs then popular and the growing importance of the automobile and its related services.

There was a bowling alley located in this building some time in the 1950s. Do you remember bowling or setting pins here?

It also housed Dick and Dale Auto Body Shop before it was **Tony's Auto Body**. It is still very recognizable as an early twentieth century auto garage. It is part of the Osage Commercial Historic District and was put on the National Register of Historic Places in 2002.

518 Main St.

Taste by Unc's Cheesecakes & Cabin Coffee



Photo compliments of Neal Du Shane

Constructed in 1921 for George Birum Buick Dealership Architect: Howard Burr

This architect designed early twentieth century auto dealership represents a significant early twentieth century property type and commercial building design. It reflects the growing importance of the automobile as a mode of transportation and its impact on the commercial economy of the twentieth century.

Ahrens Body Shop was housed in the back of this building in the late 1940s to early 1950s. Wayne Mills used the main floor to store his automobile collections in the 1980s and 1990s. Some of the other businesses that have been housed in this building are: The Body Shop 9 (a gym), Flooring Buy Krahn, and Five 18 Boutique. **Taste by Unc's Cheesecakes** located here in 2013.

This building is part of the Osage Commercial Historic District and was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2002.

118 South 6th St.
Mills Motors
Built in 1860's After the Civil War



1953 Photo of Jorde Motors Compliments of Wayne Mills

Livery Stables were a necessity in every town as visitors to town needed a place to stable their horses and town residents needed somewhere to rent a carriage or stable their horses. At one time, Osage had at least four livery stables.

The Cleveland Hotel had its own livery stable located on what is now a city parking lot behind the Home Trust & Savings Bank. The 1883 fire insurance map shows a livery stable located in what is now a parking lot on the south side of Main Street in the 700 block.

The oldest part of this building owned by Wayne Mills was part of one of those livery stables. The building remained in the transportation business in the 20th century. In 1931, I.H. Vaughn opened a Chevy garage here; in 1934, Theo Horn opened a Ford Garage; in 1944 Karl Jorde opened Jorde Motors and Ford dealership. In 1970, Wayne Mills opened **Mills Motors**. Kurt Mills took over his father's business in 2013.

112 North 6th St.

Press News

Built in 1946



Photo from 1956 Centennial Press News Paper

The **Mitchell County Press-News** has a large number of newspapers in its background, which includes its early days in 1860 as the Mitchell Gazette, later changed to the Press after moving to Osage. The paper is the result of mergers of the Osage Tribune (1860), the Osage Journal (1902), and finally the Osage News in 1931, changing its name to the Mitchell County Press-News under the joint ownership of Leonard Bowman and H. Clinton Hill. This building was built for the Press-News in 1946.

In 1953, The Press News was purchased by a group of north Iowa publishers including Jackson Baty and was operated under the direction of Russell Hart. In 1954, Jackson Baty, one of the owners, became editor and publisher and on Dec. 1, 1954, he purchased the paper. Paul Bunge purchased the newspaper in 1965. During Bunge's ownership, the newspaper became an offset publication center, printing nine weekly publications plus several other publications and printing jobs on the newspaper's web presses.

The Mitchell County Press-News was sold to Lee Enterprises in 2001 and in 2003 was recognized for its continued service as a voice of Mitchell County and of Osage since 1868.

Houses With a History

Nathaniel & Lucretia Deering House

903 State Street



Placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2001

In 1857, Nathaniel, Lucretia, and Nathaniel's daughter Katie Deering moved to Osage from Maine where Nathaniel had been a member of the Maine State House. In Osage, Nathaniel bought a saw mill located on the Cedar River west of Osage. He was also involved in selling real estate and was known as the premier real estate salesman of Mitchell County for all time. They maintained their residence in Osage while he revived his political career. In 1861 Hannibal Hamlin, then Abraham Lincoln's vice-president, appointed him Clerk of the U.S. Senate. Nathaniel numbered among his personal friends President Lincoln and entertained Vice-President Hamlin in his home in Osage.

The house at 903 State Street was built for the Deerings in 1862. In 1867 Nathaniel added a 1 1/2-story addition. From 1865-1869 Nathaniel conducted the largest land-office business ever known in Osage. He spent his time, money, and credit as a general promoter of a boomtown.

Deering was elected to three terms (1877-1883) in the U.S. House of Representatives. In 1882 he was chosen by the U.S. House of Representatives to be a Regent of the Smithsonian Institute.

While he was busy in Washington, Nathaniel remained active in the Osage community. He was on the first Board of Directors of the First National Bank of Osage (1865), and he remained on the board for life. He helped start the Osage Library Association, a subscription library. He chaired the committee for a new Congregational Church.

Lucretia also served her community. While in Washington D.C., she was active in the American Red Cross and joined the Daughters of the American Revolution. She was a charter member of the Shakespearean Club. Nathaniel died in 1887. Lucretia remained in the house until her death in 1919.

Prairie School Architecture

Three houses in Osage were built by Waterloo architect Howard B. Burr in what is called the Prairie School of architecture. The Prairie School was an attempt at developing an indigenous North American style of architecture that didn't try and imitate the architecture of Europe. The designation Prairie is due to the dominant horizontality of the majority of Prairie style buildings, which echoes the wide, flat, treeless expanses of the mid-Western United States. The most famous proponent of the style, Frank Lloyd Wright, promoted an idea of "organic architecture". Wright felt that a horizontal orientation was a distinctly American design motif, in that the younger country had a much more open, undeveloped land than found in most older, urbanized European nations. These houses have been featured tours studying American architecture.

926 Pleasant Street--Husting House, 1916



Waterloo architect Howard Burr designed this house for local cigar shop owner Victor Husting and his wife Florence. Burr oriented the long side of the house to the street in order to emphasize its horizontality. The exterior with its light colored stucco and contrasting horizontal banding is a crisp interpretation of the Prairie School style. Note the enclosed entryway with its arched roof—a signature feature of Burr's. The porch on the left was originally open. Otherwise, this house survives with few alterations to its exterior.

Carden House—420 Walnut, 1919



Architect Howard Burr designed this residence for local clothing merchant Jean B. Carden and his wife Nellie Carden. It is somewhat unusual in that it is composed of two two-story blocks, one stepping back from the other. The exterior elevations are divided by a horizontal band separating the first story clad in lap siding from the upper story clad in stucco.



518N. 7th St - Gardner House 1919

The Gardner House, also designed by Howard Burr, is a variation of the Carden House. The most obvious similarity is the division of the wall into upper and lower sections. The two houses also share a similar enclosed porch with heavy piers located between the windows. Perhaps in response to its placement on a corner lot, instead of the rectangular plan of the Carden House, here Burr used a single square plan for the massing. A predominant chimney is located on the side.

Biederman House

720 Maple St.



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This house was designed by Osage architect Robert Blandin as a retirement home for Clarence and Florence Biederman. Several newspaper articles published at the time of the house's completion provide a sense of both the architect's intent and the Biedermans' collaboration with him. Described as a "rambler, a Jaunt Into Contemporary Living," the house is constructed of Lannon stone from Wisconsin and "Cameo" brick. On the interior, the architect carried through the stone from the exterior and for the trim used native black walnut wood from Mrs. Biederman's family's farm.

Robert Blandin was a local architect and contractor who is recorded as a Taliesin fellow in the 1930s. The house was completed in the fall of 1949 and in October of that year, the Biedermans held an open house every Sunday afternoon with the admission fees going to the local polio fund.

The house is approximately 103 feet long and 22 feet deep. The master bedroom is at the end opposite of the garage. Reportedly at the time of its construction the house was notable in Osage for its attached garage—a feature considered to be a novelty. This home has strong horizontal lines and an open floor plan that connects with the outdoors. It is a classic example of the Usonian homes designed by Frank Lloyd Wright. These houses had a huge influence on the Ranch Houses that became very common in the second half of the 20th century.

After the deaths of Clarence and Florence and their son Robert, Robert's wife Jean and their daughter Jane bought the home. Jean still lives in the house. It has been included in architectural tours of significant houses in northeast Iowa that classic American architecture.

Savre Hospital

909 State Street



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Dr. Louis Savre came to Osage in 1901 having graduated from Central College of Physicians and Surgeons in Indianapolis, Indiana. He first went to Worth County before moving to Mitchell County.

Dr. Sam Savre graduated from the Medical Department of Drake in Des Moines. He first moved to Worth County, then moved to Mitchell County to join his brother Louis.

Dr. Louis Savre and Dr. Sam Savre opened their hospital at 909 State Street in 1908. In the beginning, the Savres borrowed the use of two rooms from their sister to accommodate their patients. Their sister, Mary Watson, assisted the Savres in the operation of their hospital.

The Savre Hospital was used for 41 years, closing in 1949.

Nissen Hospital

602 Oak Street



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Karen Nissen, in her will dated August 25, 1925, left to the city of Osage lots 4-5-6 Bock 204, together with the house and buildings on the three lots. This location was the corner of 6th and Oak streets. The provision was that the house was to be converted into hospital for public use. She also left the sum of \$2,000 for alterations, and \$15,000 as a fund for support of the new hospital. The city accepted the gift and it became the Nissen Hospital.

Mary Mackin worked as a nurse at the Nissen Hospital from 1948 until it closed. She described the hospital in *150 Years in Osage, Iowa; 1856 – 2006*. The first floor was used for two patient rooms, and operating room, bath for scrub-up room, an office in the southeast corner and a large kitchen. When Dr. Bob Huber came, he decided an x-ray developing area was needed. The closet under the front stairway was chosen. The mystery was how this big man was able to develop film in the dark in so small a space.

The second floor was the obstetrical unit, housing three patient rooms, bathroom, the southeast room was the delivery room, and the space at the top of the back stairway was the nursery. Between the first and second floors there was a total of 13 beds in the hospital. Many babies were born at the Nissen hospital and all the mothers had to climb the stairs to get to the maternity ward.

Nissen Hospital was staffed by an outstanding group of doctors. They were: Doctors John and Merrill Eiel and Dr. George Krepelka, all of Osage and Dr. Bill Owen from St. Ansgar and Dr. Ted Blong of Stacyville. Later Dr. Bob Huber, Dr. William Spencer, and Dr. Robert Isham joined the staff. Dr. Fritz Stearns was killed in a car accident on his way back to Osage from a call in New Haven.

It continued in operation until 1947 when it was turned over to the trustees of the new hospital being built and known as the Mitchell County Memorial Hospital. It closed as a hospital when the new hospital opened in 1951. For a while after the hospital closed it was used as a home for men.

West Primary School



Osage Primary School at 402 State Street

The former Osage Primary school building used to stand at 402 State Street. After the school was closed, it served the Trinity Lutherans as their church. In 1955, the Trinity Lutherans replaced this building with the brick structure that is there today. The schoolhouse was moved to 309 State Street and turned into a private home.



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309 State Street

The school building as it appears today. The top photo and information came from *The History of One-Room Schools in Mitchell County 1999* written by the Cedar Valley Retired School Personnel Association.

Lincoln Center School House

809 South 6th Street



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Sometimes a plain looking house can have a very interesting history.

The shell of the home of Henry and Shirley Anderson was originally a schoolhouse constructed in 1858. It was known as Lincoln Center School and was located on Shadow Avenue between 330th and 340th Streets. The school was closed in about 1945. Beulah Torney, last teacher at the school, taught there from 1938 – 1945.

Some time in the 1950's the house was moved to a lot in Osage where a house had burned down.

Henry and Shirley Anderson rented the home when they moved to Osage in 1965. They later purchased the home and raised a family there. In 2015, they still live in this home.

Osage Community Schools

School Consolidation

The following set of pictures were printed from negatives discovered in the Osage Superintendent's office. They were likely taken at the time Osage was consolidating schools with the communities of Orchard, Mitchell, and Little Cedar.

Orchard



The first reorganization involving Orchard Consolidated and the Osage Schools was completed in 1957 when the high school closed in Orchard. This building was used for elementary students for 4 more years under the Osage School System until it closed in 1961. Today only the gym is left.

Mitchell



The second reorganization took place in 1963 involving the consolidated districts of Mitchell and Little Cedar. The Mitchell building was used as an elementary school until 1976. The Mitchell school building has been demolished.

Little Cedar



The Little Cedar school building was never used as an elementary school as part of the Osage system and was closed in 1963. The building has since been demolished.

Osage School Buildings



New Central

In 1927 New Central was built. One of the frame dormitory buildings from the Cedar Valley Seminary campus was torn down and the materials used in the construction of New Central. This building housed English, shop, home economics and vocational agriculture when the high school was across the street. Later different combinations of elementary students had classes on the two levels of the wood structure. This structure was demolished in 1992 by the school district and Lincoln Elementary School was built.



Old Central

This is the only remaining building of the Cedar Valley Seminary campus. After Osage schools purchased the property in 1922, high school classes were held here and the second floor was a concert hall. After the new high school was built in 1952, elementary classes used the rooms. In its final years, the first floor was a kitchen and cafeteria and the second floor held band and chorus classes for the junior high across the street. Prior to 1952, the Washington school building housed grades 1 – 8. After the new middle school opened the Seminary building served as a museum for the Mitchell County Historical Society from 1966 -2010.

Lincoln Junior High



In 1911, Lincoln School was rebuilt after a fire destroyed the first building on the same grounds. It was used as the Osage High School until 1952 when the new high school was built. It then became Lincoln Junior High. It was located across the street from New Central and Old Central on the spot where the Lincoln Apartments are today on the corner of 6th and Mechanic.

Washington School



Washington was built in 1916 and was used as an elementary school until the school system closed it in 2010. It was sold to Mary Mills Dunea in 2011. It has been home to Shop On State, a resale shop that provides grants to nonprofits organizations the county, since October of 2013. Other space in the building is available and more uses may be developed.

National Register Sites At Risk Of Demolition

Cedar Valley Seminary



Built in 1869

Photo compliments of David Barenz

In 1862, during the Civil War, the citizens of Osage wanted to create a quality educational institute. They worked with the Baptist association to establish and maintain a seminary, a combination high school and junior college. The Cedar Valley Seminary opened in January 1863 in the courthouse building in Osage. The functioning courthouse was at Mitchell, Iowa at that time. When the seminary opened, it was one of the very few schools for higher education north and west of Fayette, location of Upper Iowa University. It began with 31 students and 3 teachers.

In the fall of 1869, the seminary was moved to the Cedar Valley Seminary building where it remained open until 1922. Perhaps the most well known graduate of the Cedar Valley Seminary was author Hamlin Garland, winner of the Pulitzer in biography in 1922. In his book *Son of the Middle Border*, he writes fondly about his experiences at Cedar Valley Seminary. It is also of significance that Julia Addington, the first woman elected to political office in the United States, taught at the Seminary until she was elected County Superintendent of Schools in 1869.

After the seminary closed, it was turned over to the Osage Public Schools where it was used for various classes until 1966. The building was then leased to the Mitchell County Historical Society and used as a museum until 2010. In 1977 the Cedar Valley Seminary was placed on the National Register of Historic Places. In 2015, a group has formed to raise money to move the building off the school ground. As of this printing, it is still standing on site.

Demolished Structures

Mitchell County Courthouse

1858--2014



The Mitchell County Courthouse was built in 1858-1860, before the county seat was permanently located in Osage. The building was designed in Greek revival temple style with Italianate brackets and Gothic windows in the cupola. The original cost of the building was \$25,000. Until the county seat location was resolved, the Cedar Valley Seminary, the Osage National Bank, and several lawyers used the courthouse. Osage became the county seat in 1870.

Over the years, many additions had been made reflecting the growing complexity of county government. Two vaults were added in the 1870's and other additions in the 1900's included the addition of more space and an elevator.

The courthouse was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1977. In 2013, the Mitchell County Board of Supervisors decided to demolish the courthouse and replace it with a new one. Though Friends of the Courthouse, a citizen's group put up a good fight and the BOS lost two bond votes, the demolition plans proceeded and in 2014, the courthouse was torn down.

Bloxham Hotel

Built by 1875

The hotel was located on the west half of the parking lot for Payless Foods



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By 1875 a hotel was operating on the corner of 6th and Free (now Chase) Streets. Today it is the grocery store parking lot. In its prime, it was an elegant hotel with a mahogany staircase and guests were served meals in a dining room with a fireplace. It was known as the Lawn Hotel, the Traveler's Inn, Osage Hotel, and in 1945 the Bloxham Hotel.

Shortly after Mr. Bloxham purchased the property, a fire completely destroyed the 3rd floor, requiring extensive remodeling and the red brick was covered with stucco. In later years, the hotel had a number of long-term residents.

After 115 years, the building was burned by area fire departments for training in 1991.

Congregational Church

630 State Street

1902-1951



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This was the third church building for the Congregational Church (Now United Church of Christ). Built in 1902, it was a large church, seating over 1,000 people, and was used extensively for community functions, such as concerts, graduations, and meetings. It was destroyed by fire in 1951, after serving the congregation and the community for 50 years. The graduating class of 1951 was the last class to have its graduation at the Church.

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