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Holt Commercial Building
Iowa Penn Central Regional Shopping Center
215 High Ave. West
Oskaloosa
Mahaska County
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- Location: 215 High Ave. West, Oskaloosa, Mahaska County, Iowa.
- Description: Brick load-bearing walls, 20' x 120', metal cornice and pediment, tripartite window with metal hoodmold. One large open room on each floor. Pressed metal ceiling on first floor. Top corner blocks, spindles and newel post on second floor.
- History: Built about 1891 as a commercial building for Oliver S. Holt. A. H. Collard and Joseph Thorneloe originally operated meat market out of this building. In 1915-16, Lyric Theatre operated here, showing films and vaudeville shows.
- Sources: Iowa Site Inventory; County Deed Records; Oskaloosa City Directories; Case Report Information; Salvage Field Survey conducted May 1984; Building Conditions Survey conducted April 1983.
- Project Information: Plans call for demolition of this building in fall 1984. This historical documentation was completed by the Urban Programming Corporation during May, June and July of 1984. It is one portion of the historical/architectural recordation of seven city blocks in downtown Oskaloosa prepared for the Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS). For more information, see HABS No. IA-147.
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