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United States Department of the Interior National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form



This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property	
historic nameDr. Salsbury's Laboratories, Main Office	
other names/site number Floyd County Museum	Building
2. Location	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
street & number500 Gilbert Street	NA not for publication
city or town Charles City	NA vicinity
state codeIA countyFloyd	_ code <u>067</u> zip code <u>50616</u>
3. State/Federal Agency Certification	
As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I herel request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering preservation Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR in meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.) Signature of certifying official Title Date In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (Secomments.)	roperties in the National Register of Part 60. In my opinion, the property considered significant
Signature of certifying official/Title Date	
State or Federal agency and bureau	
. National Park Service Certification	2
hereby certify that the property is: See continuation sheet. See continuation sheet.	Date of Action 3 7 96
determined eligible for the National Register See continuation sheet. Entered in the	
determined not eligible for the National Register.	
removed from the National Register.	
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Name of Property		County and State	
5. Classification			
Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)	Category of Property (Check only one box)	Number of Resources within Property (Do not include previously listed resources in the c	count.)
☐ private☐ public-local		Contributing Noncontributing 1	
☐ public-State	☐ site		buildings
☐ public-Federal	☐ structure ☐ object	1	sites
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			objects
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Name of related multiple pr (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of	roperty listing of a multiple property listing.)	Number of contributing resources previous in the National Register	iously listed
•4N/A		0	
6. Function or Use			
Historic Functions	•	Current Functions	
(Enter categories from instructions)		(Enter categories from instructions)	
COMMERCE/business		RECREATION AND CULTURE/muse	um
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7. Description Architectural Classification		Makadala	
Enter categories from instructions)		Materials (Enter categories from instructions)	
MODERN MOVEMENT		foundationCONCRETE	
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		roofASPHALT	
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Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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Dr. Joseph Edward Salsbury owned a number of buildings in Charles City. The stone structure located at the corner of Clark and Jackson streets was demolished in the Urban Renewal Redevelopment project after the 1968 tornado. The 1929 Jackson Street structure is a modest one story building and is owned by the Young Construction Company for an office, material and equipment storage. The 1933-37 Gilbert Street building is now owned by the Floyd County Historical Society and encompasses the Floyd County Museum. The 1935 experimental and research farm locatedeast of Charles City is owned by the Solvay Company and used for animal and poultry research. The original appearance of this facility has been drastically changed. The office and lab building, the house and garage have been removed. The 1941 L Street building was conveyed by the Salsbury's to the Charles City Area Development Corporation and burned to the ground in 1978.

The Gilbert Street building was selected for nomination. It is located in the Village of Freeman addition first platted in 1854. Charles City was first known as the "Village of Freeman".

The building and grounds are visible and accessible from Hwy--18-218, four residential streets, parking area and sidewalks. (Sketch and Topography Maps A - B)

The first half of the building construction was completed in 1935 and the second half completed in 1937. The building is totally masonry and is two stories plus a basement which is one-half above ground. Floors and beams are of reinforced concrete construction. First and second floors are supported by steel reinforced concrete columns. The roof is flat. The structural system is of brick and cement block. The structure provides approximately 33,000 square feet of floor space. The windows on the first and second floors are 4' x 6'. Basement windows vary in height according to outside grade.

The 1994 conservation assessment report prepared by Geoffrey I. Brown, Conservator states: "The building appears to be extremely well built and in sound condition. Despite the prevalence of poor concrete design construction in 1930's buildings, this building is an example of the highest quality of work available at the time and appears, in fact, to exceed the quality of work usually seen today",

The building was constructed in two parts. The first part was designed in 1933 and used for administration and company related operations. Expansion continued. In 1936 the second part was designed and used for research laboratories, related uses and offices. .

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Change in use of the original building has required modifications.

Exterior: For security purposes windows in the dock area have been replaced with brick and ground level basement windows have either been replaced with brick or barred.

A previous open employee entrance has been enclosed with steel and glass providing a handicapped entrance, a wheel chair lift and an additional entrance to the building from the parking area. The addition enhances rather than detracts from the original building.

Interior: The lobby area has been enlarged from the new entrance. Handicapped rest rooms and a passenger elevator have been installed. Partitions of some of the smaller offices have been removed to provide desirable and workable display areas.

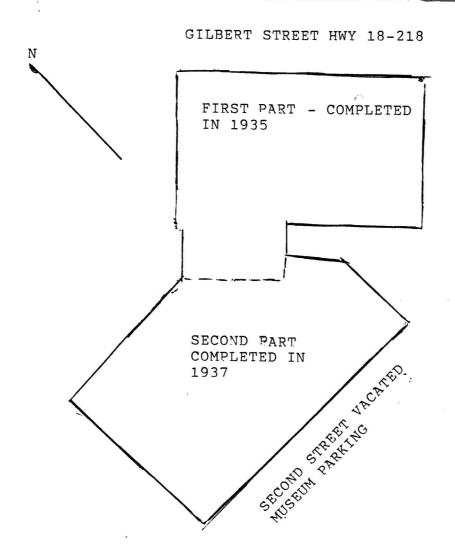
Maintenance of the facility is a continuing process. Major items include tuckpointing of the entire structure, a new roof and heating unit.

Vegetation and original plantings have been replaced over the years. The size of the lot, sidewalks and related streets have remained the same.

The nominated building was the core of the historic Salsbury enterprise. Dr. Salsbury's office is occupied by the Museum Director who directs the operation of the museum.

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Building Parts - First and Second

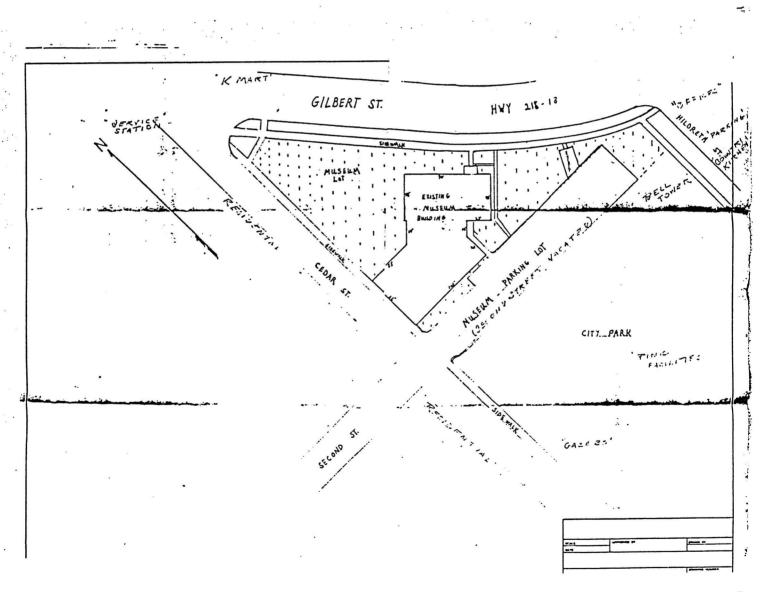
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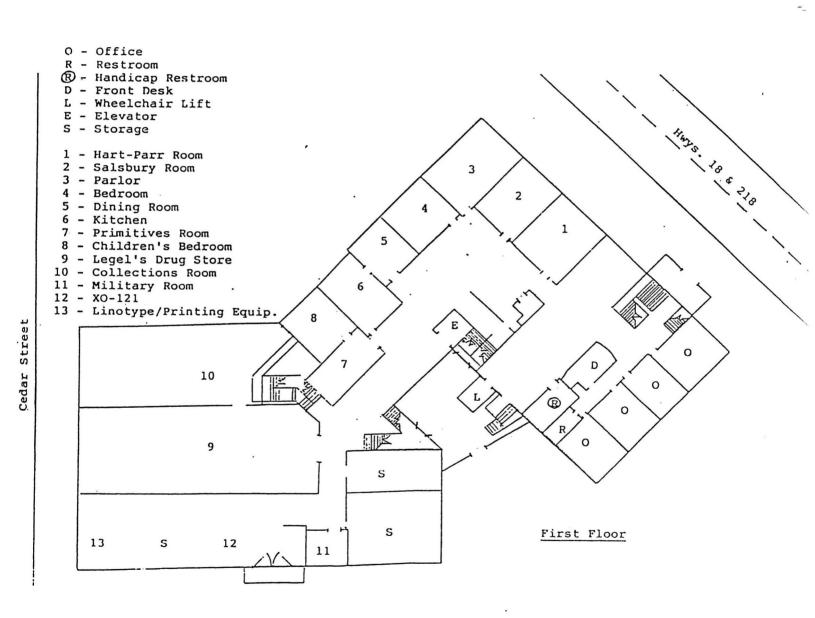
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Floor Plan - First Floor

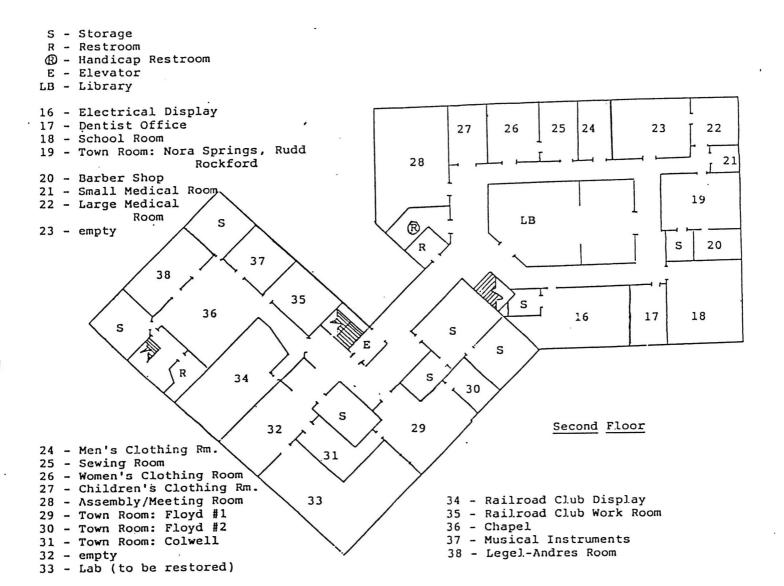


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Floor Plan - Second Floor



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Floor Plan - Basement

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Name of Property	County and State
8. Statement of Significance	
Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)	Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions) COMMERCE
A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.	INDUSTRY
⊠ B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
□ C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.	Period of Significance 1933 - 1945
 D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history. 	
Criteria Considerations (Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)	Significant Dates
Property is:	1937
☐ A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.	Significant Borner
☐ B removed from its original location.	Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)
☐ C a birthplace or grave.	Salsbury, Jaseph Edward .
☐ D a cemetery.	Cultural Affiliation
☐ E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.	
☐ F a commemorative property.	
☐ G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance	Architect/Builder
within the past 50 years.	Cleveland, Mortimer,
	Stark Building Company
Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)	
9. Major Bibliographical References	
Bibilography (Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one	e or more continuation sheets.)
Previous documentation on file (NPS):	Primary location of additional data:
 □ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested □ previously listed in the National Register □ previously determined eligible by the National Register □ designated a National Historic Landmark □ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey 	□ State Historic Preservation Office□ Other State agency□ Federal agency□ Local government□ University□ Other
# recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #	

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Builder - C. E. Larson Construction

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Significance Summary

The Salsbury Laboratories building is significant under Criterion A for its association with development of poultry health products which made possible the great expansion of the poultry industry from a backyard sideline business on family farms to a specialized farm business where huge numbers of poultry were concentracted together for poultry and egg production. The building is also significant under Criterion B for its association with Joseph E. Salsbury. It was Salsbury, according to 0. H. V. Stalheim—historian of veterinary medicine—who "best perceived the need for and developed dependable poultry products. He provided service and education to help poultry breeders solve disease problems and emphasized research and the use of efficacious drugs and biologic products. The career of this veterinarian—entrepreneur—businessman—benefactor illustrated the developments that saved the faltering poultry industry from diseases and parasites". (Stalheim, 1994:38)

Before Salsbury's activities in poultry production, a chicken, goose or turkey attracted little attention by veterinarians because the birds were of relatively low value compared to a sick horse or cow. After Dr. Salsbury established his practice in Charles City in 1923, however, and began to see the value of taking a flock approach to applying veterinary medicine, attitudes began to change. Still largely a "home industry", poultry production was nevertheless expanding greatly under the influence of developments in egg incubation and baby chick brooding and Salsbury helped lead the way to a mutually satisfactory client relationship between veterinarian and poultry breeder.

In 1930, Salsbury decided to end his general veterinary practice and devote full time to providing useful medicines for poultry raisers. By this time he already, in 1927, set up a sales force to distribute products through dealers and, in 1929, equipped a new building with various grinders, mixers, dryers, and granulators for manufacturing his pharmaceuticals and then biologics (vaccines) as well as starting and advertising program in national poultry journals. Soon he began an annual short course on poultry diseases and issued the first edition of Dr. Salsbury's Poultry Health Manual. By 1933, the initial phase of expansion had rapidly outgrown the capacity of the 1929 building on Jackson Street that Dr. Salsbury constructed a new center on operations on Gilbert Street—the subject of this nomination.

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The new building first absorbed the company's pharmacutical manufacturing, followed shortly by the main office, and then biologics, leaving the older building for production of Avi-Tone--a tonic for preventing and expelling worms -- which constituted the company's leading product during the early 1930s. The 1933 building marks the arrival of Salsbury Laboratories as a major established and growing firm. Expansion continued and, in 1937, an addition to the Gilbert Street building was completed and several research laboratories were installed in the facility. During the period to 1945, as the development of new drugs became a major competitive factor in the industry, Salsbury Laboratories added the "L" Street building for pharmaceutical manufacturing. Gradually, the Gilbert Street building became devoted to administration and company operations. The era closed in 1944-45 with the introduction of Ren-O-Sal, a drug dissolved in drinking water to control intestinal infractions and which also proved to speed the growth of broilers. This "one-in-a-million" product opened an unprecendented new era of enthusiastic demand by poultry raisers and the company entered upon yet another stage of growth in the production of feed additives, pharmaceuticals, poultry biologics, and livestock biologics.

Salsbury's Laboratories was a worldwide supplier of poultry products. (Stalheim 1994:47-53)

Dr. Salsbury was a leader in poultry health. He was a respected leader in the community and generous in his contributions to public service organizations. (Stalheim 1994:35-52-53)

Reflecting on the accomplishments of Dr. Joseph Edward Salsbury, one only has to view the expanding Solvay-Salsbury Complex so vital to the economy of Charles City and realize it all started over 70 years ago with the preparation of hand-made poultry capsules. His life and accomplishments depict the "American Dream".

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Major Bibliographical Stalheim, O.H.V. The Winning of Animal Health: 100 Years of Veterinary Medicine, Ames, Iowa Iowa State University Press, 1994

Dr. Arvid E. Osterberg, Consulting Architect - 1994 Architectural Conservation Assessment Report

Geoffrey I. Brown, Conservator - 1994 Conservation Assessment Report

A Tribute to Joseph E. Salsbury (1887-1967) printed by Laboratories

Dr. Salsbury's Poultry Health Manual, published by Laboratories - Copyright 1937

Charles City Press publications: 1923, New Resident of City Comes Well Recommended; 1933, \$50,000 Lab will be Completed by March 1; 1963, Charles City is Proud to Announce Dr. Salsbury's Recognition Week (1923-1962); 1967, Final Respects Given "Dr. Joe"

Deed to Property

Building Blue prints (original)

Sketch Map and Building Construction information provided by Dick Young, Young Construction Company - 1995

Oral interviews in 1994 and 1995 relating to general information of the Salsbury operation with Robert Lewis, Salsbury Advertising Manager and with Richard Herbrechtsmeyer, Vice President, First Security Bank relating to the history of the L Street Building

Dr. Salsbury's Laboratories	Floyd	Iowa		
Name of Property	County and	State	and the second s	_•
10. Geographical Data				•
Acreage of Propertyless than one acre		,		
UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)			r	
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Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)				
Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)				
11. Form Prepared By				
name/title Scott Lamprich, Museum Director and	nd Helen H	3. Webst	er, Board	Member
organization Floyd County Historical Society	date	6-23-95		
	telephone _			
city or town <u>Charles City</u> sta	ate <u>Iowa</u>	zip code	50616	
Additional Documentation				
Submit the following items with the completed form:				
Continuation Sheets			,	
Maps				
A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property	y's location.	-		
A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large	e acreage or n	umerous res	ources.	
Photographs			,	
Representative black and white photographs of the property	<i>'</i> .			
Additional items Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)	*			
Property Owner				
Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.) Floyd County Historical Society name				
street & number500 Gilbert Street	_ telephone	515	228-1099	
sity or town Charles City state	Torra	_ zip code	50616	

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Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Projects (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.

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Verbal Description

The nominated building is located on property bounded by Hwys 18-218. Cedar Street and Second Street (vacated) in Charles City, Iowa. It includes all that part of Block G of the Village of Freeman, now incorporated in and as a part of Charles City, Iowa lying south and west of US 18-218 highway.

Boundary Justification

The boundary includes the single resource most visibly and historically associated with this era of the company's development.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION
PROPERTY Dr. Salsbury's Laboratories, Main Office and Production Lab NAME: ratory Building
MULTIPLE NAME:
STATE & COUNTY: IOWA, Floyd
DATE RECEIVED: 2/08/96 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 2/21/96 DATE OF 16TH DAY: 3/08/96 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 3/24/96 DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:
REFERENCE NUMBER: 96000235
NOMINATOR: STATE
REASONS FOR REVIEW:
APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N
COMMENT WAIVER: N / /
$\sqrt{\text{ACCEPT}}$ RETURN REJECT $3/\sqrt{9\zeta}$ DATE
ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:
Entered in the National Register
RECOM./CRITERIA
REVIEWERDISCIPLINE
TELEPHONE DATE
DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N



Floyd County Museum Floyd County, Iowa Tracy Sweet, has negatives 12/18/95 Vrew-S-Front facade



Floyd County, Museum Floyd County, Iowa Tracy Sweet, has negatives 12/18/95 View-N

Administration Building, Dr. Salsbury's Laboratories, Charles City, Iowa



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POST CARD

Dr. Salsbury's Laboratory

Floyd County, Zowa

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Unknown

Front-left hand view, looking south



Dr. Salsbury's Laboratory Floyd County, Zowa Photo # 2



Dr. Salsbury's Laboratory Floyd County, Iour Photo #3



Dr. Salsbury's Laboratory Floyd County, Iowa Photo #4



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Dr. Salsbury's Laboratory Floyd County, Iowa Photo # 6



Dr. Salsbury's Laboratory Floyd County, Iowa Photo #7













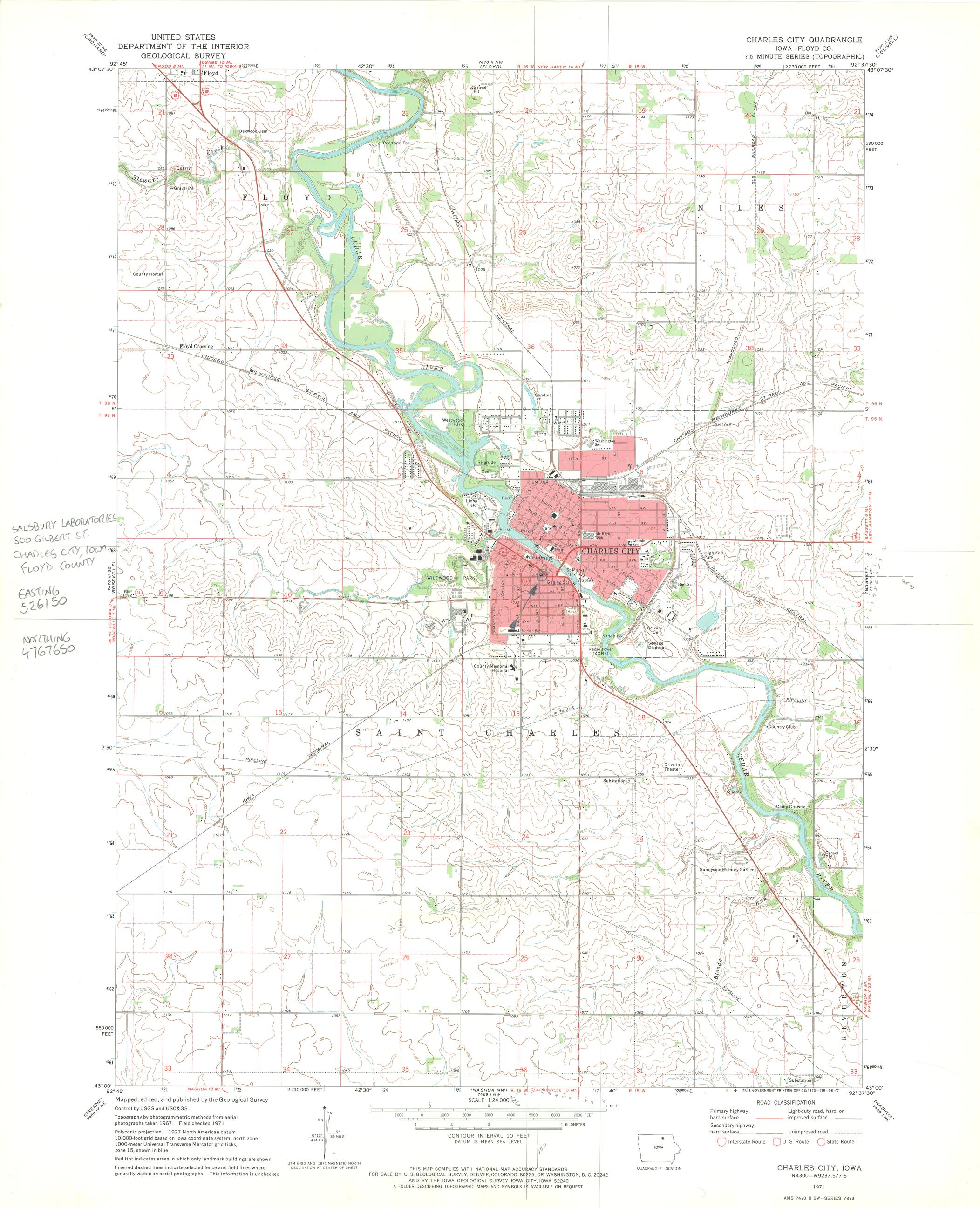












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CLG NATIONAL REGISTER REVIEW

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CLG Name City of Charles City Date of Public Meeting 18 October 1995
Property Name <u>Dr. Salsbury's Laboratoria 500 Gilbert St., Charles City</u>
1. For Historic Preservation Commission:
Recommendation of National Register eligibility [] Recommendation of National Register ineligibility
Signature Date Date Date
Reason(s) for recommendation:
Based on Charles City's Historic Preservation Ordinance (No. 891), the Commission feels this project will promote the educational, cultural, economic and general welfare of the public through the recognition, enhansement, and perpetuation of a site of historical and cultural significance; that it will foster pride in the legacy of past achivements; that it is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our community's and our nation's history; and that it is associated with the life of a person significant in our city's and our country's past. 2. For Chief Elected Local Official:
[v] Recommendation of National Register eligibility [] Recommendation of National Register ineligibility
Signature $\frac{\sqrt{18/95}}{\sqrt{18/95}}$
Reason(s) for recommendation:
Dr. Joseph Salsbury pioneered the development of the poultry medicine industry in Charles City. His company, with his vision and guidance, has evolved as the "backbone" of the Floyd County business Community. The Salsbury Labratory building is of great historical significance to the community that has been the home of this business for the past seven decades.
3. Professional Evaluation Name Scott J. Lamprich
Mecommendation of National Register eligibility [] Recommendation of National Register ineligibility
Signature Signature Date 10-18-95
Reason(s) for recommendation:
I support this nominatoin to the National Register

I support this nominatoin to the National Register because of the importance of Dr. Joseph Salsbury and Dr. Salsbury's Laboratories to the economic, cultrual and historical development of Charles City and to the pultry industry.

The building itself has art deco influences and demonstrates excellent craftsmanship in its contruction.

RETURN TO:

KERRY C MCGRATH, STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA, NEW HISTORICAL BUILDING, 600 EAST LOCUST, DES MOIINES IA 50319-0290



State Historical Society of Iowa

The Historical Division of the Department of Cultural Affairs

February 1, 1996

Carol Shull, Chief National Park Service Interagency Resources Division PO Box 37127 - Mail Stop 413 Washington, D.C. 20013-7127



Dear Ms. Shull:

Enclosed is the following National Register nominations:

- Dr. Salsbury's Laboratories, Main Office and Production Laboratory Building, Floyd County
- ◆ Purdy, Eliphalet W. and Catherine E. (Jaquish), House, Buchanan County
- ♦ Seven Oaks, Sac County

Please list these nominations at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth A. Foster

National Register Coordinator