

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The building was built in two phases. The first, 1882–1883, was the east leg of the L ending with the tower. J.B. Ballinger was the architect and V. Tomlinson the contractor. The south side, west of the tower was built in 1884–1885 and Foster and Liebke of Des Moines were the architects and Tomlinson, again, the contractor. The building housed Iowa State Agricultural College's Department of Mechanical and of Civil Engineering, containing classrooms and shops. It was remodeled into a laboratory building in 1907. Toilets were added in 1923 and a one-story addition built in 1933, filling in the L to a rectangle at ground level. Further remodeling was done in 1967.

The building was the first engineering building on the campus and survives as the oldest building devoted to instruction. It is one of a small number of high educational buildings in the state surviving from this time, and its exterior is little changed.