**Research Guide:**

**Finding Your Old Building’s Story**

**Trace the Clues**

**Look at the building and list what features stand out most to you:**

**Name and Address of Building (if different from original, include that information, too):**

**Date of Construction:**

**Geographical Location and Physcial Environment:**

**Architectural Style:**

**Building Function (Work, Residence, Worship, Etc.)**

**Height (Measurement or Stories):**

**Shape:**

**Entrance Style:**

**Exterior Construction Material:**

**Window Design:**

**Roof Shape:**

**Renovations or Additions (When and Why?):**

**Interior Construction Materials:**

**Number of Rooms and What They Are:**

**Other Buildings, Structures, Equipment, Etc. Located on the Property:**

**Notes:**

*Save notes from your investigation here.*

**Your Building’s Story**

*What’s your story? Using the clues and research you’ve found, it’s time to piece together the clues of your old building into one complete story. Fill in some of the blanks below and use the rest of this page to start brainstorming or writing your story.*

And when you’ve finished, send us your story! [info@preservationiowa.org](mailto:info@preservationiowa.org).

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| Historical Period: | Geographical Setting: |
| Main Characters: | Secondary Characters: |
| Major Events: | Minor Events: |
| Introductory Action: | Climax: |
| Unraveling of Plot: | Resolution: |