

Patterson Saves Murillo Building

The 705-ton structure was located just blocks from the central business district of Des Moines.

The historic Murillo Building in Des Moines, Iowa was weeks away from demolition by developers Blue Cross-Blue Shield, purchasers of a four-block area, one block from the downtown business district.

The three-stories above ground and one below grade structure, constructed of four and five layer brick and clay blocks, was a local landmark, so Phil Kaser, a local investor, purchased the building from Blue Cross-Blue Shield. Jeremy Patterson House Movers of Washington, IA was contracted to move the structure. While the move would be a distance of only three and one-half blocks away, the relocation had to be completed in 30 days. One always attempts to learn everything possible about the existing and future sites of a structure when estimating costs, however, surprises do appear from time to time. This was such a time.

To move the Murillo structure would require placement of....

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50-foot long cross beams were spaced at 42 inches.



The structure was elevated 32 inches using a 24-jack unified jacking machine.



The interior was immaculate and in superior condition with beautiful staircases.