

Site Inventory Form

State Historical Society of Iowa

(November 2005)

State Inventory No. 92-00161

New Supplemental

Part of a district with known boundaries (enter inventory no.) 92-00349

Relationship: Contributing Noncontributing

Contributes to a potential district with yet unknown boundaries

National Register Status:(any that apply) Listed De-listed NHL DOE

9-Digit SHPO Review & Compliance (R&C) Number _____

Non-Extant (enter year) _____

1. Name of Property

historic name Washington Public Library (1952 building, not current 2009 library)

other names/site number Downtown Survey Map # DT-131

2. Location

street & number 120 East Main

city or town Washington vicinity, county Washingt

Legal Description: (If Rural) Township Name _____ Township No. _____ Range No. _____ Section _____ Quarter of Quarter _____

(If Urban) Subdivision Original Plat Block 9 Lot 8

3. State/Federal Agency Certification [Skip this Section]

4. National Park Service Certification [Skip this Section]

5. Classification

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

If Non-Eligible Property

Enter number of:

— buildings
 — sites
 — structures
 — objects
 — Total

If Eligible Property, enter number of:

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>1</u>	—
—	—
—	—
—	—
<u>1</u>	—

Name of related project report or multiple property study (Enter "N/A" if the property is not part of a multiple property examination).

Title _____

Historical Architectural Data Base Number _____

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

05C Education - Library

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

04E01 Municipal Building

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation 10B Concrete

walls (visible material) 03 Brick

roof 10A Asphalt shingles

other _____

Narrative Description (SEE CONTINUATION SHEETS, WHICH MUST BE COMPLETED)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" representing your opinion of eligibility after applying relevant National Register criteria)

- Yes No More Research Recommended
- Yes No More Research Recommended
- Yes No More Research Recommended
- Yes No More Research Recommended

- A Property is associated with significant events.
- B Property is associated with the lives of significant persons.
- C Property has distinctive architectural characteristics.
- D Property yields significant information in archeology or history.

County Washington Address 120 East Main
City Washington

Site Number 92-00161
District Number 92-00349

Criteria Considerations

- A Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B Removed from its original location.
- C A birthplace or grave.
- D A cemetery.
- E A reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F A commemorative property.
- G Less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

26: Politics/government

Significant Dates

Construction date 1952 check if circa or estimated date
Other dates, including renovation 1991

Significant Person

(Complete if National Register Criterion B is marked above)

Architect/Builder

Architect

Builder

Narrative Statement of Significance (SEE CONTINUATION SHEETS, WHICH MUST BE COMPLETED)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography See continuation sheet for citations of the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form

10. Geographic Data

UTM References (OPTIONAL)

Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
1	_____	_____	2	_____	_____
3	_____	_____	4	_____	_____

See continuation sheet for additional UTM references or comments

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ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION (Submit the following items with the completed form)

FOR ALL PROPERTIES

- Map:** showing the property's location in a town/city or township.
- Site plan:** showing position of buildings and structures on the site in relation to public road(s).
- Photographs:** representative black and white photos. If the photos are taken as part of a survey for which the Society is to be curator of the negatives or color slides, a photo/catalog sheet needs to be included with the negatives/slides and the following needs to be provided below on this particular inventory site:

Roll/slide sheet #	_____	Frame/slot #	_____	Date Taken	_____
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Roll/slide sheet #	_____	Frame/slot #	_____	Date Taken	_____

See continuation sheet or attached *photo & slide catalog sheet* for list of photo roll or slide entries.

Photos/illustrations without negatives are also in this site inventory file.

FOR CERTAIN KINDS OF PROPERTIES, INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING AS WELL

- Farmstead & District:** (List of structures and buildings, known or estimated year built, and contributing or noncontributing status)
- Barn:**
 - A sketch of the frame/truss configuration in the form of drawing a typical middle bent of the barn.
 - A photograph of the loft showing the frame configuration along one side.
 - A sketch floor plan of the interior space arrangements along with the barn's exterior dimensions in feet.

State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) Use Only Below This Line

Concur with above survey opinion on National Register eligibility: Yes No More Research Recommended

This is a locally designated property or part of a locally designated district.

Comments: _____

Evaluated by (name/title): _____ Date: _____

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120 East Main	Washington
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This form was prepared as part of a research/survey/nomination project in 2011-2012 funded by a HRDP grant from the State Historical Society of Iowa for the nomination of the Washington Downtown Historic District. The project was primarily structured to develop the nomination for the downtown, with additional research on each building documented on an Iowa Site Inventory form. The information below is taken from the table in the August 2012 draft of the nomination, with additional information documented on the property and photographs in the following sections.

Washington Public Library - 120 E. Main St - State #92-00161 - Map #26 ~ 1 contributing building (A) - 1952, 1991 - Colonial Revival

Historic information:

(1901 - Chilcote house donated to city upon death of Jane Chilcote - became Jane Chilcote Library - move library here from city hall)

1952 - Chilcote home demolished and new library built - donations from estates of Ralph Smith and Fort Sherman

1952-2009 - Washington Public Library

2012 - meeting room for City Council

Architectural information:

Height: 1 story, 2 story

Walls: brick

Architectural details: multi-color brick, entry pediment, bay window

Architect/Builder: -

Modifications: Historic: -; Non-historic: 1991 - addition on west side

7. Narrative Description

The Washington Public Library is a multi-color brick building that was constructed in 1952 and used until the new library was completed in 2009. It is one-story for the front one-third of the building, and then is a two story structure for the rear two-thirds. The one-story section has a hip roof, and the rest of the building is flat roofed. It is recessed from the street, allowing for a small front yard. The main facade has a double door main entry at the right (east) on the south elevation. This has a double door and is topped by a "broken" pediment. The center of the south elevation has a large, elongated, three-sided bay window. To the west is a double-door entry into the newer addition to the building. An 18-foot wide west addition was built in 1991 to increase the space in the library. The brick closes matches the original. There is a secondary side entrance, also topped by a "broken" pediment, on the south side of the two-story section of the building on the east side. The east facade (facing East Second St.) has three windows on the one-story section, seven windows on the first story of the rear section, and eight windows on the second story of the rear section.

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8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The Washington Public Library appears to contribute historically to the Washington Downtown Historic District. It is one of a handful of government/public buildings on the edges of the commercial downtown.

A group of dedicated volunteers established the Washington Public Library in 1877. In 1901 Jane A. Chilcote, widow of Dr. Alexander Chilcote, bequeathed her house at 120 E. Main to the City of Washington for use as a public library. The house was remodeled in 1911 to improve its use as a library. It was further remodeled in 1924 to open up the first story into one large library room. In 1952, the Chilcote house was demolished, and the city constructed a new building on the site at 120 E. Main Street. Funds were utilized from the estates of Ralph M. Smith and Fort Sherman (Fisher 1978: 133). The building was about 7,100 square feet and included an upstairs meeting room and a storage / research room.

Washington Evening Journal, 60th Anniversary Edition, February 27, 1953, page 16 – photo of old Chilcote house – infect with termites – not meet modern library needs – demolished – new library to be completed soon

Washington Evening Journal, 60th Anniversary Edition, February 27, 1953, page 106 – “Fine Library Serves City Adequately” – excellent public library in Washington – Chilcote house – infected with termites – foundation begin to give way – decide to demolish and build new library – funds from late Ralph M. Smith – expected to be completed within next year – announce plans in April 1952 – addition to old house – funds from will of Fort Sherman as well – opened in January 1953 – when new building done, many more volumes will be accessible

1964 – Washington Public Library – recent \$100,000 building of colonial design – 30,000 books (*Washington City Directory* 1964: 12)

Bicentennial Edition, *Evening Journal*, July 1, 1976, page 98 – “Library popular place” – 26,000 volumes – open 48 hours per week – also hosts art shows and sponsors programs – library built in 1952 – bequests of Ralph Smith, Fort Sherman, and Jane Chilcote – opened upstairs art gallery in 1972

Souvenir History of Washington, Iowa 1989: 69 – Washington Public Library – since 1964 – new windows, roof replaced, bay window redone, ramp rebuilt, fire escape rebuilt, air conditioning added, carpeting installed throughout downstairs – heating system upgraded in 1986 with federal grant – start fundraising in 1987 for elevator and handicap accessible features

By 1988 it was clear that the Washington Public Library was in need of more space, so the Library Board initiated a \$50,000 fund raising campaign in order to construct an elevator. The project soon developed into a plan to expand the library 18 feet to the west to utilize the space that existed between the library and the Jones-Eden Funeral Home. The addition was constructed in 1991 and increased the library's space to approximately 11,200 square feet.

In order to meet modern library usage needs, a new library was constructed in 2009 on the south side of the square. The 1952 building currently serves as a city council meeting room.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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Deed Records, Transfer Books, Auditor's Office, Washington County Courthouse, Washington, Iowa.

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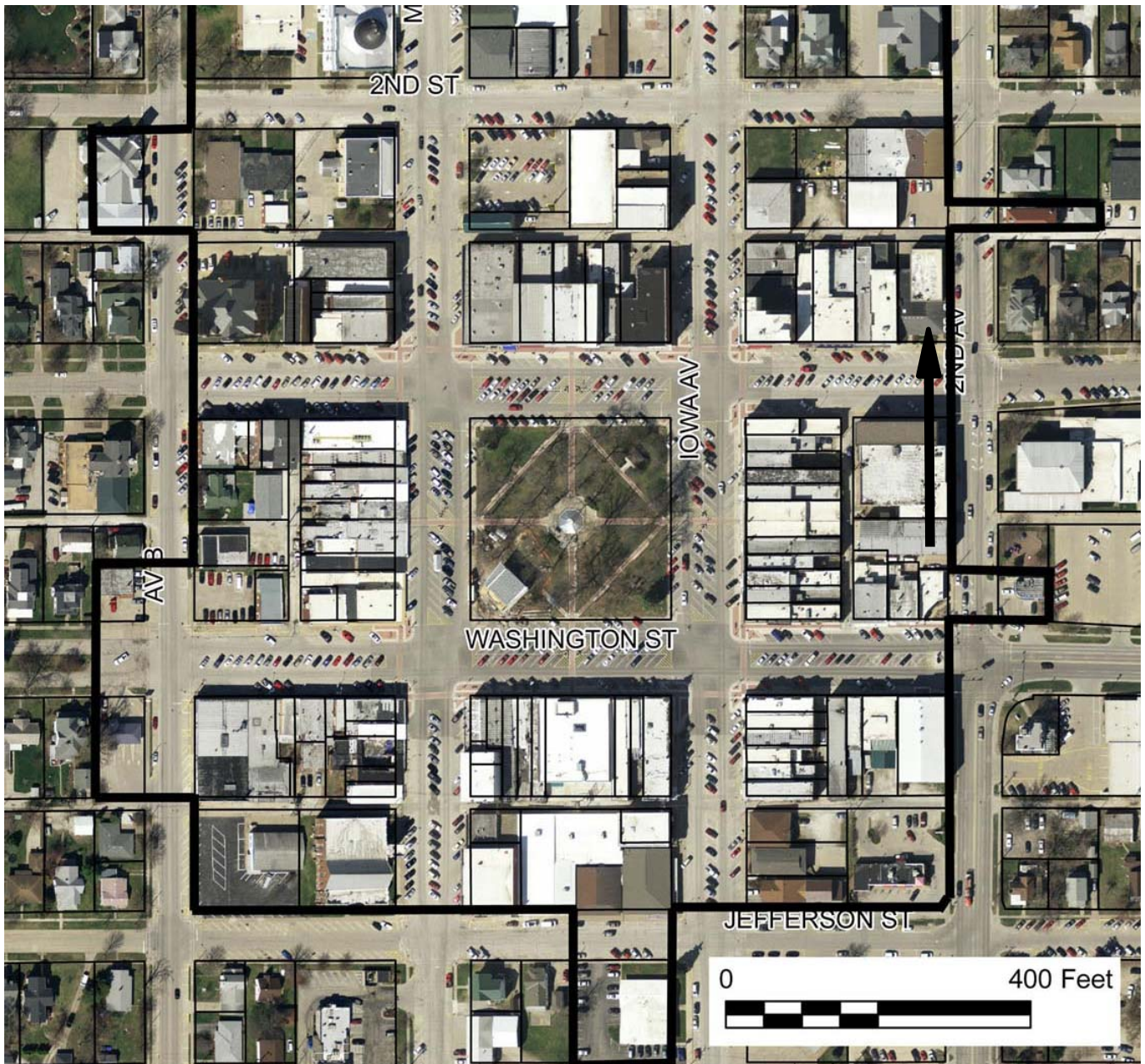
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Location map



2009 aerial photograph (Washington County) – line indicates survey/research area boundary

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Building/site plan (from assessor's website)



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Historic images



**Chilcote Library building at east end of Main Street - demolished for this building
(Patterson collection)**

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Digital photographs



Photograph 92-00161-001 - South elevation, looking north (McCarley, September 20, 2011).

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Photograph 92-00161-002 - South and east elevations, looking northwest (McCarley, September 20, 2011).