

Site Inventory Form

State Historical Society of Iowa

(November 2005)

State Inventory No. 92-00568

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) 2011

1. Name of Property

historic name Commercial Building

other names/site number Downtown Survey Map # DT- 027

2. Location

street & number 207-209 S. Marion Avenue

city or town Washington

vicinity, county Washington

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

(If Urban) Subdivision Original Plat Block(s) 17 Lot(s) 1 – roughly S 40' of N 72' (parcels C and D)

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:

If Eligible Property, enter number of:
Contributing Noncontributing

—	buildings	—	—	buildings
—	sites	—	—	sites
—	structures	—	—	structures
—	objects	—	—	objects
—	Total	—	—	Total

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)

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

02 Commerce / harness

99 Other – DEMO

02E11 Commerce / grocery

02A05 Commerce / newspaper

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

09F05: Commercial / brick front

foundation _____

walls (visible material) 03 Brick - DEMO

roof _____

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 209 S. Marion Avenue
City Washington

Site Number 92-00568
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)

Significant Dates

Construction date 1868 check if circa or estimated date
Other dates, including renovation _____

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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- 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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<u>Commercial Building</u>	<u>Washington</u>
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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. This building was demolished during the course of the project.

7. Narrative Description

The building was demolished in 2011 following a partial collapse during remodeling of the 207 half in 2008. It was a two story-brick building with two storefronts. The building exhibited features representing early 1850s-1860s construction in Washington, with pilasters at either end of the building and dividing the two halves. The 209 (south) half had a remodeled store front of faux brick and glass. The primary entry was on the right, but slightly recessed. The aluminum and glass two light display windows slanted back into the building slightly to permit a sloped concrete entry. The bulkhead below the display windows were covered in faux brick. The 207 (north) half had a remodeled store front of aluminum and glass. On the right side was a secondary entry to the second floor, and the primary entry door was next to it, but slightly recessed. The aluminum and glass two light display windows slanted back into the building slightly to permit a sloped concrete entry. Each half had three double-hung windows on the second story, with the segmental arches remaining intact on the 207 half. The 207 half also retained two-over-two-light double-hung wood windows. The brick patching on the 209 half shows alterations to the top of the windows and center opening from a entry to window. Brick corbel rows stepped out to the top of the building, and the center of the brick cornice line had a dogtooth pattern.

8. Narrative Statement of Significance

Since the building has been demolished, it is not eligible for the NRHP.

The building appears on the 1869 Bird's Eye View drawing. Architectural features of the building suggest construction in the 1860s or late 1850s. The building may have originally been three storefronts wide, including 211 S. Marion, which was later remodeled separately (92-00570).

Sanborn maps and advertisements show the following uses in 207: in 1885, an ad in the Washington Press indicated The Fair Store owned by R.A. McCall at this location, selling dry goods and millinery per the 1885 Sanborn map. There is an opening to 205 to the north. On 1897 map, the space is vacant; in 1902 there is a jewelery store there; in 1909 it is the Star Movie Theater; by 1917 it is a meat market; ads indicate that Quality Feed & Seed Co. are located at this address in 1932, and Ramseyer's Hatchery in 1935. By 1941, The Gambles Hardware Store and Foster Radio Service share this address. In 1946, Earl May Seeds Store is the occupant. In the 1964 city directory, Payne's Radio-TV &

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Appliance is there. At the time of the accidental collapse in 2008, the owner and occupant was Alfonso Ramundo, proprietor of La Tienda de la Cruz, a Mexican grocery.

Sanborn maps and advertisements show the following uses in 209: in 1885 the map lists a harness shop; in 1897, there is a cabinet shop there with offices on 2nd; in 1902 it is a grocery ware house, possibly for the grocery in 211 as a door has been added toward the rear which gives access to the next building. On the 1909 and 1917 maps, printing occurs in the building, and the city directory says the *Washington Democrat* newspaper is located there. The editor and publisher of the *Democrat* is Alex Miller, a unsuccessful candidate for governor of Iowa in 1926, and the husband of Viola Babcock Miller, Iowa's first female Secretary of State and founder of the Iowa Highway Patrol. Printing is still located in this building on the 1931 Sanborn map. Ads from the *Washington Journal* in 1932 and 1934 show Burton's Inn, and then Burton's Cafe here, followed in the 1935 city directory by Chandler's Cafe. The 1941 city directory shows Pioneer Hybrid Corn at this location, and telephone directory listing in the yellow pages says that Earl May Seed Company is here in 1952 and 1956. In the 1964 city directory, the Washington City Extension Service is located in the building, where they remained until 2006.

9. Major Bibliographical References

City/Telephone Directories, Washington. Various publishers, various dates. Available at the Washington Public Library.

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

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Washington Evening Journal

Washington Gazette

Washington Press

Patterson, Mary. Collection of historic images of Washington. Washington, IA.

Sanborn Map Company. "Washington, Iowa," Sanborn fire insurance maps. Pelham, NY: Sanborn Map Company, 1885, 1892, 1897, 1902, 1909, 1917, 1931, 1943.

Wagner, William (Des Moines architect). Photographs taken of downtown Washington in 1971. In collection of Washington Historical Society, Washington, Iowa.

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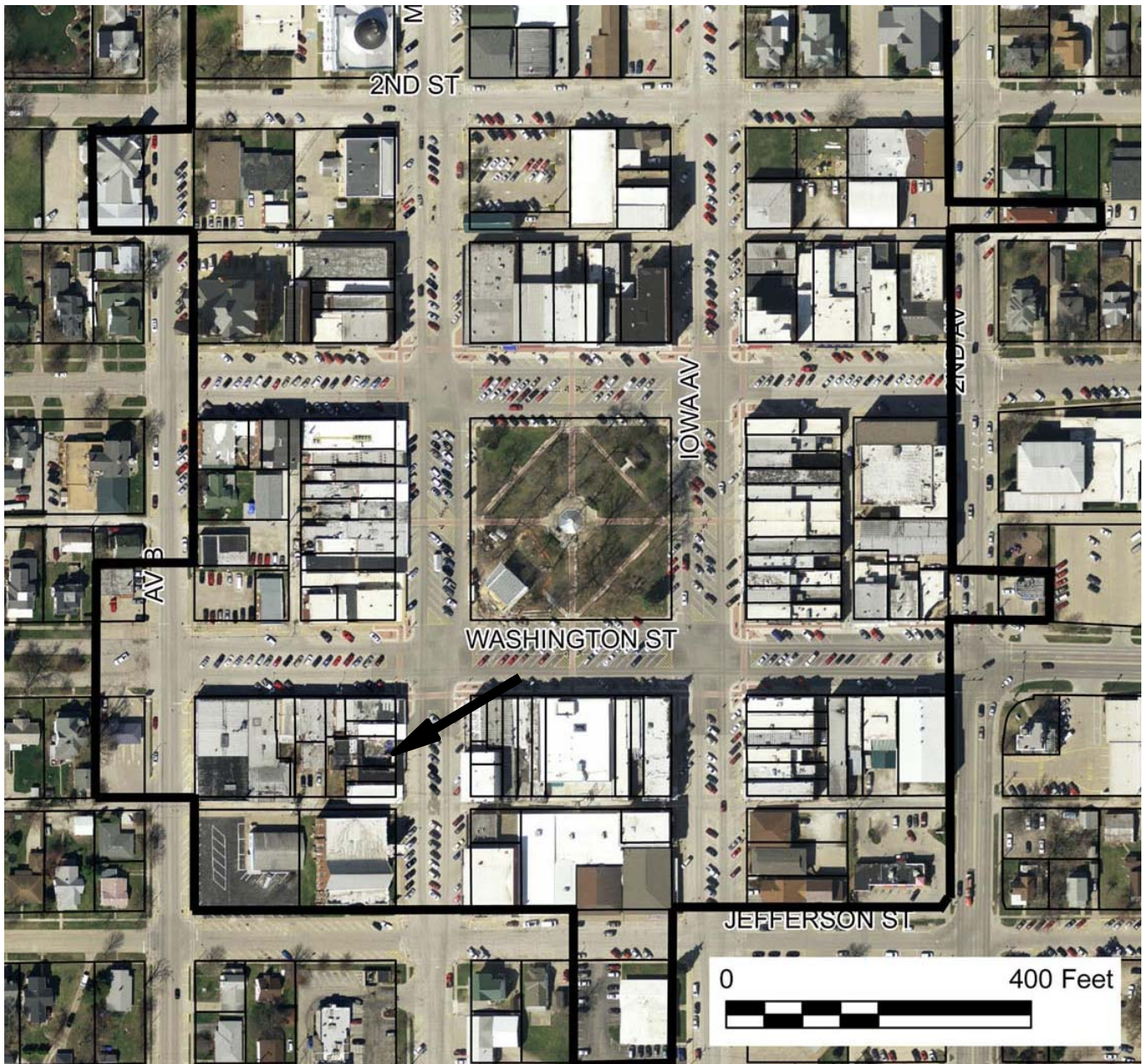
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Location map



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

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Building plan (from assessor's website)

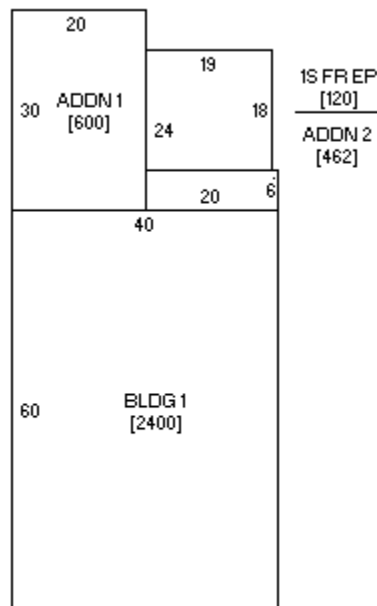


photo from assessor site (c.2008?)

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Historic images



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200 block of S. Marion around 1911 (Patterson collection)

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200 block of S. Marion in 1950s (Patterson collection)

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Building in 1971 (Wagner 1971)

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Digital photographs



Photograph 92-00568-001 - East elevation, looking west (McCarley, September 20, 2011)