

Site Inventory Form

State Historical Society of Iowa

(November 2005)

State Inventory No. 92-00662

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 Fields Motor Company Warehouse

other names/site number Downtown Survey Map # DT-082

2. Location

street & number 115 North Second Ave

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) 9 Lot 2 – S 1/2

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)

02E01: auto showroom/warehouse

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

04: Government - garage/storage

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation 10B: Concrete block

walls (visible material) 10B: Concrete block

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 116 North Second Ave.
City Washington

Site Number 92-00662
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)

05: Commerce
02: Architecture

Significant Dates

Construction date 1949 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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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.

Fields Motor Company Warehouse - 115 N. Second Ave - State #92-00662 - Map #29 ~ 1 contributing building (A and C) - c.1949 - warehouse - arch roof

Historic information:

- 1949 - property bought by J.W. Fields - built warehouse for Fields Motor Company (111-123 E. 2nd St to north); c.1949-1950s - Fields Motor Company Warehouse
- 1970s - warehouse for Furniture Distributors
- 1977-2010s - Washington County owned - garage/storage
- 2012 - Washington County garage/storage

Architectural information:

- Height: 1 story
- Walls: concrete block
- Storefront: -
- Windows: metal 16-light
- Architectural details: arch roof
- Architect/Builder: -
- Modifications: -

7. Narrative Description

This building is a concrete block warehouse with an arch roof. It retains original metal windows. The warehouse is sited at the rear of a lot at 115 N. 2nd Ave, though a separate parcel associated with the business/building to the north at 111-123 E. 2nd Street. The building is separate from the building/s to the north, with a large entry on the north side. The east side has the arch roof profile with three sixteen-light metal windows. The center sections appear to open. The south side faces the alley, and it has a large vehicular entry, pedestrian entry under a metal window, and two sixteen-light metal windows. The west side is similar to the east side with three sixteen-light metal windows.

8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The Field Motor Company Warehouse appears to contribute historically and architecturally to the Washington Downtown Historic District.

The concrete block corner building at 121-123 E. 2nd Street served as the garage for J.W. "Bud" Fields from 1924 through the 1950s, with his business expanding into the building to the west at 111-115 W.

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2nd Street by 1945. Bud's Garage is listed here from 1924 to the 1940s. The business evolved to the Fields Motor Company by the middle of the 1940s, and they then occupied the buildings from 111-123 E. 2nd Street. They are the only listing for this location through the 1950s, with Fields Motor Company listed as 117 E. 2nd Street. An article on the history of the company in 1953 notes that J.W. "Bud" Fields had been in the same location since 1924, starting in the 60 by 60 foot corner building and now occupying the full 60 by 120 foot, with a rear addition of 60 by 64 feet for a warehouse. With the expansion and addition, the building facade had been stuccoed and new modern windows installed.

Washington Evening Journal, 60th Anniversary Edition, February 27, 1953, page 32 – Fields Motor Company – same location since 1924 – repair large semi-trucks and trailers – J.W. "Bud" Fields – one of few garages large enough to handle trucks – first dealer for GMC and Case – present Plymouth and Dodge dealership obtained in 1935 – start in 60 by 60 building – same location – now 60 by 120 – warehouse addition for storage of 60 by 64 – primary structure in concrete block – stuccoed exterior for new face – installation of new and modern windows also

The 60 by 64 foot warehouse appears to be this building at 115 N. 2nd Avenue. On April 28, 1949, Mollie Therion sold J.W. Fields the south half of Lot 2, where this building sits. This concrete block building with an arch roof was then likely built in 1949. Fields continued to use the building for his business through the 1950s.

Fields owned it after his business closed, selling it to Furniture Distributors for use as a warehouse on July 8, 1974. Furniture Distributors Inc. sold it on March 17, 1977 to the American Legion. They owned it briefly, selling it on August 1, 1977 to Washington County. The county continues to use it for a garage/storage building.

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.

Newspaper advertisements, various years/dates, on microfilm at Washington Public Library:

Washington Evening Journal
Washington Gazette
Washington Press

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

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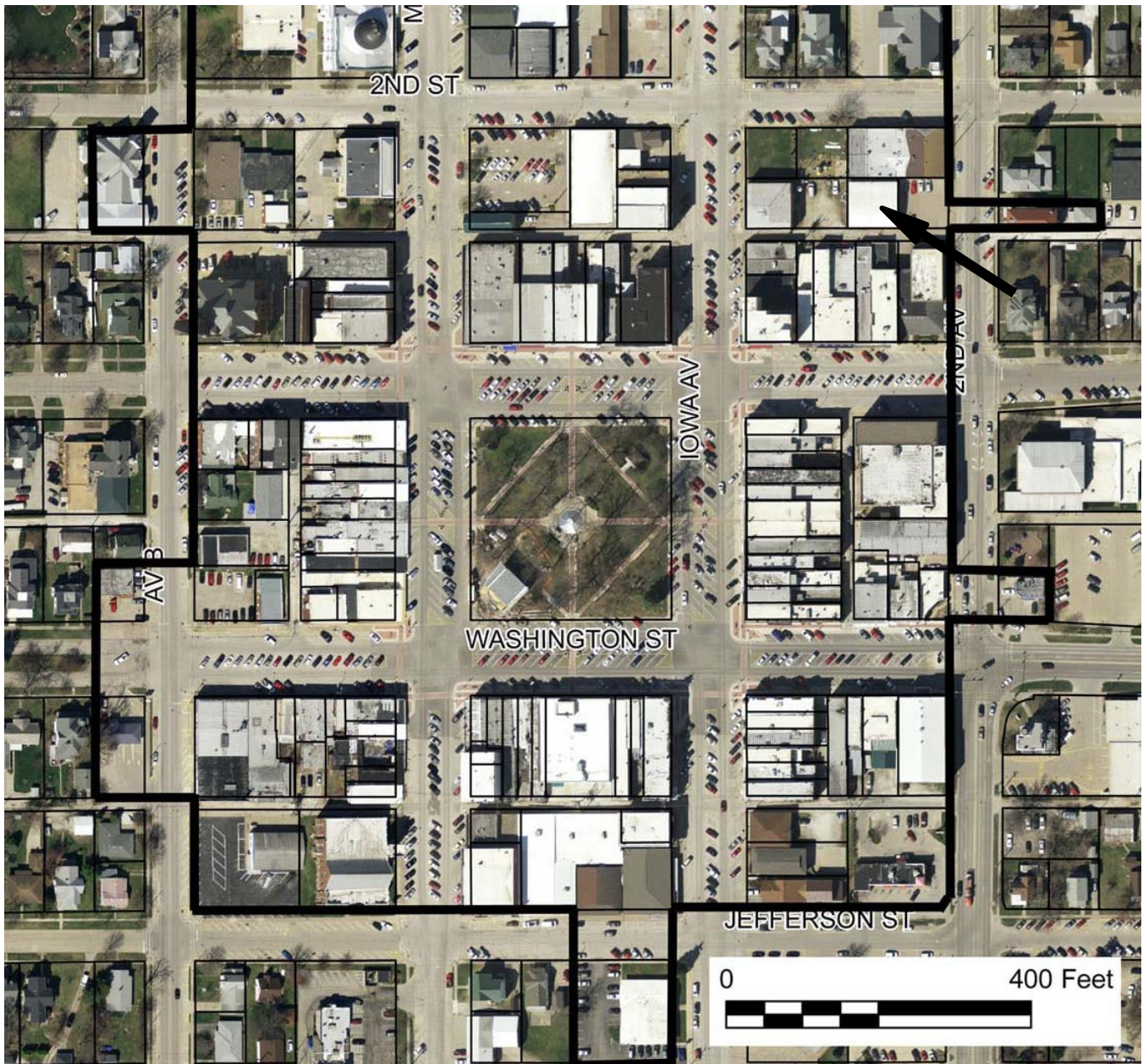
115 North Second Ave.

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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)



Historic images

none identified

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Digital photographs



92-00662-001 - South and east elevations, looking northwest (McCarley, September 20, 2011)

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92-00662-002 - West and south elevations, looking northeast (McCarley, September 20, 2011)