

# Site Inventory Form

State Historical Society of Iowa

(November 2005)

State Inventory No. 92-00613

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 Jacob's Tire and Radio Service

other names/site number Downtown Survey Map # DT -138

## 2. Location

street & number 218 W. Washington Street

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) 14 Lot(s) Lot 7 E 44'

## 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	<u>1</u>	—	buildings
—	sites	—	—	sites
—	structures	—	—	structures
—	objects	—	—	objects
—	Total	<u>1</u>	—	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)

14D09 Transportation / automobile service or repair

02E Commerce / printing

## 7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

09F01 Commerce: False Front

foundation \_\_\_\_\_

walls (visible material) Tile block

roof \_\_\_\_\_

other 13A Glass / Block

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 218 W. Washington Street  
City Washington

Site Number 92-00613  
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

**Significant Dates**

Construction date 1929  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

**11. Form Prepared By**

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city or town Washington state Iowa zip code 52353

**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.*

**Jacob's Tire & Radio Service - 218 W. Washington** - State #92-00613 - Map #65 ~ 1 contributing building (A) - 1929 - early 20th century commercial

Historic information:

(1890-1927 - 2nd United Presbyterian church on site)

spring 1929 - J. & M. Tire Service move from Iowa to newly built building on Washington (Clarence Jacobs, Harold Mangold) - Jacobs took over - name became Jacob's Tire & Radio Service by 1935

c.1934-c.1944 - Jacob's Tire & Radio Service

c.1945-1967 - Farrell's Office Supply - job printing and office supplies

1967-1980s - Farrell's Inc. - job printing

2012 - IGraphix - print shop

Architectural information:

Height: 1 story

Walls: tile block

Storefront: -

Windows: -

Architectural details: brick façade with tile block construction

Architect/Builder: -

Modifications: Historic: 1962 - rear concrete block addition (18 by 30); Non-historic: 1970s - storefront clad in paneling, siding on parapet

## 7. Narrative Description

This is a one-story tile block commercial building. Though the brick facade has been clad, the overall form and tile block construction remains visible on the side walls. The commercial building has a center aluminum and glass door. Glass block has filled in a second entry to the west, and a large plate glass window is on the right. The facade between these openings has been clad in vertically striated black plastic covering. From the top of the openings to the top of the parapet is clad in vinyl siding in a tan wood-grain pattern. A pole resembling a lance with an elaborate cast metal tip projects from the top and is anchored with wires. The sign reads "I graphix, inc" with additional embellishment and information. The corners of the front are clad in white vinyl.

The east elevation is stepped with a six-brick extension to heighten the front. Three-quarters of the side is 12" x 7" hollow tile block in tones of red and brown. The step construction on top is covered with glazed ceramic coping. One small section appears to have been neatly redone and filled in with newer, smaller hollow brick with regular brick alternating on the sides. There is one metal door with a wood

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frame and two narrow windows, close together and toward the back. They have brick sills with old metal protective covers and are boarded up. The back quarter of the elevation is the side of the concrete block rear addition, also stepped at the top. There is a wide wood door and a three-over-three-paned industrial metal window.

The west elevation is also tile block construction in the same colors and with the stepped parapet. There are four boarded-up, narrow windows with brick sills and the same battered metal coverings. The concrete section also stepped, and it has one three-over-three industrial metal window.

The rear of the building has a similar metal window. A second window is boarded up. The edge of a ribbed metal roof can be seen from the back.

## 8. Narrative Statement of Significance

Jacob's Tire & Radio Service appears to contribute historically to the Downtown Washington Historic District. The building sits independently on this lot, with all four sides exposed and visible. While the storefront and parapet on the facade have been clad, the overall form and tile block construction of the building is easily discernible.

This building sits on the previous site of the Second United Presbyterian Church, which merged with the First United Presbyterian Church in 1927, and this church was demolished. The Washington Loan and Trust Company sold Lots 6 and 7 to Mid-Continent Petroleum Corporation on November 22, 1928. They sold off the house on Lot 6 immediately, and the 1931 Sanborn map shows a small gas station on the corner at 224 W. Washington, and this tile block building at 218 W. Washington, noted with "vulcanizing" as the use. In 1932 and 1935, Mid-Continent Petroleum Co. operated a gas station at 220 N. Iowa, and they are also listed in 1932 with a station at 220 W. Washington. By 1940, the corner gas station became a D-X station, and it remained as such through the 1960s (demolished).

The tile block building to the east of the gas station appears to have been built for tires (vulcanizing), related to but not directly affiliated with the corner gas station. In February 1929, J&M Tire Service was established in a new building one half block west of the square by Clarence Jacobs and Harold Mangold. They had tires, vulcanizing, radio department, batteries, and oil in 1933 (*Evening Journal*, Progress Edition, October 1933). A 1936 article likewise confirms that this building was erected in spring 1929 for J&M. Tire Service. Clarence C. Jacobs started in this line of business in 1919 as part of W.F. Jacobs & Son on N. Iowa, and then became partner in J&M Tire Service. He took over full ownership of the business at 218 W. Washington by 1935 (*Evening Journal* – Washington County Centennial Celebration – July 1936 - page 27). The 1935 and 1941 city directories list Jacob's Tire & Radio Service at 218 W. Washington.

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In 1945, Farrell's Office Supply was established by Walter Farrell in this location. He had been doing job printing for the *Evening Journal* and McCleery Cumming Company, and he added complete line of office furniture and equipment to job printing business (*Washington Evening Journal*, 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition, February 27, 1953, page 55). This building is listed as Farrell's Office Supply in the 1952, 1956, and 1964 telephone directories, with Hunt's Office Machine Service offering repairs at this location as well in 1964. They moved the office supplies and gift store next to Winga's on the north side of the square in 1967, and Farrell's Inc. was formed in this location for printing services.

It is, and also in the 1964 city directory, along with Hunt's Office Machine Service. It is currently a print shop, IGraphix.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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*Washington Evening Journal*

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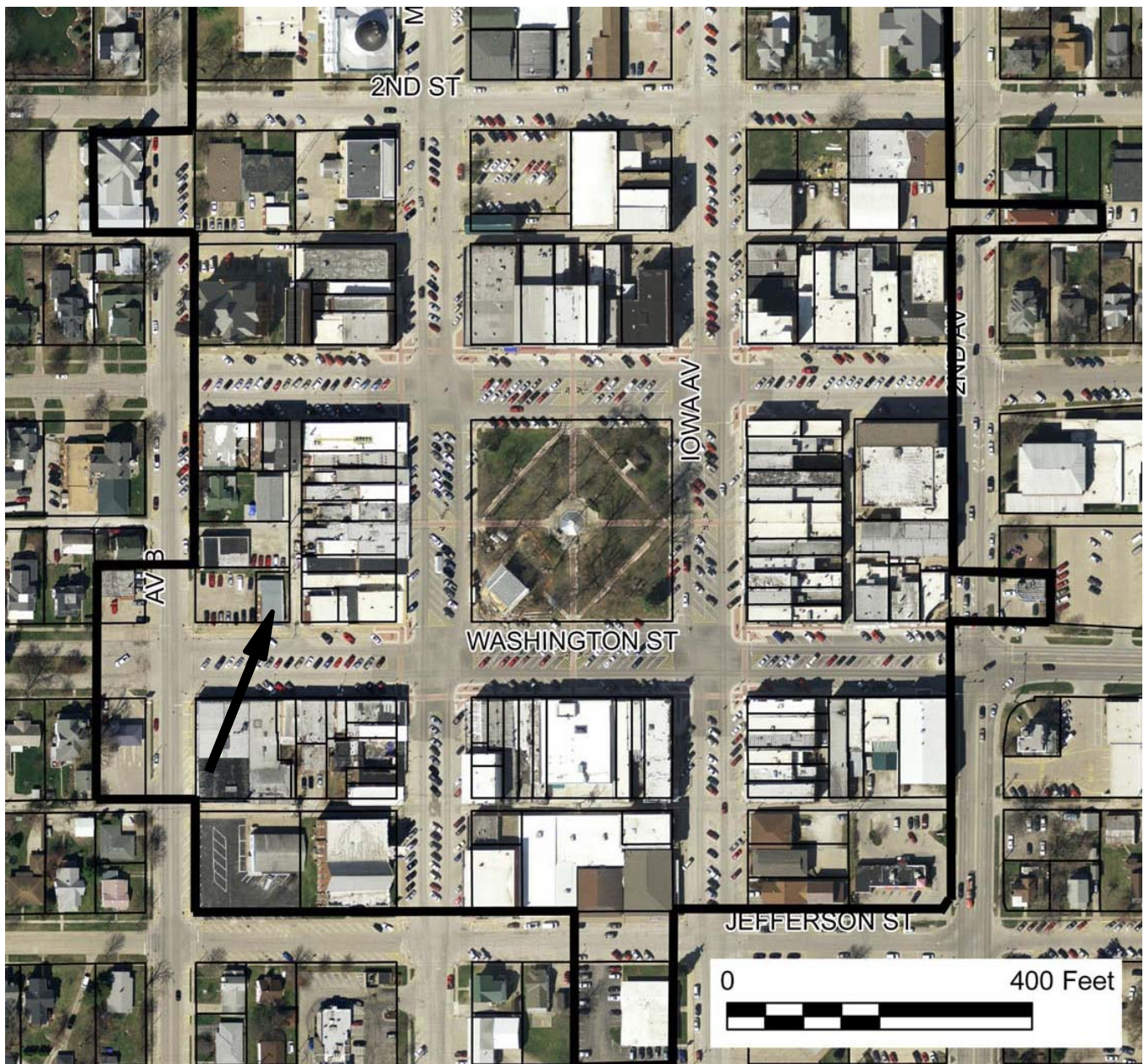
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## Location map



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

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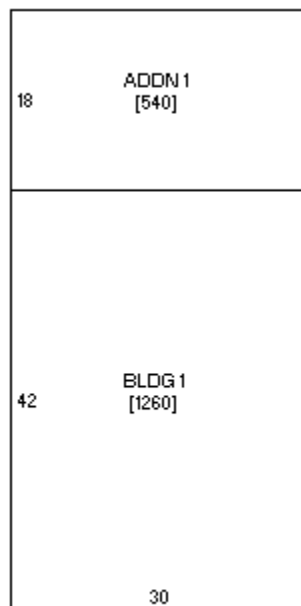
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## Building plan (from assessor's website)



## Historic images

none identified

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**Digital photographs**



Photograph 92-00613-001 - West and south elevations, looking northeast (McCarley, September 20, 2011)



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Photograph 92-00613-002 - South and east elevations, looking northwest (McCarley, September 20, 2011)