

Site Inventory Form

State Historical Society of Iowa

(November 2005)

State Inventory No. 92-00598

New Supplemental

Part of a district with known boundaries (enter inventory no.) _____

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) 2008

1. Name of Property

historic name Martin's Modern Cleaners

other names/site number Downtown Survey Map # DT-112b

2. Location

street & number 211 N. Iowa 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) 3 Lot(s) north part of 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

— buildings
 — sites
 — structures
 — objects
 — 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)

02A08 Commerce / laundry

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

99 - demolished - vacant lot

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation _____

walls (visible material) _____

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 211 N. Iowa Avenue
City Washington

Site Number 92-00598
District Number _____

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
1942 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>211 N. Iowa Avenue</u>	<u>Washington</u>
Address	City

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 prior to the start of the project.

7. Narrative Description

Building was demolished in 2008. It was a one-story concrete block structure, facing Iowa Ave to the east. The building appears built in 1942 for Martin's Modern Cleaners, and it was noted in 1953 as the only drive-thru cleaners in Washington. The entry was centered on the facade (east) with a large window to either side, later boarded over. The 1943 Sanborn map shows a concrete floor within a concrete block building, and a one-story concrete block section extended from the rear. An addition was later built on the west/south, connecting it to the gas station building on the south portion of the lot.

8. Narrative Statement of Significance

This building was demolished in 2008. Thus, it is not counted in the Washington Downtown Historic District. The 1931 Sanborn map shows a small gas station diagonal to the corner on the south portion of the lot, and the same gas station is shown on the 1943 Sanborn map. The 1943 map also shows a "cleaning plant" at the rear/north of the lot at 211 N. Iowa. Martin's Modern Cleaners was listed here in 1952, 1956, and 1964. They are noted to have moved to a completely modern, drive-in establishment in 1942. In 1953, they were the only drive-in cleaners in Washington. Additional information includes:

Evening Journal – Washington County Centennial Celebration – July 1936 - page 31 – Martin's Modern Cleaners – Homer Jugenheimer – Ralph Martin – newest cleaning establishment in Washington

Evening Journal – Centennial Celebration – August 1939 - page 104 – Martin's Modern Cleaners – one day service – clothes fully insured while in care – newest and modern equipment – absolutely odorless

Washington Evening Journal, 60th Anniversary Edition, February 27, 1953 - page 67 – dry cleaners – Marlowe Cleaners – bought from Charles Davis by Harry Marlowe – Martin's Modern Cleaners – Ralph Martin – work for Davis – enlarge business to include drive-in facilities – Washington Cleaners – operated for many years by Wisie Long – now Floyd W. Prescott – Fashion Cleaners – Keith Crossett – previously worked in other firms – now own business

Washington Evening Journal, 60th Anniversary Edition, February 27, 1953 - page 71 – Martin's Modern Cleaners – moved to new completely modern, drive-in establishment in 1942 – local dealer for Sanitone method – Washington's oldest cleaners – only drive-in cleaning in town (demo – 211 N. Iowa)

By 1969, it is occupied by Watson Cleaners (City Directory). Watson Cleaners had been located at 217 W. Washington in 1964.

Bicentennial Edition, *Evening Journal*, July 1, 1976 - page 25 – Watson Cleaners – 201 N. Iowa – 23 years in business - Donna Watson

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A new gas station was built on the south part of Lot 3 in the 1950s. After the gas station closed, the cleaners expanded into the gas station building as well, with a connecting addition.

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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Name of Property

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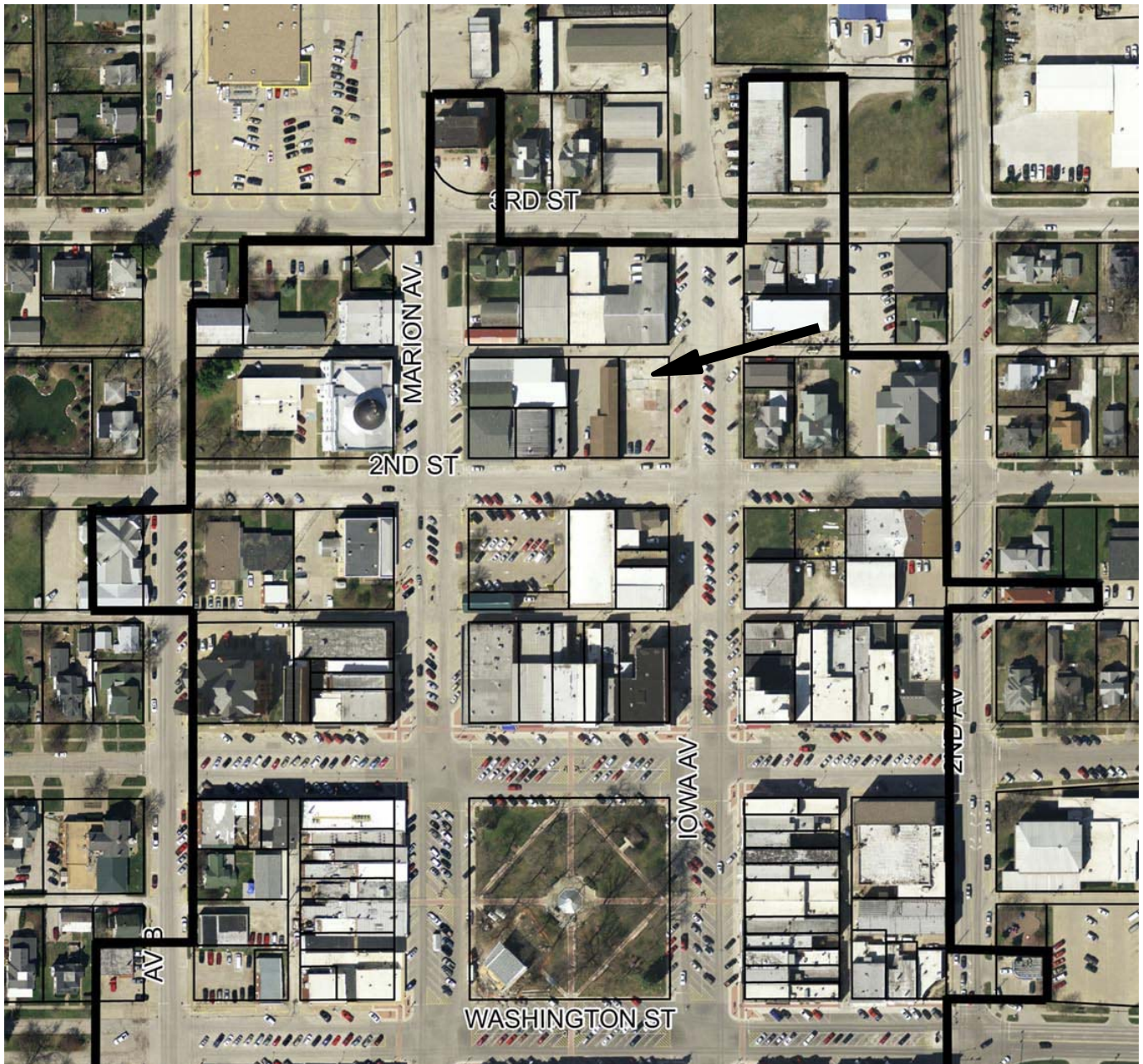
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Location map



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

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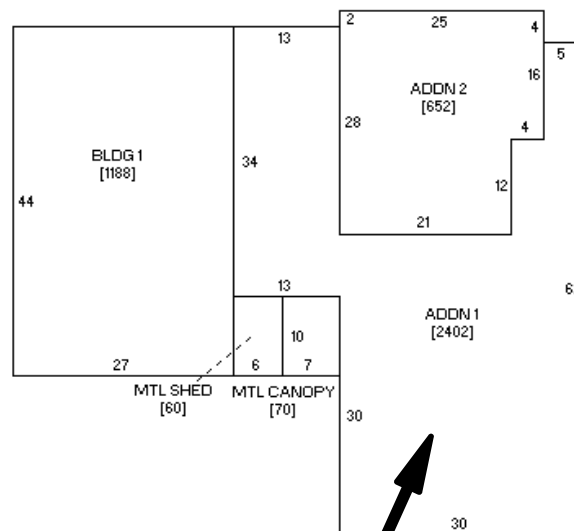
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Building plan (from assessor's website)



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Historic images

none identified

Digital photograph



gas station at 201 N Iowa

cleaners at 211 N Iowa