

Site Inventory Form

State Historical Society of Iowa

(November 2005)

State Inventory No. 92-00572

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 First United Presbyterian Church

other names/site number Downtown Survey Map # DT-030

2. Location

street & number 215 S. Marion 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) 17 Lot(s) 8 and E 60.8' of Lot 7

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>	—

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)

06A01 Religious facility/church

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

06A01 Religious facility/church

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

06E Late Gothic Revival

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation 04C – Stone/Limestone

walls (visible material) 03 - Brick

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 215 S. Marion
City Washington

Site Number 92-00572
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)

02: Architecture

Significant Dates

Construction date 1919-20 check if circa or estimated date
Other dates, including renovation

Significant Person

(Complete if National Register Criterion B is marked above)

Architect/Builder

Architect

Henry Eckland

Builder

Wolary & McKeone, brick; Harry Shrader, carpentry

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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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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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.

First United Presbyterian Church - 215 S. Marion Avenue - State #92-00572 - Map #114 ~ 1 contributing building (A) - 1919-20 - Late Gothic Revival

Historic information:

1868 - frame church moved to west, brick church built on corner - 48 by 80 - designed by Meriam & Nouguet - dedicated on 11-15-1868 - remodeled twice but still used in 1909

1868-1910s - United Presbyterian Church

1919-20 - major remodeling and additions to north and south, as well as east entry tower, to create current church building

1927 - First United Presbyterian Church united with Second United Presbyterian Church - form Marion Avenue United Presbyterian Church - locate in Marion Ave (1st UP) church

1927-1970 - listed as First United Presbyterian Church

1971 - Marion Avenue United Presbyterian Church united with First Presbyterian Church to create United Presbyterian Church - moved to new church at 203 E. Main in 1973

1973 - church bought by new Marion Avenue Baptist Church

2012 - Marion Avenue Baptist Church

Architectural information:

Height: 1 story (church)

Walls: brick

Storefront: -

Windows: -

Architectural details: cornerstone replaced by Marion Avenue Baptist Church

Architect/Builder: Henry Eckland (Chicago)

Modifications: -

7. Narrative Description

The First United Presbyterian Church is a two-story Late Gothic Revival brick building with limestone foundation and trim. The Late Gothic Revival style is evident in the buttresses and crenelations of the church, as well as the arch stained glass and rose stained glass window details. The basement rises a half story above ground, with basement windows on each side. The roofline of the earlier gable church is visible with the later form and details of the 1919-1920 design. The east facade on S. Marion includes a bell tower for the main entry, and the gable-roof section has a set of three tall arch windows above three shorter arch windows. The south elevation along W. Jefferson is divided by buttresses into five sections, with a wide center section with a "rose" window. The other four sections have tall arch windows. From the west, the outline of the older gable-roof brick church can be seen, and it appears the windows were altered to the tall brick arch windows during the remodeling project that created the

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majority of the exterior design. The north section of the church appears designed as the educational wing, with groups of three windows with transoms on the two upper stories on the east side and primarily single double-hung windows on the north and west sides. The Late Gothic Revival detail is carried through this section as well in the parapet detail.

8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The First United Presbyterian Church appears to contribute historically and architecturally to the Washington Downtown Historic District.

The first church organization in Washington was the Associate Reformed Church. A building was erected in 1844, followed by a frame building on this site on Marion Ave in 1851. In 1858, the name of the church changed to First United Presbyterian Church. The church body organized Washington College in April 1854, beginning classes in Blair's Block in September 1855 and in the church in 1856 before completing a three-story brick building further south on Marion Ave. The building was destroyed by tornado in 1864, and the college was taken over by Monmouth College and moved out of town. In 1868, the frame church was moved to the lot to the west of the corner and turned to face Jefferson, and it was used as a hall by the community. A new brick church was built on the corner lot, a 48 by 80 foot building, 80 feet tall with a 28 foot steeple, designed by architects Meriam & Nouguet. It was completed at a cost of \$15,757, and it had a capacity of 600 people. It was dedicated on November 15, 1868 (*History of Washington County* 1880: 560-62; Burrell 1909, Vol. 1: 243, 291).

In November 1874, the old church building was bought by A.H. Wallace, Dr. A.W. Chilcote, and Col. Hiram Scofield, who turned it into "Music Hall." They added a rear addition of 14 feet for a stage, and the building sat about 400 people. Performances were held here, and the 1885 Sanborn map shows the building used as the courthouse, prior to the construction of the current building. The 1892 Sanborn map shows it was a dance hall. It later became a skating rink. By 1897, Company D of the Iowa National Guard was located in this frame building, remaining here on the 1902 map. They moved by 1909, and then into their new hall in 1912. By the 1917 Sanborn map, this building was demolished (Fisher 1978: 408-409; Sanborn Map Company 1885, 1892, 1897, 1902, 1909, 1917).

In 1880, the First United Presbyterian Church had nearly 400 members (*History of Washington County, Iowa* 1880: 561). In 1887, the church continued to meet in its 1868 brick building, which could seat up to 600 (*Portrait and Biographical Album of Washington County* 1887: 669). In 1909, the 1868 building of the First United Presbyterian Church was still in use, with two major remodelings completed since construction (Burrell 1909, Vol. 1: 243 – photo on page 145). A history and photograph of the church also appeared in the *Evening Journal*, April 26, 1913, page 18.

On March 3, 1919, the church began a major remodeling effort, costing around \$50,000. The church was primarily expanded to the north and south, with a 16-foot addition on the south, a 49-foot addition

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on the north, and 16-foot square tower for the new entrance on the east. New openings were created in the original church walls for entries. The pulpit, moved from the west to the north end previously, was relocated to the south, and the pews reset. The overall size of the auditorium remained the same, with additional seating possibly through the old north wall into the north addition. Combined, these spaces had a capacity of 1,200. Sunday School rooms were relocated to the north addition, and the basement was converted to a large banquet hall. New electric fixtures replaced old gas lights, and the heating system was upgraded. The net result was the look of a completely new building, though many elements of the original building remained. The architect was Henry Eckland, who had designed the First Methodist Episcopal Church in 1912. Henry Eckland began his practice as an architect in Kewanee, IL, after graduating from the University of Illinois in 1894. By 1917, he practiced as Eckland, Fugard, and Knapp, with offices in Chicago and Moline, IL. He is noted as having designed a large number of public and private buildings, including the Moline High School, M.E. Church in Washington, and Swedish Lutheran Church in DeKalb (Olson, *The Swedish Element in Illinois* 1917: 653-654 - online at books.google.com/books?id=ato0AAAAIAAJ&pg). Brickwork was completed by Wolary & McKeone for \$20,637, carpentry work by Harry Shrader for \$17,035, and plumbing and heating by Ream & Carson for \$6,240. The new church was dedicated on February 9, 1920 ("Building Dedicated Yesterday," *Evening Journal*, February 9, 1920, 3 - photo also). A history and photograph of the church also appears in the *Evening Journal*, April 3, 1926, page 6-7.

In 1927, the Second United Presbyterian Church (formed in 1853) united with the First United Presbyterian Church, creating the Marion Avenue United Presbyterian Church and remaining at this location for the joint body. The Second United Presbyterian Church on W. Washington, built in 1890, was demolished (Fisher 1978: 145). The United Presbyterian Home was founded in the east section of Washington as a retirement home in 1947, including a "cottage" neighborhood development south of the main property started over the next 20 years. The establishment contributed to the growth of Washington as a retirement community.

On May 17, 1970, the Marion Avenue United Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church merged into the United Presbyterian Church. The 1892 Presbyterian Church at 203 E. Main was demolished, and ground breaking for a new building on this site was held on October 10, 1971. The church met in the Marion Avenue United Presbyterian Church during construction, and they moved to their new building in 1973. The new church was dedicated on May 20, 1973 ("U.P. Church has new facilities," Bicentennial Edition, *Evening Journal*, July 1, 1976, page 124; Fisher 1978: 145).

The Marion Avenue Baptist Church was organized in September 1973. They bought the old UP Church at 215 S. Marion and called their first pastor, Larry Brown. By 1976, the congregation had around 40 members ("Marion Avenue Baptist new group," Bicentennial Edition, *Evening Journal*, July 1, 1976, page 142; Fisher 1978: 160). Rev. Larry Brown continued to serve the congregation until July 2011 when his son, Joseph Brown, took over as pastor. The church continues to meet in this building.

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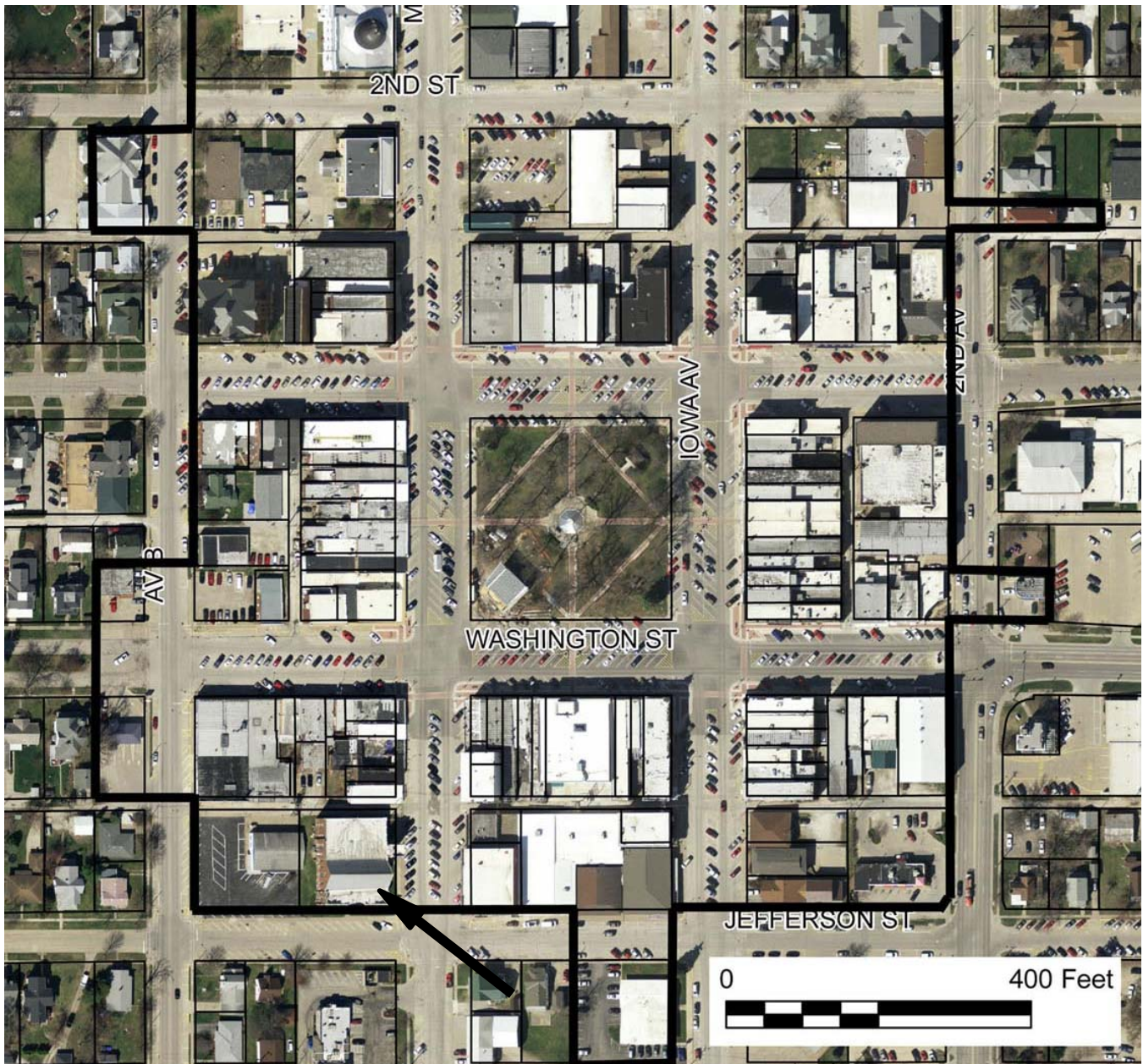
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Location map



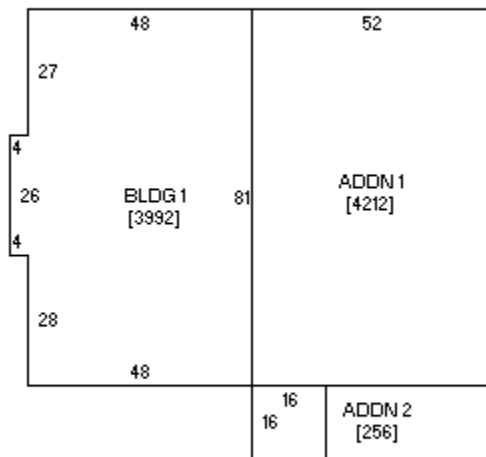
2009 aerial photograph (Washington County) – line indicates survey/research area boundary

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Building plan (from assessor's website)



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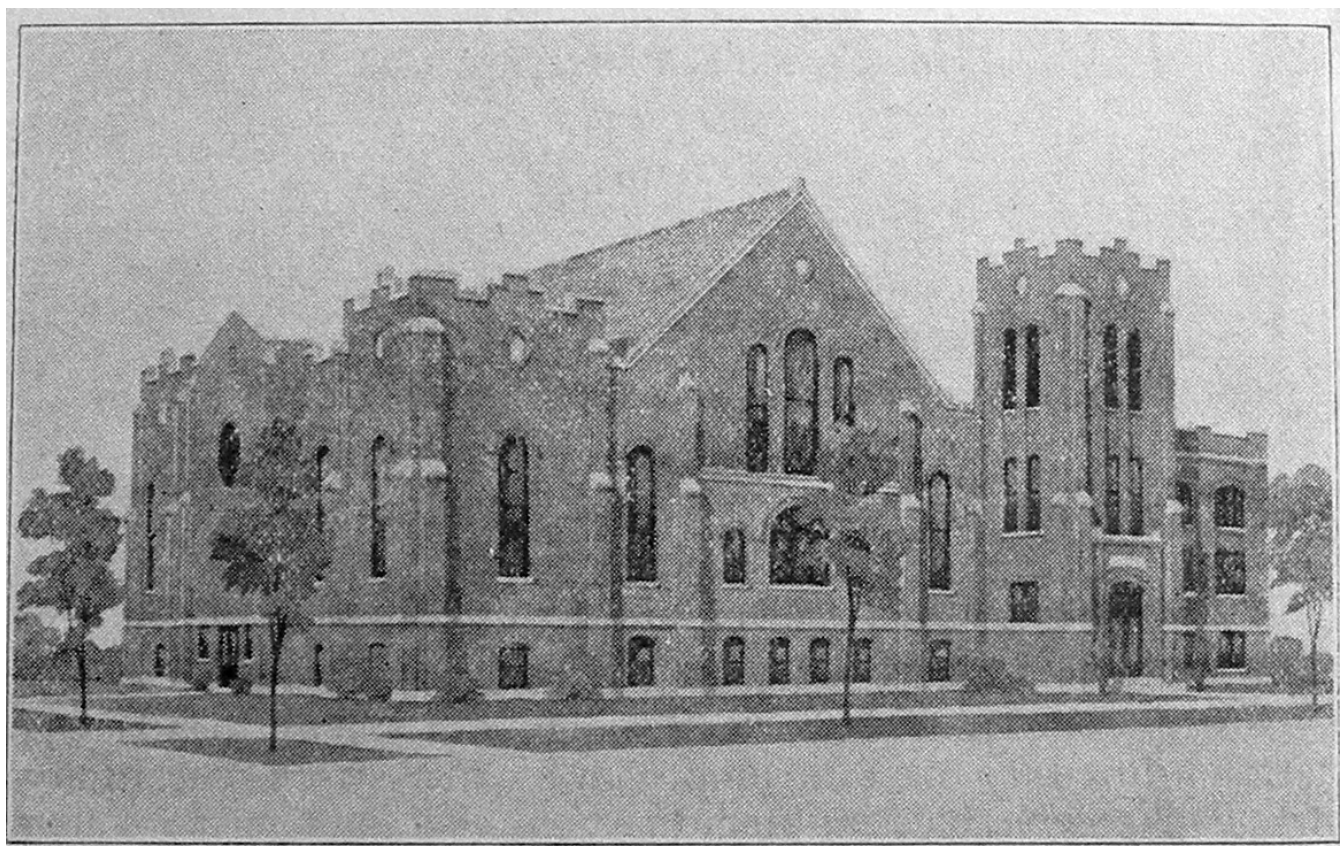
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Historic images



First United Presbyterian Church, dedication program on February 8, 1920 (Patterson collection)

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Digital photographs



Photograph 92-00572-001 - South and east elevations, looking northwest (McCarley, September 20, 2011)

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Photograph 92-00572-002 - East elevation, looking west (McCarley, September 20, 2011)

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Photograph 92-00572-003 - East and north elevations, looking southwest (McCarley, September 20, 2011)

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Photograph 92-00572-004 - South elevation, looking north (McCarley, September 20, 2011)

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Photograph 92-00572-005 - West elevation, looking east (McCarley, September 20, 2011)

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Photograph 92-00572-006 - North and west elevations, looking southeast (McCarley, September 20, 2011)