Site Inventory Form

State Historical Society of Iowa

State Inventory No. 92-00544  ☑ 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 Washington Loan & Trust

other names/site number Downtown Survey Map # DT-119

2. Location

street & number 210 West Main 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) Lot(s) Lot A (West 22' of South 84')

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) Number of Resources within Property

☒ building(s) If Non-Eligible Property  If Eligible Property, enter number of:
☐ district  Enter number of:  Contributing  Noncontributing
☐ site  buildings  1  buildings
☐ structure  sites  structures  objects  Total
☐ object  1  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)

02D02: Commerce / bank  04: Government – Washington County Assessor and Engineers Office

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions) Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

06C: 20th Century Revivals / Classical Revival foundation  04: stone – 8” limestone

09F05: Commercial / brick front walls (visible material)  03: brick – 8” thick

roof  08A Asphalt

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  A Property is associated with significant events.
☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ More Research Recommended  B Property is associated with the lives of significant persons.
☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ More Research Recommended  C Property has distinctive architectural characteristics.
☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ More Research Recommended  D Property yields significant information in archeology or history.
### Criteria Considerations
- **A** Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- **E** A reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- **B** Removed from its original location.
- **F** A commemorative property.
- **C** A birthplace or grave.
- **G** Less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.
- **D** A cemetery

### Areas of Significance
(Enter categories from instructions)
- **05:** Commerce
- **02:** Architecture

### Significant Dates

#### Construction date
- **1926**
- **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 [ ]

### 10. Geographic Data

#### UTM References (OPTIONAL)

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[ ] See continuation sheet for additional UTM references or comments

### 11. Form Prepared By

- **name/title:** Stacy A. Nielsen, volunteer
- **organization:** Washington Historic Preservation Commission
- **date:** May 6, 2012
- **street & number:** City Hall – 215 E. Washington St
- **telephone:** 319-653-6584
- **city or town:** Washington
- **state:** Iowa
- **zip code:** 52353

### ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION
(Submit the following items with the completed form)

#### FOR ALL PROPERTIES
1. **Map:** showing the property’s location in a town/city or township.
2. **Site plan:** showing position of buildings and structures on the site in relation to public road(s).
3. **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:

[ ] See continuation sheet or attached photo & slide catalog sheet for list of photo roll or slide entry.

#### FOR CERTAIN KINDS OF PROPERTIES, INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING AS WELL
1. **Farmstead & District:** (List of structures and buildings, known or estimated year built, and contributing or noncontributing status)
2. **Barn:**
   - a. A sketch of the frame/truss configuration in the form of drawing a typical middle bent of the barn.
   - b. A photograph of the loft showing the frame configuration along one side.
   - c. 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:

Evaauled by (name/title):  

[ ] Date:
Washington Loan & Trust Company - 210 W. Main St - State #92-00544 - Map #2 ~ 1 contributing building
(A and C) - 1926 - Classical Revival

Historic information:
(1883-1910s - city hall, library, and fire department built here)
1926 - remodeled for Washington Loan and Trust Company (Harry Shrader and Jake Minick - contractors)
1927-c.1932 - Washington Loan and Trust Company
1930s-40s - offices (1936 - Ralph Thompson - insurances/abstracts/bonds; 1941 - Theodore Bailey (lawyer),
C.O. Dayton & Sons (insurance), Thompson Insurance, 1949 - Paul Shearer (lawyer))
1950s - Dr. M.L. McCreedy - physician and county coroner; 1960s - Dr. M.L. McCreedy
2012 - Washington County - assessor's office

Architecture information:
Height: 2 story
Walls: brick - buff on façade
Storefront: entry at right - office windows to left
Windows: replaced rectangular windows
Architectural details: elogated second story window opening on base of first story exterior - double height
interior, buff brick with stone trim
Architect/Builder: -
Modifications: Historic: 1926 - building remodel to current appearance; Non-historic: 1970s - windows replaced

7. Narrative Description

This is a two-story brick building remodeled in 1926 to the Classical Revival style for the Washington Loan and Trust Company. An article ran in the “Washington Evening Journal” on Wednesday, July 14, 1926 about “extensive” remodeling of the old city hall into a modern bank. Red brick appears on all sides of this building except for the front and west sides, which were covered with “buff” brick and white stone trimmings. The building was remodeled with a shorter first story and taller second story on the exterior facade and west elevations. A stone stringcourse divides the stories. The building faces Main Street to the south, with the entry in the east bay of the first story. Two smaller windows are found to the west. The upper story has a tall window panel with three vertical windows and stone panels under them. The "Washington Loan and Trust Company" name plate was added in the 1926 remodel.

The buff brick facade continues on the west side of the building. The portion of the building remodeled with this brick has four bays with details similar to the facade. The lower story windows are paired
modern windows with shared stone sills. The upper story windows are three modern vertical windows with stone panels under them. The west side of the rear addition remains with its original red brick. Segmental arch windows are found on this section, with several bricked-in historically. Later windows have also been cut into the wall. The east side retains the red brick exterior. The openings for the original segmental arch windows of City Hall are visible, though bricked-in and replaced with smaller one-over-one-light double-hung windows on the first story for the bank remodel. The bricked-in segmental arch windows on the second story are recessed slightly, with more recent windows cut into the wall. The rear elevation has a small one-story buff brick addition and a concrete block chimney. More recent windows have also been cut into the second story on this side.

8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The Washington Loan and Trust Company appears to contribute historically and architecturally to the Washington Downtown Historic District. Though the core construction dates to 1883, the integrity of the building dates to the 1926 remodel for Washington Loan and Trust.

On June 19, 1883 the City of Washington purchased the building and lot from Mr. Fred Motts and wife. City Hall was built in 1883, and it is shown on the 1885 Sanborn map. The fire department was also formed in 1883, and the building was constructed for the joint purpose. Historic photographs show first story with large doors for the fire department, arch windows on the second story, and a tower. The tower was used for elevating and draining hose (Burrell 1909, Vol 1: 424). The Washington Free Public Library moved here in 1883, remaining here until relocating to the Chilcote home in October 1901. The 1892 Sanborn Map shows city hall on the first floor and a Library on the second. The 1897 Sanborn shows City Hall and Engine Co. on the first floor and a Library on the second. The 1902 Sanborn shows the first floor for the Engine House and a Library on the second. The 1909 Sanborn shows only City Hall and Fire Department in the building. City Hall was then moved to the former Blair house. The 1917 Sanborn shows the fire department and jail on the first floor and a School on the second. The fire department then moved into the Blair House as well around 1925 (Fisher 1978: 123).

This lot was partitioned off from the courthouse by the auditor on January 23, 1925. The City of Washington then sold the building to the Washington Loan & Trust Company. Then on February 15, 1927 the Loan & Trust Co. sold to the Washington Securities Co., who in turn sold back to the Washington Loan & Trust Co. on March 31, 1927.


Department organized in 1914 – took over reminder of loans of Washington Building and Loan Association – Trust Department – Insurance Department – recently bought City Hall – expects to remodel and equip with modern banking equipment – new quarters expected to be occupied in fall 1926

"New Banking House to Be Built Soon," Evening Journal, July 14, 1926, 1 - extensive remodeling of old City Hall to convert to modern banking home for Washington Loan and Trust Company - work by Jake Minick and Harry Shrader - front will be buff brick with stone trim - continued about halfway back on west side - remainder will be common brick - second story floor removed on front half of building to create double-height banking area - mezzanine at rear for director's office and other departments - large fireproof vault on ground floor - two others on other stories - main entry at southeast corner of front - enter into long corridor - office in southwest corner of building - one-story addition to be built on rear for heating plant - expect to be done by January 1

The 1931 Sanborn shows the building being used for Offices. The Telephone Directory for 1932 lists the Community Savings Bank & Trust and the Washington Loan & Trust Co. In 1936, Ralph W. Thompson offered 25 years of experience in insurance, bonds, and abstracts from the building east of the courthouse (Evening Journal – Centennial Celebration – August 1939 - page 89).

The 1941 City Directory lists a Theodore Bailey (attorney), Credit Reference Exchange, C.O. Dayton & Sons (insurance and tax service), Old Age Assistance, and Thompson Insurance on the second floor and rear of first floor. Anna Powers and husband (representing the Washington Loan & Trust Co.) sold the building to H.A. Dougall on June 10, 1943. In 1949, lawyer Paul V. Shearer advertised his location as first building east of the courthouse.

The 1956 City and Telephone Directory listed Dr. ML McCreedy – county coroner and private practice - at 210 W. Main. He continues to be listed as a physician here in 1964.

No transfer record was located for Dr. McCreedy's receiving the building. Transfer records then show Dr. ML McCreedy and wife (Willa A. Young) selling the building to Washington County on May 25, 1973. The assessor's office is currently located here.
Washington Loan & Trust Company

Name of Property: 210 West Main Street

City: Washington

County: Washington

9. Major Bibliographical References


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

- Washington Evening Journal
- Washington Gazette
- Washington Press


Location map
Washington Loan & Trust Company                                Washington
Name of Property                                               County

210 West Main Street                                           Washington
Address                                                        City

Building/site plan (from assessor's website)
Historic images

Building prior to 1926 remodel (Fisher 1978: 274)
Washington Loan & Trust Company                                  Washington
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210 West Main Street                                             Washington
Address                                                           City

Building in 1971 (Wagner 1971).
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Digital photographs

Photograph 92-00544-001 - West and front (south) elevations, looking northeast (McCarley, September 20, 2011).
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Photograph 92-00544-002 - Rear (north) and west elevations, looking southeast (McCarley, September 20, 2011).
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Photograph 92-00544-003 - East elevation, looking northwest (McCarley, September 20, 2011).