Site Inventory Form

State Inventory No. 92-00541
☑ New ☐ Supplemental

Part of a district with known boundaries (enter inventory no.) 92-00349
☑ Contributing ☐ Noncontributing
☐ Contributes to a potential district with yet unknown boundaries
Relationship: Contributing ☐ Noncontributing

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  Ohngemach Building

other names/site number  Downtown Survey Map # DT-122

2. Location

street & number  114 West Main

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) E 14 ft of W ft.

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) If Non-Eligible Property

If Eligible Property, enter number of:

Contribute ☐ Noncontributing

district ☐ Total

site ☐ buildings

structures

objects

Total

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

02E: specialty store - harness shop

02A01 Office

02E11 Grocery

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

09F05: Commercial / brick front

05: Late Victorian

foundation

walls (visible material)

roof

03 Brick

other

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.
County: Washington  
Address: 114 West Main  
Site Number: 92-00541

City: Washington  
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)

Significant Dates
Construction date
1895  
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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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/slise 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
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:

Evaluated by (name/title):  
Date:
Ohngemach Building - 114 W. Main St - State #92-00541 - Map #17 ~ 1 non-contributing building -
c.1895, 1994 - Late Victorian

Historic information:
1860s-1892 - Ongemach Harness Shop here in earlier one-story building
  c.1895 - two-story building constructed for harness shop
  1910 - Yockey Harness; 1913-1920 - owned by Jardon family - clothing store in 1917
  1920-43 - owned by M.W. Bailey (lawyer), 1920s-30s - part of Graham Department Store (112-114)
  c.1939-1950s - Crone's Jack Sprat Store, 1956 - county extension office
  1960s - Zelinsky Gifts
  1989 - Swift's Realty
  2012 - Latta, Harris, Hanon & Penningroth, CPAs

Architectural information:
Height: 2 story
Walls: brick
Storefront: replaced
Windows: replaced
Architectural details: cornice removed/covered
Architect/Builder: -
Modifications: Historic: -; Non-historic: c.1994 - cornice removed, cladding applied, storefront remodeled

7. Narrative Description

This two-story brick building faces W. Main Street and Central Park to the south. Little of the original fabric remains visible today. Three second story window openings are intact on the second floor with stone bands above and below the window, though the original windows have been replaced. The former cornice is covered with metal, with four courses of projecting brick visible below the cladding. The storefront was remodeled and combined with 116-118 West Main to the west. All three addresses are now the offices of Latta, Harris, Hannon & Penningroth CPAs.

8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The Ohngemach Building is counted as non-contributing in the Washington Downtown Historic District. Historic photographs show an elaborate metal cornice with center pediment historically on this building, which appears to have been removed with metal siding applied to the area. The storefront remodel
likewise include siding between the storefront and second story window sills. Thus, only a small portion of the original brick remains exposed.

This "14-foot lot back to alley" was sold by J.D. Frebelcoch (?) to Charles Ohngemach on July 13, 1869. Frebelcoch had previously sold the west 30 feet of the lot in 1867. The Ohngemach Harness Shop is listed on the north side of the square, one door west of Evans, in May 1865 ads. Charles Ongemach was also involved in C. Ohnegemach & Brother Carriage and Wagon Works on N. Marion in this period. Charles Ongemach, maker & dealer in saddles, harness, saddlery, hardware, carriage trimmings, etc., continues to be listed on the north side of the square in 1871, 1874, and 1877 newspaper ads. A note on the town in 1856 from H.A. Burrell in 1909 says that Ohngemach's shop was roughly the location of an alley on the north side, leading to the livery barn and lumber yard to the north (Burrell 1909, Vol. 1: 527). In the September 27, 1871 article in the Washington Press entitled "Washington," he was noted as a harness maker in town for 12 years. The 1892 Sanborn map continues to show a one-story harness shop at this location, with was replaced by a two-story harness shop by the 1897 map. Charles Ohngemach was president of the Farmer's and Merchant's Bank when it organized in 1902 (Burrell 1909, Vol. 1: 374). The 1902 and 1909 Sanborn maps continue to show a harness shop here. Yockey Harness is listed at 114 W. Main in the 1910 city directory.

Charles Ohngemach then sold this building to Frial Jardon on April 9, 1913. The 1917 Sanborn map shows a clothing store here. A photograph from this period shows "Jardon" on the awning of this building.

Hannah Jardon et al sold the building to Marsh W. Bailey (lawyer) on February 14, 1920. The 1926 and 1932 directories list this storefront combined with the storefront to the east, with Graham's Department Store listed at 112-114. In 1935, they are listed at 110-114 W. Main. The 1931 Sanborn map shows a store here, with doors between 114 and 112, as well as 112 and 110. Crone's Jack Sprat Store is listed only at 114 in the 1941 city directory. They moved here by 1939 from 101-103 N. Marion. The 1943 Sanborn map shows 114 as separate, with 110-112 remodeled and combined as a single store.

Mary E. Bailey sold the building to W.L. and Flicta Rukgaber on April 22, 1943. They had moved Rukgaber Hardware from the west side to 116-118 W. Main in fall 1936, immediately to the west. While it may have provided potential for future expansion, it was used for rental income. Crone's Market was still listed here in 1952. In 1956, the county extension service had their office here. Rukgabers sold the hardware store and both buildings to Zelinsky in 1948. Erma Zelinsky closed Zelinsky Hardware at 116-118 W. Main in the late 1950s. In 1964, Zelinsky Gifts is listed here.

Swift's Realty was here in 1989. It is currently part of the Latta, Harris, Hanon & Penningroth, CPA office to the west at 116-118 W. Main.
9. Major Bibliographical References


Newspaper advertisements, various years/dates, on microfilm at Washington Public Library:
   Washington Evening Journal
   Washington Gazette
   Washington Press

Patterson, Mary. Collection of historic images of Washington. Washington, IA.


Ohngemach Building Washington
Name of Property County

114 West Main Washington
Address City

Location map

2009 aerial photograph (Washington County) – line indicates survey/research area boundary
Ohngemach Building  
Name of Property  

114 West Main  
Address  

Washington  
City  

Building plan (from assessor’s website)
Ohngemach Building  Washington
Name of Property  County
114 West Main  Washington
Address  City

Historic images

North side of square around 1910 (Patterson collection).

North side of square around 1918 (Patterson collection).
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**Digital photographs**

*Photograph 92-00541-001 - South elevation, looking north (McCarley, September 20, 2011)*