Site Inventory Form  
State Inventory No. 92-00539  
☒ 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 Richards Brothers Building  
   other names/site number North Side Cafe, Winga's Cafe, Downtown Survey Map # DT-124  

2. Location  
   street & number 106 West Main  
   city or town Washington  
   vicinity, county Washington  
   Legal Description: (If Rural) Township Name Township No. Range No. Section Quarter  
   (If Urban) Subdivision Original Plat Block(s) Lot(s) 7 E 22 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)  
   ☐ site  
   ☐ structure  
   ☐ object  
   ☐ Total  
   Number of Resources within Property  
   ☐ If Non-Eligible Property Enter number of:  
   ☐ If Eligible Property, enter number of:  
   ☒ Contributing  ☐ Noncontributing  
   buildings 1  ☒ buildings  
   ☐ sites  
   ☐ structures  
   ☐ objects  
   ☒ Total 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)  
   ☒ 02E05 Hardware  
   ☐ 02G01 Restaurant - cafe  
   Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)  
   70 Vacant  

7. Description  
   Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)  
   ☒ 09F05: Commercial / brick front  
   ☐ 05B Italianate  
   Materials (Enter categories from instructions)  
   foundation 04: Stone  
   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 ☐ 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.
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  02: Architecture

Significant Persons
Architect/Builder
Architect
Builder

Significant Dates
Construction date  1872  X check if circa or estimated date

Other dates, including renovation

Significant Person

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)

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See continuation sheet for additional UTM references or comments

11. Form Prepared By
name/title Michael Kramme, commission member Rebecca L. McCarley, consultant, Davenport
organization Washington Historic Preservation Commission date May 27, 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
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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: ___________________________
Richards Brothers Building - 106 W. Main St - State #92-00539 - Map #19 ~ 1 contributing building (A and C) - 1872 - Italianate

Historic information:
7-1872 - Richards brothers (J.R. & L.C.) are excavating for their block on north side; 10-1872 - Aaron Hott – in Richard Bros fine new block on north side
1870s-1890s - Aaron Hott - stoves and tin shop, Hott & Son, 1897 - hardware store and tin shop
c.1900-c.1912 - T.J. Dempsey - lunch room and billiards, c.1913-c.1928 - G.E. Cook's Café and Bakery
1928-1940s - North Side Café (John Winga)
2012 - vacant

Architectural information:
Height: 2 story
Walls: brick
Storefront: 1962 - storefront remodel by M. Cach Glass Co (Cedar Rapids) - aqua panels, large glass windows, aluminum canopy
Windows: 1/1 windows in original arch openings
Architectural details: window hoods, bracketed cornice
Architect/Builder: -
Modifications: -

7. Narrative Description

This two-story brick Italianate building faces W. Main Street and Central Park to the south. The storefront was remodeled per plans/permit of the M. Cach Glass Co from Cedar Rapids in 1962. It has aluminum framed windows and entry with aqua blue panels under the windows, along the sides of the entries, and across the top of the storefront. The second story has three tall arch windows, which originally had two-over-two-light double-hung sashes. Each window has a decorate stone hood with keystone and stone sill. The windows have been replaced with square windows, and the arch at the top has been infilled. The windows have non-original shutters. The building has a simple metal cornice supported by four evenly spaced brackets. The upstairs contains an apartment and the main floor is for commercial use. The north façade (facing the alley) is brick and concrete. The building has a one-story rear addition. Four windows have been infilled with concrete block. There is one door in the center.
Richards Brothers Building appears to contribute historically and architecturally to the Washington Downtown Historic District.

M.W. Lewis owned part of this lot when transfer books started to be kept. On May 8, 1869, he sold the east 22' (106) of Lot 7 to Robert Lewis. Robert Lewis then sold this property in July 1872 to J.R. and L.C. Richards. Both were involved with the early bank history of Washington, and J.R. Richards was cashier for the Washington National Bank in 1871. The Washington Press notes on July 24, 1872 that the Richards brothers are excavating for their block on the north side. On October 16, 1872, the newspaper reported that Aaron Hott was in Richard Brothers' fine block on the north side. Per the Press on September 27, 1871, Hott had his stove in Washington for 15 years, and he also had a first class tin shop. On January 20, 1876, L.C. transferred his interest to J.R, and then J.R. sold the property in February 1876 to R.T. Wilson. The 1885 Sanborn map lists the building as housing “stoves”. The 1892 map lists a tin shop at the rear of the building. Hott & Son's apparently continued to operate here through this period.

On March 15, 1894, the property was sold to Thomas Dempsey. The Demsey family continued to own it through the 1940s. In 1897, it was listed as a hardware store, with the tin shop still located at the rear, and a barber shop listed on the second floor. An ad in the newspaper on May 1, 1900 notes T.J. Dempsey's lunch counter and billiards on the north side. The 1902 Sanborn maps shows it as a lunch room, with billiards and a bowling alley in the rear. The 1910 city directory lists it as T.J. Dempsey’s Lunch Room. Around 1913, G.E. Cook established his business here. The 1926 directory lists Cook's Cafe & Bakery at 106 W. Main.

John Winga Sr. opened for business as the North Side Café on April 18, 1928. North Side Cafe is listed here in the 1932, 1935, and 1941 directories. In 1935 it became Iowa’s first air-conditioned restaurant. By 1943, it was Winga's North Side Café, and by 1952, it became Winga's Cafe. John Winga operated the restaurant until 1976 when it was continued by his son. John Winga Jr. continued to operate the restaurant until June 30, 2006. At that time, it was Iowa’s oldest continuing family operated restaurant. The restaurant continues to operate under new owners on the north side.


Richards Brothers Building  Washington
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listed by Duncan Hines as recommended stop for travelers – recently new floor covering – cup of coffee just inside door


The building has been vacant since 2006.

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.


Richards Brothers Building

106 West Main

Location map

2009 aerial photograph (Washington County) – line indicates survey/research area boundary
Richards Brothers Building  Washington
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Building plan (from assessor's website)
Richards Brothers Building | Washington
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**Historic images**

North side of square in early 1900s (Patterson collection).
Richards Brothers Building
Name of Property: Washington
Address: 106 West Main
City: Washington
County: Washington

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North side of square in late 1930s (Patterson collection)
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Building in 1971 (Wagner 1971).
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**Digital photographs**

Photograph 92-00539-001 - South elevation, looking northeast (McCarley, September 20, 2011).
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Photograph 92-00539-002 - Detail of storefront, looking north-northeast (McCarley, September 20, 2011).