Site Inventory Form

State Inventory No. 92-00662  ☑ New  ☐ Supplemental
State Historical Society of Iowa

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   Fields Motor Company Warehouse
other names/site number   Downtown Survey Map # DT-082

2. Location

street & number   115 North Second 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) ______  Lot ______  ______

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

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Name of related project report or multiple property study (Enter “N/A” if the property is not part of a multiple property examination).

Title

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)  Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

02E01: auto showroom/warehouse  04: Government - garage/storage

7. Description

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

foundation  10B: Concrete block
walls (visible material)  10B: Concrete block
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

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Significant Dates
Construction date 1949
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)
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See continuation sheet for additional UTM references or comments

11. Form Prepared By
name/title Michael Kramme Rebecca L. McCarley, consultant, Davenport
organization Washington Historic Preservation Commission date April 9, 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 entry. 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: ___________________________
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.

**Fields Motor Company Warehouse - 115 N. Second Ave - State #92-00662 - Map #29 ~ 1 contributing building (A and C) - c.1949 - warehouse - arch roof**

**Historic information:**
- 1949 - property bought by J.W. Fields - built warehouse for Fields Motor Company (111-123 E. 2nd St to north); c.1949-1950s - Fields Motor Company Warehouse
- 1970s - warehouse for Furniture Distributors
- 1977-2010s - Washington County owned - garage/storage
- 2012 - Washington County garage/storage

**Architectural information:**
- Height: 1 story
- Walls: concrete block
- Storefront: -
- Windows: metal 16-light
- Architectural details: arch roof
- Architect/Builder: -
- Modifications: -

7. **Narrative Description**

This building is a concrete block warehouse with an arch roof. It retains original metal windows. The warehouse is sited at the rear of a lot at 115 N. 2nd Ave, though a separate parcel associated with the business/building to the north at 111-123 E. 2nd Street. The building is separate from the building/s to the north, with a large entry on the north side. The east side has the arch roof profile with three sixteen-light metal windows. The center sections appear to open. The south side faces the alley, and it has a large vehicular entry, pedestrian entry under a metal window, and two sixteen-light metal windows. The west side is similar to the east side with three sixteen-light metal windows.

8. **Narrative Statement of Significance**

The Field Motor Company Warehouse appears to contribute historically and architecturally to the Washington Downtown Historic District.

The concrete block corner building at 121-123 E. 2nd Street served as the garage for J.W. “Bud” Fields from 1924 through the 1950s, with his business expanding into the building to the west at 111-115 W.
Fields Motor Company Warehouse  Washington
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115 North Second Ave.  Washington
Address  City

2nd Street by 1945. Bud’s Garage is listed here from 1924 to the 1940s. The business evolved to the Fields Motor Company by the middle of the 1940s, and they then occupied the buildings from 111-123 E. 2nd Street. They are the only listing for this location through the 1950s, with Fields Motor Company listed as 117 E. 2nd Street. An article on the history of the company in 1953 notes that J.W. “Bud” Fields had been in the same location since 1924, starting in the 60 by 60 foot corner building and now occupying the full 60 by 120 foot, with a rear addition of 60 by 64 feet for a warehouse. With the expansion and addition, the building facade had been stuccoed and new modern windows installed.


The 60 by 64 foot warehouse appears to be this building at 115 N. 2nd Avenue. On April 28, 1949, Mollie Therion sold J.W. Fields the south half of Lot 2, where this building sits. This concrete block building with an arch roof was then likely built in 1949. Fields continued to use the building for his business through the 1950s.

Fields owned it after his business closed, selling it to Furniture Distributors for use as a warehouse on July 8, 1974. Furniture Distributors Inc. sold it on March 17, 1977 to the American Legion. They owned it briefly, selling it on August 1, 1977 to Washington County. The county continues to use it for a garage/storage building.

9. Major Bibliographical References


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

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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)**

![Building plan](image)

**Historic images**

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Digital photographs

92-00662-001 - South and east elevations, looking northwest (McCarley, September 20, 2011)
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92-00662-002 - West and south elevations, looking northeast (McCarley, September 20, 2011)