Site Inventory Form

State Inventory No. 92-00587 [New] [Supplemental]
Part of a district with known boundaries (enter inventory no.) 92-00349
Relationship: [X] 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 International Company
other names/site number Piper Garage, Downtown Survey Map # DT-104

2. Location

street & number 102 E. Third Street
city or town Washington
vicinity, county Washington
Legal Description: (If Rural) Township Name ________________________________ Township No. ______ Range No. ______ Section ______ Quarter ______
(If Urban) Subdivision __________ North addition ______ Block(s) ______ Lot(s) ______ parcel A

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
[ ] structures sites 1 sites
[ ] objects structures 1 structures
[ ] Total objects 1 objects

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)
02E01 Auto Showroom 02E Specialty Store (bicycles)
02A07 Implement Dealer

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions) Materials (Enter categories from instructions)
09 Commercial foundation
walls (visible material) 03: Brick
roof 08B Rolled Asphalt
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)
[X] Yes [ ] No [ ] More Research Recommended A Property is associated with significant events.
[ ] Yes [X] No [ ] More Research Recommended B Property is associated with the lives of significant persons.
[ ] Yes [X] No [ ] More Research Recommended C Property has distinctive architectural characteristics.
[ ] Yes [X] 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.
- F A reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- B Removed from its original location.
- G A commemorative property.
- C A birthplace or grave.
- D A cemetery

**Areas of Significance** (Enter categories from instructions)

05: Commerce

**Significant Dates**

- **Construction date**
  - 1925
  - □ check if circa or estimated date
  - Other dates, including renovation

**Significant Person**

Complete if National Register Criterion B is marked above

**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
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1 |  |  | 2 |  |  
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□ See continuation sheet for additional UTM references or comments

**11. Form Prepared By**

name/title: Mary Patterson, Chair
organization: Washington Historic Preservation Commission
date: March 29, 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: ___________________________
Washington International Company - 102 (100-104) E. Third St - State #92-00587 - Map #38 ~ 1 contributing building (A) - c.1925 - early 20th century commercial

Historic information:
1926 - Piper Garage (Chrysler)
1929 - Washington International Company opened - name changed to McCormick-Deering Store by 1935 - farm machinery sales and repairs; 1938 - Smart & Parrish bought store - continue as McCormick Deering dealer
1938-41 - Smart & Parrish Implement Company, 1941-c.1960 - Smart Implement Company (International Harvester dealer - tractors, farm equipment, refrigerators/freezer)
1961-1970s - Town & Country Plymouth
1994-2010 - Rider Sales
2012 - Rider Sales (bicycles)

Architectural information:
Height: 1 story
Walls: block
Storefront: large windows - partially covered
Windows: -
Architectural details: brick columns and brick detail on frieze
Architect/Builder: -
Modifications: Historic: -; Non-historic: windows partially covered

7. Narrative Description

The building is a large brick commercial one-story structure. It was built as an auto dealer, though used for many years as an agricultural implements store. The brick building has simple brick detailing typical of its 1920s construction, with inset rectangular panels and corbel rows. The entire building is painted white. It has large display windows on the south side and south portion of the west side. The south side faces 3rd Street, and it has an entry, large display window opening with two large windows and clad transom, large display window opening clad in siding, and a transom window opening clad in siding. The upper portion of this side is also clad in metal siding. The west side faces a (historic) parking area and N. Iowa Ave to the west. The side is roughly divided into three sections. The south third has a side entry, covered double-hung window opening, and two large display windows with transom areas clad in siding. The center section has a vehicular entry with two historic window openings on either side, which have been partially filled in. The north third is similar with a center vehicular entry and two historic openings on either side. The east side has no openings.
8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The Washington International Company appears to contribute historically to the Washington Downtown Historic District.

The building has a long history as a part of the agricultural industry of the region. The 1917 Sanborn map shows that an earlier house at this corner has been demolished, leaving a vacant lot. On October 27, 1920, Frances Eicher sold the property to R.E. Schultz (Schulty?), less a strip on the west side deeded to the City of Washington for right of way. On December 22, 1923, he then sold the property (then Lot 10, less the strip) to T.L. Brookhart (lawyer). The block was replatted in 1925, and this parcel became "A." On February 9, 1928, Parcel A was transferred by T.L. Brookhart (trustee) to Washington Loan and Trust Company.

The 1926 city directory lists Piper Garage, Chrysler sales and service, at 102-104 E. 3rd Street. The Washington International Company was listed here in 1929 and 1932. By 1935, it had become the McCormick-Deering Store. The 1941 directory lists Smart & Parrish Implement Company at 102-104 E. 3rd St. It then evolved to the Smart Implement Company, which was still here in 1953 and continued to be run by Bill Smart. Smart advertised home freezers sold here as well in May 1955. The 1956 city directory lists the International Harvester Store, which is noted as also carrying McCormick products.


The building then returned to its original use, with Town & Country Plymouth advertising here in May 1961 as the newest Plymouth dealer in town. They remained here in 1976, celebrating 15 years in business.

Washington International Company  Washington
Name of Property  County

102 E. Third Street  Washington
Address  City

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 diagram](image-url)
**Historic images**
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Evening Journal, July 1, 1976, p105
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Digital photographs

Photograph 92-00587-001 - West and south elevations, looking northeast (McCarty, September 20, 2011)
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Photograph 92-00587-002 - Detail of brick on west elevation, looking northeast (McCarley, September 20, 2011)
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Photograph 92-00587-003 - South and east elevations, looking northwest (McCarley, September 20, 2011)