State Inventory Form

State Inventory No. 92-00500  □ New  □ Supplemental
State Historical Society of Iowa
(November 2005)

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  Dougall Bros Café
other names/site number  Iowa Frontier Café, Downtown Survey Map # DT- 050

2. Location

street & number  112 North Iowa
city or town  Washington  □ vicinity, county  __________
Legal Description: (If Rural) Township Name  Township No.  Range No.  Section  Quarter of Quarter
(If Urban) Subdivision  Original Plat  Block  __________  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  Historical Architectural Data Base Number

6. Function or Use

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

02Go1 Cafe  02E10 Appliance Store  02G02 Restaurant

7. Description

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

09F Commercial  foundation

walls (visible material)  02F Board and batten

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)

Significant Dates

- Construction date: 1939, 1973
- Check if circa or estimated date

Significant Person

(Complete if National Register Criterion B is marked above)

Significant Person

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)

1. Zone Easting Northing  Zone Easting Northing
   2. Zone Easting Northing
   3. Zone Easting Northing

See continuation sheet for additional UTM references or comments

11. Form Prepared By

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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/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:
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.

**Dougall Bros Café - 110-112 N. Iowa Avenue - State #92-00500 - Map #41 ~ 1 non-contributing building - c.1939, c.1973 clad - 1970s commercial**

**Historic information:**
- c.1940-1950s - Dougall Bros Café
- 1960s - Iowa Café
- 1970s-2000s - Iowa Frontier Café
- 2012 - Frontier Family Restaurant

**Architectural information:**
- Height: 1 story
- Walls: clad - brick veneer on tile block
- Storefront: -
- Windows: -
- Architectural details: -
- Architect/Builder: -
- Modifications: Historic: -; Non-historic: c.1973 - south addition and façade cladding

### 7. Narrative Description

The original one-story building on the north portion of this lot was expanded with an addition to the south and remodeled with a new facade around 1973. The facade has vertical board and batten siding. The entry is off center to the north, into the original building, and two sets of three vertical windows are found on the south addition. A pent roof shake shingle canopy runs the length of the facade. The alley (north) elevation is brick with four small high rectangular windows. This is the original c.1939 wall of the building.

### 8. Narrative Statement of Significance

Although the building has a long history of housing various stores and restaurants, it is counted as non-contributing in the Washington Downtown Historic District due to the c.1973 cladding of the entire facade of the building, as well as the south addition. If this cladding were removed, it would be recommended that the building be reassessed for contributing status, though the addition may preclude reclassification.
Sanborn maps show that two earlier buildings sat on the north 44’ of Lot 5. The 1885, 1892, 1903 and 1909 Sanborn maps list a billiard parlor at the 112 site. The 1931 map shows a 22’ wide one-story building with a marble shop at 112 and a smaller store building at 110. Hebner Monuments and marble works were located here from at least the 1880s to the 1930s, when Charles Hebner died. Both buildings were then demolished prior to 1943. The north 22’ of Lot 5 was sold to Bertha Dougall on June 21, 1939. The assessor lists a 1939 construction date for the building on this portion of the lot. The 1943 Sanborn maps shows a new tile block building with brick veneer on the north 22’ of the lot, with the adjacent portion to the south vacant.

The building appears constructed for a restaurant, which is the use shown on the 1943 Sanborn map. Hugh A. Dougall opened The Iowa Lunch Room at 121 N. Iowa on March 7, 1916. He also ran the North Side Cafe for some years in this period, until John Winga bought it in 1928. The 1941 directory lists both the Iowa Lunch Room and Dougall Bros. Cafe at 121 N. Iowa Ave. Per a 1953 article, the Dougall Brothers Cafe on N. Iowa was located in a building built by uncle Hugh Dougall, who had operated the Iowa Lunch room for many years across street in building now Washington Cafe (121 N. Iowa). They would be celebrating their 13th anniversary on March 1, which would place the opening date of the restaurant as March 1, 1940 (“Washington is Served by Many Fine Restaurants,” Washington Evening Journal, 60th Anniversary Edition, February 27, 1953, page 82). The 1943 Sanborn map also shows “printing” in the basement, and Frazier & Campbell Printing is listed in the basement of 112 in the 1941 city directory. The 1956 city directory continued to list the Dougall Brothers Cafe at 112 N. Iowa. In the 1964 directory, the Iowa Cafe is listed here.

The 1971 photograph of the block continues to show this building on the north 22’ feet of the lot, with open space to the south between 112 N. Iowa and 104-108 N. Iowa. The assessor lists 1973 as the date of the construction of the south half of the building. The entire facade then appears to have been clad in the vertical wood siding. A 1976 photograph of the building likewise indicates that the Iowa Frontier Cafe has been here since 1962, and the building was enlarged and remodeled in 1973. The Iowa Frontier Cafe is listed here through the 1980s and into the 2000s. In 2012, it was the Frontier Family Restaurant.
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]
Dougall Bros Cafe | Washington
---|---
Name of Property | County
112 North Iowa | Washington
Address | City

**Historic images**

*Evening Journal, July 1, 1976, p67*
Dougall Bros Cafe

Name of Property: Dougall Bros Cafe
County: Washington

Address: 112 North Iowa
City: Washington

Digital photographs

Photograph 92-00500-001 - North and west elevations, looking southeast (McCarley, September 20, 2011)