Site Inventory Form

State Inventory No. 92-00504  ☒ 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 Washington Oil Company

other names/site number Sueppel's Phillips 66 Station, Downtown Survey Map # DT-043

2. Location

street & number 125 North Iowa
city or town Washington

Legal Description: (If Rural) Township Name Township No. Range No. Section Quarter of Quarter
(If Urban) Subdivision Original Plat Block(s) Lot(s)

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)

| 13D07 Gas Station | 02B04 Insurance office |

7. Description

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

| 09F Commercial Arts & Crafts | foundation 10 Concrete |
|                            | walls (visible material) 06 Stucco |
|                            | roof 08A Asphalt shingle |
|                            | 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 Person

(Complete if National Register Criterion B is marked above)

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

organization: Washington Historic Preservation Commission

date: May 24, 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 Oil Company - 125 N. Iowa Avenue - State #92-00504 - Map #45 - 1 contributing building (A and C) - c.1922 - Craftsman gas station

Historic information:
- 1921 - Washington Oil Company opened in Washington at E. Washington then moved here - here by 1926 and through early 1930s - moved to 220 E. Washington in 1934
- 10-1934 - Leo Sueppel opened Phillips station; 1940s-50s - Sueppel's Phillips Station
- 1960s - Sueppel's Cities Service
- 1970s - Suppel 66 Station
- 2012 - Farm Bureau Financial Services

Architectural information:
- Height: 1 story
- Walls: concrete block - stucco
- Storefront: -
- Windows: some 7/1 light wood windows
- Architectural details: gable-roof canopy over pumps, rafter tails, wide eaves
- Architect/Builder: -
- Modifications: Historic: 1962 - two service bay addition to south (28 by 30); Non-historic: 1996 - rear addition

7. Narrative Description

The one-story structure has been refaced with stucco, but all of the major features are evident. It is a modified Arts and Crafts style gas station. A large portico supported by two, square pillars extends from the facade, historically over the pumps in front of the building. The base for the pumps remains. The portico has a gable roof with three triangular brackets and a small semi-circular multi-light window. Exposed rafter tails are found under the eaves on either side. The facade of the main side-gable section of the building has a center entry between two windows. The north window is smaller than the south window. The south window has six-over-single-light double-hung sashes. A six-over-single-light double-hung window is also located on the north and south sides of this section. To the south of the main structure is a double-bay garage addition, added in 1962. A rear addition was also added around 1996.
8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The Washington Oil Company appears to contribute historically and architecturally to the Washington Downtown Historic District. While several small gas stations are extant in the area, many have been substantially modified, and this one retains one of the highest levels of integrity.

On April 11, 1895, Albert Hayes transferred the property to Caroline Hayes, who sold the north 54' to James Casey on October 1, 1896. The 1897 map shows a livery on the north 54 feet, with an office and feed store in this two-story building on the south 22 feet of the north 76 feet. Della Casey acquired the remaining part of Lot 2 from N.A. Crawford on March 3, 1905. The Caseys operated a livery barn here for several years. On July 15, 1918, James Casey and wife transferred the property (north 54' of Lot 1 and all of Lot 2, except 4' strip) to Martin Casey. He then sold the same property to R.L. Lytle and Carlton C. Wilson on March 2, 1920.

This gas station was then built in the next couple years, and it is shown on the 1931 Sanborn map. The Washington Oil Company opened for business at 120 E. Washington in 1921 and then moved to this new station. They are listed here in the 1926 city directory. Washington Oil Company continued to be listed here in the 1932 directory, and then they moved to 220 E. Washington. In October 1934, Leo Sueppel established his Phillips station here. The 1935 directory lists Phillips Petroleum here, and an ad for Sueppel in May 1937 notes that he sold Phillips brand fuels. Sueppel's Phillips 66 Station is then listed here in 1941, 1952, and 1956. In 1960, Leo Sueppel Jr took over the business from his father. In 1964, it is listed as Sueppel's Cities Service Station. A 1976 photograph shows it as Sueppel's 66 Station.
Washington Oil Company

Name of Property: 125 North Iowa

Address: 125 N. Iowa

City: Washington

County: Washington

line of service for auto service – line of Phillips 66 gasolines and oils – in business since October 15, 1934 – 125 N. Iowa


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)
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### Historic images

![Washington Oil Company](image-url)

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Leo Sueppel Sr. started in business in this location in 1934. His son, Leo Jr., took over the service station in 1960. This business has been in the same location for 42 years.

Leo Sueppel Jr. station - *Evening Journal*, July 1, 1976, p89
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**Digital photographs**

Photograph 92-00504-001 - East and north elevations, looking southwest (McCarley, September 20, 2011)
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Photograph 92-00504-002 - Detail on east elevations, looking southwest (McCarley, September 20, 2011)
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Photograph 92-00504-004 - North elevation, looking south (McCarley, September 20, 2011)