**Site Inventory Form**

**State Historical Society of Iowa**  
(November 2005)

**State Inventory No.** 92-00495  
**New** ☑ Supplemental  
☐ Part of a district with known boundaries (enter inventory no.)  
☐ 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)  

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1. **Name of Property**

   historic name  Hotle Feed and Grain Company  
   other names/site number  Downtown Survey Map # DT-001  

2. **Location**

   street & number  214 North Avenue B  
   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)  South 52 feet of lot 4  

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)  
   ☑ district  
   ☑ site  
   ☑ structure  
   ☑ object  

   **Number of Resources within Property**  
   Enter number of:  
   If Non-Eligible Property  
   If Eligible Property, enter number of:  
   Contributing  
   Noncontributing  
   buildings  
   sites  
   structures  
   objects  
   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)  
   02E Specialty Store - feed and grain dealer  
   **Current Functions** (Enter categories from instructions)  
   02E: Specialty Store - electrician  

7. **Description**

   **Architectural Classification** (Enter categories from instructions)  
   09F06: Commercial - gable front  
   **Materials** (Enter categories from instructions)  
   foundation  
   10B: poured concrete  
   walls (visible material)  
   05E: Aluminum  
   roof  
   05F: Steel  
   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  
   ☑ Yes ☑ No ☑ More Research Recommended  
   ☑ Yes ☑ No ☑ More Research Recommended  
   ☑ Yes ☑ No ☑ More Research Recommended  
   ☑ Yes ☑ No ☑ More Research Recommended  
   A  Property is associated with significant events.  
   B  Property is associated with the lives of significant persons.  
   C  Property has distinctive architectural characteristics.  
   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 1945
☐ check if circa or estimated date
Other dates, including renovation 1970s?

Areas of Significance


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 

10. Geographic Data

UTM References (OPTIONAL)

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☐ See continuation sheet for additional UTM references or comments

11. Form Prepared By

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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: ______________________
Hotle Feed and Grain Company

Washington

214 North Avenue B

Washington

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 was collected, and it was determined that this building did not fall in the final district boundary.

7. Narrative Description

This is a large gable-oriented building that has been clad in various types of siding/cladding, likely over different periods of remodeling efforts. The building faces S. Avenue B to the west. Two large single-light windows are centered on the first story, with a store entry to the north and a large overhead garage door to the south. The first story is clad in a pebble panel material with battens, and the upper gable portion is clad in vinyl siding. An older window in the gable retains a four-light lower wood sash, though the upper portion has been converted to a vent. The south (alley) side has three smaller windows and two overhead garage doors. The lower wall and portions above and below the windows have pebble panel siding, while metal siding covers the remainder of this side. Exposed rafter tails are found under the eaves on the south and north sides. The north side is primarily covered in corrugated metal siding, as is the rear (east side). The roof is also clad in metal.

8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The Hotle Feed and Grain Company has been clad in pebble panel and aluminum siding, obscuring any historic features on the walls of the building. The overall gable-roof form and rafter tails remain visible. The windows and door have also generally replaced. Thus, it does not appear that this building retain sufficient integrity to be contributing in the Washington Downtown Historic District, and it has been excluded from the boundary as it is on the north edge.

This building sits on the south 52’ of Lot 4 in Block 4. Sanborn maps shows two small one-story buildings on this portion of Lot 4 in 1902, 1909, and 1917, used for carpentry and/or painting through this period. A house sits on the north portion of the lot, and they were likely associated with the resident of the house. On February 20, 1899, Lot 4 was sold to Harry Shrader, who was a contractor in Washington. He appears to have initially lived here and then moved to W. Washington. The 1930 census lists Harry, age 70, building/house carpenter/contractor, with wife Laura, age 61. Laura Shrader then sold this property to Bessie O. Bush on September 1, 1937. Cyrus and Bessie Bush lived at 427 S. 4th Ave in the 1930 and 1940 census records, and he was proprietor of a retail feed store. The Bush Feed Store was located at 210 S. Iowa in the 1930s and 1940s.

The assessor lists c.1934 as the date of construction for this building. However, the 1943 Sanborn map shows the earlier north one-story building on the lot, rather than this full building that extends south to
the alley. It is noted as a general repair shop. The address is 214 N. Avenue B. The only directory listing identified for this address is the Hotle Feed & Grain Co., located here per the 1964 city directory. Long & Hotle, dealers in Foxbil and Cargil feeds, is noted as 1.5 blocks north of the courthouse in a May 18, 1946 newspaper ad. Hotle Feed and Grain is also listed as on N. Avenue B in the *Washington Evening Journal*, 60th Anniversary Edition, February 27, 1953, page 18. Thus, it appears that perhaps this building was constructed around 1945 as a feed store, perhaps taking over Bush’s business and moving it to this location. Bessie O. Bush’s estate (will) transferred Lot 4 to Cy Bush on November 9, 1964 (change of title). Hotle Feed and Grain Company then bought this property in December 1965. They appear to have also operated in a building across the street during all or part of this period.

9. Major Bibliographical References


Newspaper advertisements, various years/dates, on microfilm at Washington Public Library:

*Washington Evening Journal*
*Washington Gazette*
*Washington Press*

Hotle Feed and Grain Company
Name of Property
214 North Avenue B
Address
Washington
County
City

Location map

2009 aerial photograph (Washington County) – line indicates survey/research area boundary
## Hotle Feed and Grain Company

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### Building plan (from assessor's website)

![Building plan](image)

### Historic images

none identified
Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs
State Historical Society of Iowa

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Digital photographs

Photograph 92-00495-001 - West and south elevations, looking northeast (McCarley, September 20, 2011)
Hotle Feed and Grain Company                      Washington
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Address                                          City

Photograph 92-00495-002 - North and west elevations, looking southeast (McCarley, September 20, 2011)