State Inventory Form

State Inventory No. 92-00585  ☑ New  □ Supplemental

State Historical Society of Iowa

(November 2005)

Part of a district with known boundaries (enter inventory no.) 92-00349

☑ 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 County Jail and Sheriff's Residence

other names/site number Downtown Survey Map # DT-116

2. Location

street & number 221 West Second Street

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) 7 Lot(s) Lots 3 & 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) Number of Resources within Property

☑ building(s)

If Non-Eligible Property

Enter number of:

If Eligible Property, enter number of:

Contributing Noncontributing

☐ district

buildings 2 buildings

☐ site

sites

structures

objects

Total 2 Total

☐ structure

☐ object

6. Function or Use

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

04C01: police station 04E: government office – 911 communications

04C02: jail

01: Domestic

7. Description

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

foundation 10B: poured concrete

walls (visible material) 10A: block 03: brick

roof 08B: rolled asphalt

other

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 archaeology or history.
County: Washington  
Address: 221 West Second Street  
Site Number: 92-00585  
City: Washington  
District Number: 92-00349

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)

02: Architecture

26: Politics/government

Significant Person

(Complete if National Register Criterion B is marked above)

Architect/Builder

Architect: Powers and Associates (Iowa City)
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: Stacy A. Nielsen, volunteer  
organization: Washington Historic Preservation Commission  
date: May 6, 2012

street & number: City Hall – 215 E. Washington St  
television: 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: 
Washington County Jail and Sheriff's Residence - 221 W. Second St - State #92-00585 - Map #13 ~ 2 contributing buildings (A and C) - 1965-66, also 1940s garage - modern (1960s)

Historic information:
(1880s-1960s - earlier sheriff's residence and jail)
1965-66 - new county jail and deputy sheriff's residence constructed - open house on 5-21-66
1976 - remodeled for joint county/city communications center - Public Safety Center
2012 - Communications Center

Architectural information:
Height: 1 story
Walls: brick
Windows: rectangular single light windows
Architectural details: horizontal modern lines with overhanging roof
Architect/Builder: Powers and Associates (architect, Iowa City)
Modifications: Historic: -; Non-historic: 1976 - residence (east) portion remodeled for joint sheriff/police offices and communication center

Garage - 1 story tile block, 3 single-car garage doors on south - built in 1940s

7. Narrative Description

This one-story building has a poured concrete foundation and walls constructed of concrete block with red brick veneer. Main entry is centered on the north (W. Second) side of the building. The east side of the building consists of offices and the communications center. Modern windows have replaced the originals. The west side of the building holds the jail with long, narrow, grated windows running around the top. There is a fire escape door on both the south and west sides of the jail. The flat roof extends with wide eaves trimmed in aluminum out from the building, giving the building a style characteristic of its 1960s construction.

A one-story tile block garage sits behind the jail at the southeast corner of the property. It was built 15-20 years prior to the new jail. It has three single-car garage doors on the south side.
Washington County Jail and Sheriff's Residence

8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The Washington County Jail and Sheriff's Residence appears to contribute historically and architecturally to the Washington Downtown Historic District. The tile block garage along the alley also contributes to the historic district.

Sanborn Maps from 1885 to 1943 show an older dwelling (sheriff's residence) with the jail attached to the rear. The lot to the east has a one-and-one-half-story garage built in the 1910s on it. This garage was replaced with the current tile block garage after 1943. It was built here 15-20 years prior to the construction of the new jail.

This old jail and sheriff residence did not pass inspections by the early 1960s, condemned by the county grand jurors. Thus, plans were made for a new building, with architects Power and Associates of Iowa City selected for the design. The design was for a modern building, with a jail wing on the west and the deputy sheriff's residence on the east. On November 3, 1964, a $110,000 bond issue was voted on and passed by the county residents. Final plans were made and bids were advertised. However, the bids initially came in at a combined total of $127,000 and were rejected. Bids were finally awarded in May 1965 for a total of $102,688: general to H. Eugene Smith of Mt. Pleasant for $57,111, mechanical to Carson Plumbing and Heating for $19,979, electrical to Robert Miler for $3,365, and jail equipment to Southern Steel of San Antonio, TX for $22,233. On Saturday May 21, 1966, an open house was held for the new jail and deputy sheriff's residence. It was described as an attractive modern building on the exterior and a hard jail on the interior. The residence portion was noted as well decorated by the sheriff's wife ("Proposed New County Jail Building," Washington Evening Journal, October 27, 1964, 4; "Supervisors reject bids on new jail," Washington Evening Journal, March 24, 1965, 1; "The New Jail," Washington Evening Journal, May 23, 1966, 4).

In 1974, the sheriff's office moved from the courthouse into this building. In 1976, the building underwent an extensive interior remodel to convert the living quarters into offices for both the sheriff and the Washington Chief of Police (Ken Bauer), along with a joint radio communications center. The police retained separate identity, paying rent to the county for the office space. The new Public Safety Center was opened in April 1976. ("Public Safety center new," Bicentennial Edition, Evening Journal, July 1, 1976, 17; Fisher 1978: 324). In 1977, a new radio tower and communications console were installed, and new communications equipment was installed in 1980.
9. Major Bibliographical References


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

- Washington Evening Journal
- Washington Gazette
- Washington Press

Washington County Jail and Sheriff's Residence

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Location map

2009 aerial photograph (Washington County) – line indicates survey/research area boundary
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Building/site plan (from assessor's website)
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Historic images

*Evening Journal, July 1, 1976, p16*
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Digital photographs

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Photograph 92-00585-006 - South elevation with garage at right, looking north (McCarley, November 15, 2011).
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Photograph 92-00585-007 - South elevation of east section, looking northwest (McCarley, November 15, 2011).
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Photograph 92-00585-008 - Tile block garage, looking northeast (McCarley, November 15, 2011).
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Photograph 92-00585-009 - Tile block garage, looking southwest (McCarley, November 15, 2011).