Site Inventory Form  
State Inventory No. 92-00562  
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 Dewey Jewelry  
other names/site number Downtown Survey Map # DT- 020

2. Location

street & number 113 S. Marion Avenue  
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) _____ Lot(s) _____ Lot 5 – N 22’ – also S 4” 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  
If Non-Eligible Property  
If Eligible Property, enter number of:  
Contributing  
Noncontributing  

Entry number of:  
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)  
02E06 Commerce / specialty store / jewelery store  
02E05 Commerce / specialty store / hardware  

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)  
02G02 Commerce / restaurant

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)  
09F05 Commerce: brick front  
05B: Italianate  

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)  
foundation 04 Stone  
walls (visible material) 03 Brick  
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)

05: Commerce

02: Architecture

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: 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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4 — — —

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 entry.

   Photos/illustrations without negatives are also in this site inventory file.

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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: __________________________
Dewey Jewelry - 113 S. Marion Avenue - State #92-00562 - Map #60 ~ 1 contributing building (A and C) - 1883 - Italianate

Historic information:
(1860s - P.J. Sheldon, jewelry - Union Block)
1883 - fire on west side of square - S.B. Dewey built new brick jewelry store here
1900s - notions/hardware; 1910 - Turner Hardware, 1917 - variety store
1926 - Goodin Undertaking, 1933-c.1940 - Rukgaber Hardware
1941 - National Tea Store, 1950s - Coast to Coast
C.1960 - Osincup Drug Store expanded store into 113 as well as 115 - here until 1986
1989 - Iowa Computer Solutions
2012 - Taste of China

Architectural information:
Height: 2 story
Walls: brick
Storefront: remodeled - aluminum doors and windows - older door to upper story with transom at right
Windows: 1/1 windows (replaced)
Architectural details: cornice with brackets, window hoods, oriel window added c.1910
Architect/Builder: -
Modifications: Historic: c.1910/15 - oriel window added; Non-historic: storefront remodel

7. Narrative Description

This is a two-story brick commercial building painted creamy yellow. The storefront has been remodeled with a flat expanse of plate glass windows. A glass and aluminum door is flush with the glass and slightly left of the center. On the north end is a wood door leading to a second story apartment. Violet and black metal siding has been used around the windows. The former transom is covered with a sign, “Chinese Buffet.” The second story has a rectangular oriel window with a wood bulkhead. Sanborn maps show it was added between 1909 and 1917. It has three double-hung windows on the east side, and one on each side. There is a one-over-one double-hung window to the right of the oriel window which has a decorative hood with shoulders. The Italianate cornice has widely spaced brackets with small brackets and rectangle detail between them. Despite the window hood similarities between this building and the one to the south at 115, the cornices are different.
Dewey Jewelry  Washington
Name of Property  County

113 S. Marion Avenue  Washington
Address  City

8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The Dewey Jewelry store building appears to contribute historically and architecturally to the Downtown Washington Historic District.

P.S. Sheldon purchased the property prior to the time transfer records were dated, and operated a jewelry store at this location in the Union Block, according to ads in the 1857 *Washington Press*. Union Block appears to have included at least the three storefronts to the north as well, later remodeled in 1908. He continues to be advertised as located on the west side of the square in 1862, 1865, and 1868, offering watches, clocks, jewelry, silverware, musical instruments, fancy goods, toys, and perfumery. In 1868, Sheldon sold the property to Thompson and Scofield. Thompson Jewelry is then listed here in 1871 and 1874. An 1877 *Washington Press* ad says H.F. Steck, having bought out J.A. Thompson, opens a jewelry store on the west side of the square. Property records show that the building was sold by Scofield to Leonard Smouse in 1882, and that he sold it the following year to S.B. Dewey. In the *Press* of 1885, ads appear for Dewey Jewelry on the west side.

Fire struck the west side of the square in February 1883, burning the jewelry store of Seneca B. Dewey as well as the other buildings from the south corner to Stewart's Drug Store. Dewey had moved from the south side to the frame building on the west side in 1882, which was then destroyed by fire. A new brick building was immediately built at a cost of $6,500, and he reopened in this location (*Portrait and Biographical Album of Washington County* 1887: 381; Fisher 1978: 121). The 1885 Sanborn map shows a jewelry store at this location. The 1897 Sanborn map shows a new & 2nd hand store here. The property continued to be owned by Dewey until his death, and then it transferred to Nora Dewey in November 1921.

The 1902 Sanborn map shows "notions" here, and the 1909 map shows both hardware and notions. The 1910 city directory lists Turner Hardware at this address. The 1917 Sanborn map shows it occupied by a variety store, and the addition of a rectangular oriel window. According to the 1926 telephone directory, Goodin Undertaking is located here. The 1935 city directory lists Rukgaber Hardware at this address. Walter Rukgaber moved Rukgaber Hardware to Washington from Winfield in 1933, locating on the west side of the square. The *Journal* in 1936 noted that he ran a modern hardware store (interior photo also, *Evening Journal* – Washington County Centennial Celebration – July 1936 - page 43). He moved to the north side of the square by 1941. In the 1941 directory, National Tea Food Store is at 113 S. Marion. By 1952, ads show that it is occupied by the Coast to Coast Store. The opened on the north side of the square around 1931 and moved to 107 S. Marion around 1936, and then moved south to this location at 113 S. Marion in the 1940s.

*Evening Journal* – Centennial Celebration – August 1939 - page 65 – Coast to Coast Stores – west side of square – Al Goddard – nationally organized – independently owned – paint, auto accessories, tires, radios, hardware

organized – locally owned – automotive, hardware, farm supplies, paints and finishes, plumbing and heating, sporting goods, electrical goods, housewares, home furnishings, toys and gifts, home appliances


In 1989, Iowa Computer Solutions was located here, in the double 113-115 S. Marion storefront. The current occupant is Taste of China restaurant, which also occupies the double storefront of 113-115.

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*
Dewey Jewelry
Name of Property
113 S. Marion Avenue
Address
Washington
City

115 - 113
(later combined)
Dewey Jewelry  Washington
Name of Property  County
113 S. Marion Avenue  Washington
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Historic images

West side of square around 1910 (after 1908 remodel of buildings to north of 113) (Patterson collection)
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West side of square in 1930s - bay window added (Patterson collection)
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Building in 1971 (Wagner 1971)
Dewey Jewelry  Washington
Name of Property  County

113 S. Marion Avenue  Washington
Address  City

Digital photographs

Photograph 92-00562-001 - East elevation, looking west (McCarley, September 2011)