Site Inventory Form

State Historical Society of Iowa

(November 2005)

1. Name of Property

historic name Ralph M. Smith Memorial Bandstand

other names/site number Downtown Survey Map # DT-100b

2. Location

street & number 120 W. Washington
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)

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)

08D03 Bandstand

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7. Description

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

foundation 10B Poured concrete

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.
County: Washington  City: Washington
Address: 120 W. Washington  District Number: 92-00349
Site Number: 92-00490

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
1952

Check if circa or estimated date

Other dates, including renovation
2010

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

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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:
Ralph M. Smith Memorial Bandstand

120 W. 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 bandstand was counted as a feature in Central Park, as noted below:

Central Park - 100 W. Washington - State #92-00493 - Map #100 ~ 1 contributing site, 2 contributing objects, 1 non-contributing building, 1 non-contributing structure, 1 non-contributing object

Historic information:
1839 - Block 13 designated as public square in original plat
1880s - improvements for park
1931 - monument dedicated to Civil War veterans by Women’s Relief Corps
1939 - Centennial Fountain installed in center of park (replaced earlier fountain)
1952 - Ralph M. Smith Memorial Bandstand built
1976 - statue of George Washington placed for bicentennial
1984 - restrooms built
2010 - bandstand rebuilt (reused back wall)
2012 - Central Park

7. Narrative Description

The 1952 bandstand was demolished except the back wall in 2009. A new one was built incorporating the original back wall in 2010. The new bandstand has a much larger performance area, off stage storage and dressing areas and a roof over the performing area. The front panel replicates the architectural base of the Centennial Fountain. The columns supporting the roof match the brickwork of the rest of the structure.

8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The original bandstand on this site was built in 1952. It was at least the third bandstand in Central Park. It was built as a memorial to Ralph M. Smith, and funds from his estate also contributed to the construction of the new library in 1953. The bandstand has always been a focal point for local celebrations and band concerts. The demolition of the majority of the structure in 2010 as part of a rebuilding effort has left only the band wall of the original structure. Due to this major project, the bandstand no longer retains sufficient integrity to be individually eligible or contributing in the Washington Downtown Historic District.
Ralph M. Smith Memorial Bandstand

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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

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Digital photographs

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Photograph 92-00490-004 - Original wall in rebuilt bandstand, looking northeast (McCarley, September 20, 2011)