1. Name of Property

historic name  Brown's Super Service Station

other names/site number  Downtown Survey Map # DT-143

2. Location

street & number  120 E. Washington Street

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)  Lot 8 E 38.6'

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

- ☐ site  buildings

- ☐ structure  sites

- ☐ object  structures

- ☐ objects  objects

- ☐ Total  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)  Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

- 14D07 Transportation / gas station  02A01 Commerce / Business / office

7. Description

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

foundation

walls (visible material)  02D Wood/plywood/particle board

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.
- E A reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- B Removed from its original location.
- F A commemorative property.
- C A birthplace or grave.
- G Less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.
- D A cemetery

**Areas of Significance**

(Enter categories from instructions)

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(Complete if National Register Criterion B is marked above)

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**Significant Person**

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**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**

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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:
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[ ] 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: ____________________________
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 is taken from the table in the August 2012 draft of the nomination, with additional information documented on the property and photographs in the following sections.

Brown's Super Service Station - 120 E. Washington - State #92-00599 - Map #83 ~ 1 non-contributing building
- c.1927, 2008 - gas station (clad)

Historic information:
c.1927 - gas station built in place of earlier 2-story building, 1928-1939 - Brown's Super Service Station (Bill Brown)
1939-46 - Brown & Orr Courtesy Corner (Don Orr and Edsall Brown); 1946-1950s - Brown's Courtesy Corner (Edsall Brown)
1989 - Midwest Federal Savings and Loan
2012 - David C. Bruns (Edward Jones agent)

Architectural information:
Height: 1 story
Walls: brick - clad
Storefront: -
Windows: aluminum
Architectural details: exterior clad
Architect/Builder: -
Modifications: Historic: -; Non-historic: 2008 - exterior remodel

7. Narrative Description

This is a one story building located on the northwest corner of the intersection of E. Washington and S. 2nd Ave. It was remodeled in 2008. The facade is composed of several sections set at an angle, and faces the intersection diagonally. This footprint is historic and perhaps the only indication that this is a historic gas station with significant later remodeling. The entry door is centrally located, with a large window on each side. There is another large window to the left of the entry, and a narrow window at each end of the facade. A low stone wall with a concrete cap defines the courtyard in front of the building, which is where the gas pumps sat historically. The stone surface continues across the facade and secondary facade, ending slightly higher than the stone wall. The windows descend below the top of the stone facade. The remainder of the facade above the stone is wood panels with batten strips. The secondary (east) facade is sided with the same wood panels and battens. At the rear of the building, there is a secondary entry door. All the openings have steeply pitched fabric awnings supported by thick wood bracing.
8. Narrative Statement of Significance

Due to the recent exterior remodel, Brown's Super Service Station is counted as non-contributing in the Washington Downtown Historic District. The work obscured the historic features and materials of the facade, though the overall unique shape of the building remains intact.

The 1917 Sanborn map shows a large two-story building used as a garage on this corner. This building was demolished with the current building constructed by the 1931 Sanborn map. The footprint shows the angled facade facing the corner, with a square section to the north for auto service. Winfield Smouse sold the east part of Lot 8 to Jessie Dougherty in February 1925. Wittrig Harness Shop is still listed at 120 E. Washington in the 1926 directory, in the earlier building. Bill Brown moved his auto business here in 1928, and Brown's Super Service Station is listed here in ads and directories in the 1930s. He moved to a new location in 1939. The station was continued here as Brown & Orr Courtesy Corner, under Don Orr and Edsall Brown. In 1946, Edsall Brown bought out his partner, and he bought the building from Jessie Dougherty. Brown's Courtesy Corner is then listed here through the 1950s.


The 1964 directory lists The Garden Shop at 120 E. Washington. In 1968, the Capitol Savings and Loan Association moved to this location, and they remodeled the building (Bicentennial Edition, Evening Journal, July 1, 1976, 71). In 1989, Midwest Federal Savings and Loan was here. The building was remodeled again in 2008.

The name Courtesy Corner is still used locally to identify the building, although the current occupant is the David C. Bruns Office.
9. Major Bibliographical References


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

- Washington Evening Journal
- Washington Gazette
- Washington Press

Brown's Super Service Station
Name of Property

120 E. Washington Street
Address

Washington
City

Location map

2009 aerial photograph (Washington County) – line indicates survey/research area boundary
Brown's Super Service StationWashington
Name of PropertyCounty
120 E. Washington StreetWashington
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Building plan (from assessor's website)
Brown's Super Service Station

120 E. Washington Street

Brown's Super Service Station

Always Ready to Serve You—At the Station or on Emergency Calls.
—Bill Brown, Paul Lytle, John Roth.

Evening Journal, July 1936 centennial edition, p49
Brown's Super Service Station | Washington
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120 E. Washington Street | Washington

*Evening Journal, July 1, 1976, p71*
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**Digital photographs**

![Image of Brown's Super Service Station]

Photograph 92-00599-001 - East elevation of the building, looking west (McCarley, September 20, 2011)
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**Photograph 92-00599-003 - East and north elevations, looking southwest (McCarley, September 20, 2011)**