Site Inventory Form
State Inventory No. 92-00518
☑ New ☐ Supplemental
☑ 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 Columbian Block

other names/site number Downtown Survey Map # DT- 061

2. Location

street & number 200-202-204 South Iowa 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) Parcels A, C, B

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

☐ district Enter number of:

☐ site

☐ structure

☒ object

Total

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) Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

02B03: law office, 02E03: dry goods, 11D01: pharmacy
02G01: cafe, 04F: Post Office, 02E11: grocery,
08A02: movie theatre, 02E: specialty store (auto parts & tires), 02E09: furniture, 02E: specialty store (plumbing)
02E08: laundry

02E: specialty store: gifts & cards
02B04: insurance office.
02A: business: dance studio

7. Description

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

05D: Queen Anne foundation 04C: limestone

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 archaeology 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 Dates
Construction date _1893_
Other dates, including renovation

Significant Person
(Complete if National Register Criterion B is marked above)
Architect/Builder
Architect
Foster and Liebbe of Des Moines, Iowa
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
1 __ __ __ 2 __ __ __
3 __ __ __ 4 __ __ __
☐ See continuation sheet for additional UTM references or comments

11. Form Prepared By
name/title Stacy A. Nielsen, volunteer Rebecca L. McCarley, consultant, Davenport
organization Washington Historic Preservation Commission date July 18, 2012
street & number City Hall – 215 E. Washington St telephone 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: ______________________
Columbian Block - 200-202-204 S. Iowa Avenue - State #92-00518 - Map #90 ~ 1 contributing building (A and C) - 1893 - Queen Anne

Historic information:
1893 - Winfield Smouse built Columbian Block - 3 bow windows on west and 4 on north - corner tower - cream and granite brick; 1897 Sanborn map - restaurant (200), dry goods (202 - Mercer & Chilcote Dry Goods), post office (204 - also here pre-fire)
c.1899-c.1953 - Lemmon's Pharmacy (200); 1904-1907 - I Rothschild & Co - dry goods (202), 1910 - McCall Grocery (202); 1910 - Dr. D. Arthaud (204 1/2)
1919-1940s - Johnson's Grocery & Market (202); 1924-30s - Kurtz Royal Market (meat) (204); 1920s-40s - Dr. Preston Etter - osteopathic physician (204 1/2)
1940s - Firestone auto supplies (204) (Pickens / Livingston / Bell & Gevock); 1952 - Gamble Store (202); 1955-56 - Stone's Furniture (202);
c.1953-1990s - Schoonover Drug (200); 1964 - Econo-Wash (202); 1950-1970s+ - Zager Plumbing & Heating (204)
2012 - Country Market Gift Shop (200), Stairway to Stars (202), Freeman Insurance (204)

Architectural information:
Height: 2 story
Walls: brick (cream)
Storefront: original iron columns - thin iron column - "Wilde", wide iron columns (name?) - intact with remodels
Windows: 1/1 aluminum
Architectural details: oriel windows, corner tower, brackets/cornice
Architect/Builder: -
Modifications: Historic: -; Non-historic: storefront remodels

7. Narrative Description

This is a two-story, three-storefront brick commercial building that sits at the southeast corner of S. Iowa and E. Washington, diagonal across from Central Park. The building has a stone foundation. The building has a corner tower on the 200 section, two rounded oriel windows (on the 202 and 204 section) on the west side, and three rounded oriel windows on the north side. The five oriel windows are identical, and the decorative detail carries over to the corner tower as well. The corner tower has a conical metal roof. The building has an elaborate metal cornice with arch "brackets" and triangular pediments with large brackets above each of the oriel windows.
Columbian Block

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The west elevation consists of the three storefronts along S. Iowa. The 200 (corner) storefront was remodeled in the 1950s or 1950s, and the entry is chamfered at the corner. Buff brick and aluminum windows were installed, not quite the full height of traditional retail storefront windows. The transom area is clad in panels, and an aluminum canopy extends across the west side and wraps around the north corner. The second story has the corner tower as noted above, with paired one-over-one-light double-hung windows to the south. They have flared jack arch brick lintels with connecting bands and separate stone sills. The 202 (middle storefront) retains original metal columns, though later storefront windows and centered entry. The columns are not identical, with the left column wider with different decorative detail than the other three columns. This column sits to the right of the upper story entry, and perhaps historically an identical column was found on the other side of this entry, later remodeled with brick. The manufacturer stamp on the wide column could not be read, and "Wilde & Co" is noted on the other three columns - a local foundry in Washington in the 1890s. The second story has the oriel window with pediment as noted above, with a one-over-one-light double-hung window to either side with flared jack arch brick lintel and stone sill. The general configuration of the 204 section is the same as 202. The storefront has been rebuilt/remodeled, and it has a central entry with large windows to either side. The transom area is mostly covered, though a section reveals underlying prism glass. The oriel window and pediment are centered on the second story. A one-over-one-light double-hung window with flared jack arch brick lintel and stone sill is located to either side of the oriel window. The windows on this section have been replaced with smaller sashes with the upper section filled with a panel.

The north side of the building extends along E. Washington. The first story openings have large soldier full arches with dark red/brown edge accents and stone sills. The majority of the openings have been filled in with brick. Three entries were found along this side, with only the rear (east) entry remaining with a door. The wide window to its east also retains a single-light sash and arch transom. The second story has the three oriel windows with pediments as noted above, and a pair of windows are found to the left of each oriel window. The paired windows have one-over-one-light double-hung sashes, flared jack arch brick lintels, and stone sills.

The east side of the building extends along the alley. Historic photographs show a connection over the alley from the second story (offices) of this building to the second story of the building to the east. The connection was not flush with the north side of the building, but setback slightly, and the location has been filled in with brick since the connection was demolished. A set of stairs extends up to a door in this section. A one-over-one-light double-hung window sits to the north of this infilled section. Window and door openings along the alley are set under segmental arch brick lintels. Two entries with newer doors are found on the first story, and three one-over-one-light double-hung windows and a covered window are found on the second story of the remainder of this rear side.
8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The Columbian Block, built by Winfield Smouse in 1893, contributes historically and architecturally to the Washington Downtown Historic District.

This building sits on the former site of the first Graham Opera House. The opera house opened in February 1886 and burned on November 23, 1892, displacing not only the community’s opera house but several local business. In February of 1893 the “Graham Opera House Company” started immediately to raise funds once again to raise a new opera house to be built on the block to the east at 123 W. Washington Street. Local businessmen Winfield Smouse purchased the three lots that held the original opera house block. The Press on May 24, 1893 notes that Winfield Smouse will build a very ornate corner building...three bow windows to the west, several on the north, tower at corner..." The Press on May 31, 1893 notes that the exterior had "two kinds of outside brick, cream and granite colors respectively..." The building was topped with a galvanized iron cornice and trimmings. It was referred to as the Columbian Block in contemporary newspapers. The year of construction was the year of the Columbian Exposition in Chicago. Through the years a variety of businesses have been located at 200-202-204 South Iowa.


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Evening Journal, April 26, 1913, 2 – ad – Windsor Grocery – Harry McCall – photo of interior


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Address: 204 South Iowa

This portion of that property was sold to A & J Anderson in December 1892. The post office was in the Graham Opera House block when it burned, and it appears this storefront was constructed for the post office. “Post Office” is noted as the occupant on the 1897, 1900, and 1902 Sanborn maps. The ad for I. Rothschild in 1906 notes he is next to the post office, and Dr. D Arthmaud is listed above the post office. On January 20th of 1917 J.T. Anderson sold his undivided ½ interest in the property to Absolom Anderson. Sanborn map of this same year use of the building is identified at “Motion Pictures”. No ads or directory listings for this use in our research of this time period. Telephone directory of 1926 lists “Kurtz Market” doing business in this location, and they were here through the 1930s. The Telephone directory of 1941 lists “Pickens For Tires” selling auto supplies. On May 31, 1946 an ad ran in the Washington Evening Journal announcing the opening of “B & G Livingston Auto Supplies – formerly Pickens For Tires” at 204 South Iowa Avenue. A Washington Evening Journal “Professional Directory” mentions Dr. P.L. Etter, Osteopath, practicing out of an office above the store in in 1935. On June 10, 1947 Marion Gray Slavick, executor of Absolom Anderson's estate, sold the property to Charles Anderson and Marian Gray Slavick. They in turn sold the property to a Lewis Zager on August 19, 1947. "Bell & Gevock Auto Supplies” ran an ad in the May 3rd, 1949 issue of the Washington Evening Journal. Lewis Zager sells the property to Delbert Zager on July 5, 1949. In 1950 and 1964 “Zager Plumbing” is listed in city directories here. Ownership records do not changes again until 1991.

Evening Journal, Progress Edition, October 1933 - Kurtz Market – was Barrett & Link – bought out in 1908 – Kurtz & Dankwart – moved one door south of present location in 1917 – Kurtz took over – moved to 204 S. Iowa nine years ago (1924) – Frank and Boice Kurtz – meat market – also line of groceries (204 S. Iowa - #92-00518)


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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

Patterson, Mary. Collection of historic images of Washington. Washington, IA.


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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

Postcard looking north on S. Iowa from 200 block - building at right (Patterson collection)
Columbian Block Washington
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Address City

Postcard showing building in c.1950s (Patterson collection)
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Collage of photos showing the north side of building in 1971 (Wagner 1971)
Columbian Block  Washington
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Digital photographs

Photograph 92-00518-001 - North and west sides, looking southeast (McCarley, September 20, 2011)
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Photograph 92-00518-003 - Detail of 204 section, looking east (McCarley, September 20, 2011)
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Photograph 92-00518-004 - East and north sides, looking southwest (McCarley, September 20, 2011)
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Photograph 92-00518-005 - 200 and 202 storefronts, looking southeast (McCarley, September 20, 2011)
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Photograph 92-00518-006 - 202 storefront, looking northeast (McCarley, September 20, 2011)
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Photograph 92-00518-007 - Detail of stamp on left column on 202 storefront, looking east (McCarley, September 20, 2011)
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Photograph 92-00518-008 - Middle column of 202 storefront, looking east (McCarley, September 20, 2011)
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Photograph 92-00518-009 - Detail of stamp (Wilde & Co) on middle column on 202 storefront, looking east (McCarley, September 20, 2011)