Site Inventory Form
State Historical Society of Iowa
(November 2005)

State Inventory No. 92-00605
☑ 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 Commercial building

other names/site number Downtown Survey Map # DT- 153

2. Location

street & number 117 – 119 W. Washington 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) Lot(s) Lot 3 – W 34’

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

If Eligible Property, enter number of:

Contributing Noncontributing

If Non-Eligible Property Enter 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)

02E Commerce / specialty store - boots & shoes

02E11 Commerce / grocery store

02A08 Commerce / laundry or dry cleaners

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

02B Commerce / professional / insurance office

02E Commerce / specialty store

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

09F05 Commercial: Brick Front

05D Queen Anne

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

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 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)
- Commerce
- Architecture

Significant Person
(Complete if National Register Criterion B is marked above)

Significant Dates

Construction date 1860 check if circa or estimated date
Other dates, including renovation c.1892 facade

Narrative Statement of Significance (SEE CONTINUATION SHEETS, WHICH MUST BE COMPLETED)

Bibliography See continuation sheet for citations of the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographic Data

UTM References (OPTIONAL)

Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing
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☐ See continuation sheet for additional UTM references or comments

11. Form Prepared By

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organization Washington Historic Preservation Commission date April 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 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: ____________________________
Commercial building - 117-119 W. Washington - State #92-00605 - Map #105 ~ 1 contributing building (A and C) - c.1857, c.1892 façade - Queen Anne

Historic information:
117: c.1862-1871 - Shilling Grocery (J.W. Schilling), c.1871-c.1884 - Ferguson & Sons Grocery; 1885 - grocery, 1890s-1900s - millinery
119: Wagner owned - J.L.L. Terry, harness maker; c.1877-1919 - J.A. Harwood Shoes; 1919-c.1940 - J.A. Harwood & Son Shoes (Will Harwood)
117: 1915-2008 - Washington Cleaners (Wisie Long, then Floyd Prescott, then Keith Crossett, then Phil Crossett)
2012 - State Farm (117), Verizon Wireless (119)

Architectural information:
Height: 2 story
Walls: brick
Storefront: two storefronts - 117 remodeled, 119 - older center door
Windows: 1/1 wood
Architectural details: oriel windows - 2, decorative metal cornice, brickwork
Architect/Builder: -

7. Narrative Description

In the 1890s, a new facade covered five storefronts, from 117 to 125 W. Washington Street. Tan brick covers all five facades, and they share a continuous metal cornice and the same window design and details, with somewhat different storefronts. All five of the addresses sharing this common c.1892 facade appear on the 1868 Bird's Eye View drawing of Washington, and they appear to be three brick buildings, with three rooflines. The east building is 117-119 W. Washington, the middle single building is 121 W. Washington, and the west building is 123-125 W. Washington. Thus, their history has been documented on three separate Iowa Site Inventory forms. No information has been identified specifically on the remodeling of these buildings, but the style and detail is consistent with downtown buildings constructed in the 1891-1892 period. The remodeling was completed after the construction of the L. Smouse Block at 101-103 W. Washington in 1891 and prior to 1913, per historic photographs.
The earlier double building at the east end currently has addresses of 117 and 119 W. Washington. The storefront at 117 W. Washington is aluminum and glass installed at a slight angle to the recessed entry on the right side of the facade. There is a metal clad bulkhead below the two display windows. Between the 117 and 119 storefronts is a secondary entry with transom providing access to the second story of both halves of this building. The storefront at 119 W. Washington has a centrally located wood door with large window recessed several feet from the sidewalk. There are display windows on each side of the entrance, and also in the alcove where the entry door is located. The bulkhead is concrete. The transom is covered with wood. Above each of the storefronts is an oriel windows with angled sides. Each of the oriel windows has three one-over-one-light double-hung windows and decorative detail in the bulkhead and frieze. These two windows are identical and match the windows on the double building at the other end of this set at 123-125 W. Washington. There is a metal awning on the bay window at 117 W. Washington, but not on the others. A one-over-one-light double-hung wood window is centered between the oriel windows and above the second story entry. It has segmental arch brick lintel and stone sill. Decorative detail is found on the wood arch of the window sash. The decorative metal cornice that continues across 121 and 123-125 crowns the building at 117-119 as well. It has a central rectangle over each storefront with a triangular pediment above the rectangle and ornamented pilasters/brackets on each side of the pediment and also at the division between the storefronts. There is a ball atop each pilaster, a fan design within the peak of the pediment, and an ornament on the peak. There are regularly spaced smaller brackets on the cornice as well.

8. Narrative Statement of Significance

This building appears to contribute historically and architecturally to the Washington Downtown Historic District.

All five of the storefronts sharing this common 1892 facade appear on the 1868 Bird's Eye View drawing of Washington, and they appear to be three brick buildings, with three rooflines. Transfer records in Washington before 1866 do not indicate the seller or date of sale, nor do they provide a detailed property description.

During this early period, J.W. Schilling owns part of Lot 3. When that property is sold in 1871, it is described as the portion of Lot 3 on which the 117 address sits (Com. 33 ft. W from NE cor. Lot 3 W 18 1/2 ft. S 132 ft. E 18 1/2 ft. N 132 ft.). Schilling Grocery is listed on the south side of the square in Washington Press advertisements in 1862 to 1871, which fits with the above ownership. Schilling (Shilling) sold the property to J.C. Ferguson on November 4, 1871. On May 3, 1874, attorney L.D. Chambers and milliner Mrs. Chambers advertised their location as about Ferguson & Son's Grocery on the south side of the square. On March 30, 1882, J.C. Ferguson sold the property to W.A. Moore, but then sold the same property to J.N. McKelvey on May 5, 1884. Occupants at 117 include a grocery (1885 Sanborn Map), a millinery and tailor shop (1897 Sanborn map), millinery (1902 and 1909 Sanborn maps).
Washington Cleaners opened in the 117 storefront in 1915, and the business occupied this location until 2008.


It is currently the State Farm Insurance office.

John Wagner owned part of Lot 3 and part of Lot 4 during the 1860s-1890s time period. The part of Lot 3 and Lot 4 owned by Wagner appears to be the 119 address, which straddles portions of these two lots. When it is transferred by Harriet Wagner, wife, in 1909, the description confirms the location. An ad in the 1868 Washington Press mentions J.L.L. Terry, harness maker, in Wagner & Bros. brick block, south side of the square. J.A. Harwood Shoes opened in the 119 storefront in the late 1870s, and the business evolved to J.A. Harwood & Son in 1919. Through this period, the Wagner family continued to own the building. Harriett Wagner sold it to Alberta Wagner in 1909, who then sold it to Charles and John Wagner in March 1942. Will Harwood continued the business after J.A.’s death, and it operated here until around 1940.


_Evening Journal_ – Centennial Celebration – August 1939, page 89 – Harwood’s – since 1876 – goods shoes for men, women, and children – Dr. Scholl foot health service


The 1941 city directory lists Warner & Bristow Shoes at 119 W. Washington. In the 1950s telephone directories, it is Rapp's Shoe Store (1952), Children's Wonderland Clothing Store (1956), and Davisson's Children's Clothing (1958). Davisson's is still there in the 1964 city directory. Currently, it is occupied by Verizon Wireless.

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.


Commercial building
Name of Property Washington
Address 117 – 119 W. Washington Street
City Washington

Location map

2009 aerial photograph (Washington County) – line indicates survey/research area boundary
Commercial building

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Address: 117 – 119 W. Washington Street
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Building plan (from assessor's website)
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**Historic images**

Looking through Central Park at south side of square, after 1891 construction of L. Smouse block at left (101-103) but before remodel of 117-119, 121, and 123-125 at right (west) end (Patterson collection)
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Building in 1910s (Patterson collection)
Commercial building Washington
Name of Property County
117 – 119 W. Washington Street Washington Address City

Building in 1920s (Patterson collection)
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Collage of photos of building in 1971 (Wagner 1971)
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