**Site Inventory Form**

State Historical Society of Iowa  
(November 2005)

**State Inventory No.** 92-00614  
☑ New  ☐ Supplemental  
☐ Part of a district with known boundaries (enter inventory no.)  
☐ 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) 2010

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### 1. Name of Property

**historic name**  White Way Garage

**other names/site number**  Tucker & Eicher, Downtown Survey Map # DT-146

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### 2. Location

**street & number**  221 (223-225) 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)

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### 3. State/Federal Agency Certification  
[Skip this Section]

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### 4. National Park Service Certification  
[Skip this Section]

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### 5. Classification

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**Name of related project report or multiple property study**  
(Note “N/A” if the property is not part of a multiple property examination).

**Historical Architectural Database Number**

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### 6. Function or Use

**Historic Functions**  (Enter categories from instructions)

- 14D09 - Road-related/automotive service or repair
- 02E01 auto showroom

**Current Functions**  (Enter categories from instructions)

- 99 - demolished – gravel lot

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### 7. Description

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

- 09F01: Commercial / brick front

**Materials**  (Enter categories from instructions)

- foundation
- walls (visible material) 03 – Brick
- roof
- other

**Narrative Description**  (See continuation sheets, which must be completed)

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### 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)

Significant Dates

Construction date
1917

☑ check if circa or estimated date
Other dates, including renovation

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
1    ______  ______   2    ______  ______
3    ______  ______   4    ______  ______

☐ See continuation sheet for additional UTM references or comments

11. Form Prepared By

name/title  Barb Swift - volunteer  Rebecca L. McCarley, consultant, Davenport

organization  Washington Historic Preservation Commission  date  4-9-2012

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:  ___________
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. This building was demolished during the course of the project.

### 7. Narrative Description

This one story brick building was demolished in 2010 following the collapse of the west wall. The facade was clad in aqua “cheese grater” metal above the windows and brushed aluminum vertical fluted siding from the windows to the sidewalk in the late 1960s, jointly with the building to the east at 215-217 W. Washington. There was a central entry door and several large plate glass windows. It was used as an auto show room and sales room. Along the west side (facing Avenue B) there was a garage door entry, a door, and several paired one-over-one light double-hung windows with segmental arch lintels. The roof was a barrel vault with rolled asphalt roofing. When the building collapsed, the roof trusses were exposed and noted to be laminated wood with cross bracing.

### 8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The site of this demolished building falls outside the boundary of the Washington Downtown Historic District.

In 1911, the Great White Way was built across Iowa and through Washington. This garage was built around 1916. The building first appears on the 1917 Sanborn map, and transfer records show that it was sold by Bert C. Smith to White Way Garage Company in April of 1916. Tucker & Eicher (Buick sales and service) and White Way Garage are both listed here. White Way Garage sold to property to W.S. Eldridge in 1920, and in 1935, it was sold by the sheriff to Carl Roberts. Ads for Tucker & Eicher Chevrolet are found into the early 1930s and then the name shifts to Tucker Chevrolet. It continued here into the late 1950s.

*Evening Journal*, April 3, 1926 - page 43 – Tucker & Eicher – White Way Garage – mechanics, gas, supplies, etc. – photo (7185)


*Evening Journal* – Centennial Celebration – August 1939 - page 45 – Tucker Chevrolet – sales – complete automobile service – Claude Tucker – large staff also listed

White Way Garage                                    Washington
Name of Property                                     County
221-225 W. Washington                                Washington
Address                                             City


In 1964, GEB Chevrolet is listed here in the city directory.

Perdock Inc., the most recent occupant, opened an auto dealership and repair service in both buildings some time in the late 1960s, cladding the facades of both buildings jointly. The building was then demolished following the collapse of the west wall in 2010.

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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State Historical Society of Iowa  

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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

Building in 1920s (from Michael Kramme)
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(Above, from left to right, Leslie Eicher, Harold Gray, Ceei Godwin, Carl Nicholson, John Naughton, Jack Planagan, Rodney Kephart, James DeWitt, Russel Edwards, Neillie DeWitt, Claude Tucker.)

*Evening Journal – Washington County Centennial Celebration - July 1936 - p21*
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Assessor photo from c.2008 of 215-217 jointly clad with 221-225 to the west/right
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**Digital photographs**

Photograph 92-00614-001 - North elevations of 215-217 and 221-225 W. Washington, looking southwest (McCarley, September 24, 2008)