Site Inventory Form

State Inventory No. 92-00612  ☑ New ☐ Supplemental
☐ Part of a district with known boundaries (enter inventory no.) _____________
☐ Contributes to a potential district with yet unknown boundaries
Relationship: ☑ Contributing ☐ Noncontributing
☐ National Register Status: (any that apply) Listed ☐ De-listed ☐ NHL ☐ DOE
☐ 9-Digit SHPO Review & Compliance (R&C) Number _____
☐ Non-Extant  (enter year) 2010

1. Name of Property

historic name  ___Cox Motor Company__ (1930 building)
other names/site number  ___Downtown Survey Map # DT-147___

2. Location

street & number  ___215 – 217 W. 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 _____________ 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
☐ building(s)
☐ district
☐ site
☐ structure
☐ object
If Non-Eligible Property  Enter number of:
If Eligible Property, enter number of:
☐ contributing buildings
☐ noncontributing buildings
☐ contributing sites
☐ noncontributing sites
☐ contributing structures
☐ noncontributing structures
☐ contributing objects
☐ noncontributing 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)
02E01 auto showroom  99 - demolished
14D09 auto repair and service

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)  Materials (Enter categories from instructions)
09F01: Commercial / brick front  foundation
______________________________
walls (visible material)  ______________
______________________________
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  Address: 215-217 W. Washington  Site Number: 92-00612
City: Washington  District Number: 92-00349

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)

Significant Dates
Construction date
1930 ☒ check if circa or estimated date
Other dates, including renovation

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

Significant Person
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)

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☒ 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

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: __________
Cox Motor Company (2) Washington

Name of Property County


Address City

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 of an adjoining building. The facade was aqua “cheese grater” metal above the windows and brushed aluminum vertical fluted siding from the windows to the sidewalk. There was large plate glass window on the left side of the facade, and a wood garage door with 12 small glass windows in two rows near the top of the door. It was used as an automobile repair shop in conjunction with the adjoining building.

8. Narrative Statement of Significance

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

The 1917 Sanborn map shows a house on this site, with a garage built to the west at 223-225 W. Washington. On July 30, 1927, W.W. McFarland sold Lot 3 to H.W. Raynor, which included the site of this garage as well as the rowhouse at 213 W. Washington (extant - see 92-00611). On January 23, 1930, H.W. Raynor and wife sold Lot 3 to E.R. Cox. This building first appears on the 1931 Sanborn map, replacing the earlier house on the west two-thirds of Lot 3. It is a one-story building with capacity of 20 cars, and a slight space is found between this building (215-217) and the earlier garage to the west (223-225). A repair shop extends across the rear of the building and continues slightly behind the house at 213 W. Washington, resulting in the current odd property line for 213. E. Ray and Mabel Cox lived in the house at 213 W. Washington from the 1930s to 1980s. The Cox Motor Company, in conjunction with the Studebaker Garage, opened here on March 1, 1930. Ray Cox had been in the auto service business since 1915, and the company was established in 1924. Cox Motor Company is listed at 112 W. 2nd Street in the 1926 city directory (see 92-00583-001). He moved the business here on March 1, 1930 (Evening Journal – Washington County Centennial Celebration – July 1936 - page 31). (Evening Journal – Washington County Centennial Celebration – July 1936 - page 31). The 1932 directory lists Cox Motor Company and Studebaker Garage at this location. In 1935, Cox Motor Company is listed here as well as Sweet Motor Company, which sold Studebakers. The 1940 census notes that Ray Cox (age 40) lived at 213 W. Washington with wife Mabel (age 41) and son Dean (age 17). Ray is listed as a mechanic at a retail auto establishment. Cox Motor Company then continued to be listed here at 217 W. Washington in the 1940s and 1950s. Additional information on Cox Motor Company includes:
Cox Motor Company (2) Washington

Name of Property County
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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. This one story brick building was demolished in 2010 following the collapse of the west wall of the adjoining building.

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
**Cox Motor Company (2)**

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**Building plan (from assessor’s website)**

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|   |   | 17| 38|   | 60|
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| 38 | 46 | 40 | 84 | 134 | BLDG1 [8911] |
|    |   | ADDN1 [16398] |   |   |   |
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**Historic images**

*Building in 1971 (Wagner 1971)*
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Assessor photo from c.2008 of 215-217 jointly clad with 221-225 to the west/right
Cox Motor Company (2)  
Name of Property: 215-217 W. Washington  
Address: 215-217 W. Washington  
City: Washington  
County: Washington

Digital photographs

Photograph 92-00612-001 - North elevations of 215-217 and 221-225 W. Washington, looking southwest  
(McCarley, September 24, 2008)
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Photograph 92-00612-003 - North elevation of 215-217 W. Washington, looking southeast (December 2, 2010)