

# Site Inventory Form

State Historical Society of Iowa

(November 2005)

State Inventory No. 92-00663

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 Calvin and Nora Long House

other names/site number Downtown Survey Map # DT- 051a

## 2. Location

street & number 220 N. Marion 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) 3 Lot(s) Lot 4 – N 110' (also N 110' W 6' Lot 3)

## 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

### Number of Resources within Property

If Non-Eligible Property

Enter number of:

— buildings  
 — sites  
 — structures  
 — objects  
 — Total

If Eligible Property, enter number of:

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>1</u>	—
—	—
—	—
—	—
<u>1</u>	—

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)

01A01 Domestic / Single Dwelling / residence

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

01A01 Domestic / Single Dwelling / residence

## 7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

05D Late Victorian / Queen Anne

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation 04C Limestone

walls (visible material) 02A Wood / weatherboard

roof 08A Asphalt / shingle

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.
- B Property is associated with the lives of significant persons.
- C Property has distinctive architectural characteristics.
- D Property yields significant information in archeology or history.

County Washington Address 220 N. Marion Avenue  
City Washington

Site Number 92-00663  
District Number 92-00349

**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

**Significant Dates**

Construction date 1890  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**

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organization Washington Historic Preservation Commission date March 27, 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**

- Map:** showing the property's location in a town/city or township.
- Site plan:** showing position of buildings and structures on the site in relation to public road(s).
- 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**

- Farmstead & District:** (List of structures and buildings, known or estimated year built, and contributing or noncontributing status)
- Barn:**
  - A sketch of the frame/truss configuration in the form of drawing a typical middle bent of the barn.
  - A photograph of the loft showing the frame configuration along one side.
  - 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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*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.*

**Calvin and Nora Long House - 220 N. Marion Avenue** - State #92-00663 - Map #54 ~ 1 contributing building (A) (house) and 1 non-contributing building (garage)

Historic information:

- c.1889-1912 - Calvin (blacksmith) and Nora Long - blacksmith/wagon shop on south 22' of lot
- 1912-1923 - Nancy Hayes Hodges (widow)
- 1923-36 - owned by Lillian (Lillie) Hayes - rental, 1936-1941 - owned by C.R. McCutchen (banker) - rental
- 1941-1960s - Wilbur and Dorothy Richardson (Wilbur was truck driver for transfer co in 1940)
- 1960s-1980s - Dorothy Richardson
- 1994-2012 - Gary and Linda Kron
- 2012 - house and garage

Architectural information:

- Height: house - 2 story
- Walls: frame - wood
- Storefront: -
- Windows: 1/1 windows
- Architectural details: decorative entry porch, bay window
- Architect/Builder: -
- Modifications: Historic: -; Non-historic: 1996 - garage built to south of house

## 7. Narrative Description

This is a two story, relatively simple T-plan house with Queen Anne influence. It has a steeply pitched, cross gable roof clad in metal roofing. The frame house is clad in wood siding, and it sits on a stone foundation. The main facade faces west, with the stem of the T-plan extending to the street. This section has two one-over-one-light double-hung windows on the first story and one one-over-one-light double-hung window on the second story. All windows are tall and narrow, appear to be original, and have wood surrounds. There are aluminum storm windows on the windows. The house has a small entry porch on the south side of this front section. The porch has a wood floor, original wood railing, turned post and balusters, three brackets, and flat cut trim at the ceiling. It appears that the original porch has been partly enclosed to form an entry vestibule. A one-over-one-light double-hung window is located on the west side of the south gable-roof section, above the entry area. The south side of the front section has a one-over-one-light double-hung window on the second story above the entry porch/vestibule. The gable-oriented south side section has a bay window on the first story with three one-over-one-light double-hung windows facing south and one on each side facing east and west. The bay window has decorative panels under the windows, decorative columns between the windows, and

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small decorative brackets at the roof. The second story has a one-over-one-light double-hung window. The north side, facing 3rd Street, has a one-over-one-light double-hung window on each story of the front section, and one one-over-one-light double-hung window on the first story and two one-over-one-light double-hung windows on the second story of the north gable-oriented side section. Several one-story sections are found on the rear (east) of the house. The first, hip-roof, main section appears to be original to the house, likely a kitchen. This section has a shed-roof addition on the south side, which is an enclosed side/rear porch. It sits on a rusticated concrete block foundation. This section has a side/rear entry and three later double-hung windows on the south side, and it has two similar double-hung windows on the east side. On the northeast corner of the house, there is an addition with a concrete slab foundation. A small one-story addition on a concrete foundation extends from the east of the original kitchen section.

A gable-oriented two-car frame garage built in 1996 sits on the south edge of the current property, north of the south section of the lot that has been broken off into a separate commercial parcel. The garage is clad in vinyl siding and sits on a concrete foundation. It has two single-car garage doors on the west side, and it has a pedestrian door and two windows on the north side facing the house. It is counted as non-contributing within the historic district.

## 8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The Calvin and Nora Long House is counted as contributing within the Washington Downtown Historic District, while the later garage on the property is counted as non-contributing. The falls within the boundary as it is between other contributing buildings, and Calvin Long is associated with the business history of Washington.

Alex Robertson bought Lot 4 in 1879. The 1880 census lists him as superintendent of the poor farm at age 64, with wife Margaret (age 60, matron of poor farm). The 1885 Sanborn map shows this corner as a vacant lot, with two small building further south on the lot. While it is possible that they built this house, it seems unlikely. On May 7, 1889, Margaret Robertson et al sold Lot 4 to Calvin Long. This house was then built by the 1892 Sanborn map, and the one-story blacksmith shop at the south edge of the lot has become a blacksmith and wagon shop. It is possible Long was the blacksmith here in 1885, then purchasing the property and building this house. The 1880 census lists him as a blacksmith at age 25 with wife Nora. The 1900 census lists Calvin C. Long (45, blacksmith) with wife Nora (41), daughter Cynthia (19), and son Lawrence (1). The 1910 census lists them as living at 220 N. Marion, Calvin and Nora Long, along with mother-in-law Mary Finney (82) and son Lawrence (11). According to H.A. Burrell: "Cal. Long, blacksmith, invented a wagon brake that brings him good returns" (Burrell 1909, Vol 1: 434).

On April 8, 1912, Calvin Long (single) sold Lot 4 and the west six feet of Lot 3 to Nancy Hayes Hodges. The 1920 census lists Nancy H. Hodges at 220 N. Marion. She is a widow at age 82. The 1917

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Sanborn map shows this house, with the building on the south part of the lot as a tin shop. She died, and her executor transferred the property to Lillian Hayes on November 27, 1923. The 1930 census lists Lilly Hayes (widow, age 59) living with her son Emmett at 807 W. Monroe. Thus, this house appears to have been converted to rental by this time.

On November 6, 1936, Lillie Hayes sold the property to C.R. McCutchen. He was one of the men who organized the Washington Federal Savings and Loan Association in 1934, and it was likely an investment for him. In 1941, he split the property, selling off the south 22' and small building separately from the north 110' and the house. The house was sold to Dorothy Richardson. City directories shows that the family lived here at 220 N. Marion by 1935, with Wilbur R. Richardson (trucker) listed here with wife Dorothy. Thus, they appear to have rented for several years and then purchased the property. The 1940 census lists Wilbur (44, truck driver for transfer line) and Dorothy (34) Richardson as living at 220 N. Marion with son Vernon (16), son Joe (7), daughter Patricia (3), and a lodger Don Ward (19, truck driver for transfer line). Wilbur Richardson is an independent trucker in the 1941 city directory. The 1943 Sanborn map continues to show the same footprint as in 1892 - T-plan house with a porch in the southwest corner, bay window on the south side, and a one-story rear section with a south porch. The 1952 and 1960 telephone directories continue to list Wilbur and Dorothy Richardson here. The 1964 city directory then only lists Mrs. Dorothy Richardson.

Dorothy Richardson died in 1987. The Richardson family continued to own this property until 1994.

The assessor lists 1996 as the construction date for the garage that sits to the south of the house.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

City/Telephone Directories, Washington. Various publishers, various dates. Available at the Washington Public Library.

Deed Records, Transfer Books, Auditor's Office, Washington County Courthouse, Washington, Iowa.

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*Washington Evening Journal*

*Washington Gazette*

*Washington Press*

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**Location map**



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

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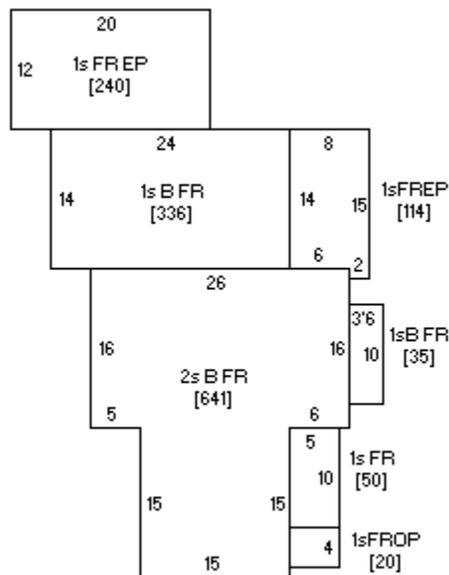
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### Building plan (from assessor's website)



### Historic images

none identified

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**Digital photographs**



Photograph 92-00663-001 - West and south elevations, looking northeast (McCarley, September 20, 2011)

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Photograph 92-00663-002 - North elevation, looking southeast (McCarley, September 20, 2011)

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Photograph 92-00663-003 - South and east elevations, looking northwest (McCarley, September 20, 2011)

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**Photograph 92-00663-004 - Garage, looking southeast (McCarley, September 20, 2011)**