

# Site Inventory Form

State Historical Society of Iowa

(November 2005)

State Inventory No. 92-00511

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- 054

## 2. Location

street & number 106 S. 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) 12 Lot(s) S 3" of Lot 2 and N 20' of 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:

If Eligible Property, enter number of:  
Contributing      Noncontributing

—	buildings	—	<u>1</u> buildings
—	sites	—	— sites
—	structures	—	— structures
—	objects	—	— objects
—	Total	—	<u>1</u> 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)

02E03 Commerce / specialty store / dry goods

02E Commerce / specialty store / antiques

11D01 Health Care / medical business / pharmacy

## 7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

09F05 Commercial: Brick Front

foundation \_\_\_\_\_

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.
- 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 106 S. Iowa Avenue  
City Washington

Site Number 92-00511  
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)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Significant Dates**

Construction date  
1872  check if circa or estimated date  
Other dates, including renovation  
1910s

**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

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**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.*

Commercial building - 106 S. Iowa Avenue - State #92-00511 - Map #74 ~ 1 non-contributing building - 1872, c.1910s, 1990s - early 20th century commercial

Historic information:

- 1872 - Adair Brothers built new drug store next to Williams Shoe
- 1880s-1890s - drug store
- 1903-1917 - Snouffer, Hughes, and Company (Harry I. Ward as manager in 1907)
- 1917-c.1937 - H.I. Ward and Company; 1937-c.1940 - Hanson Company
- c.1940-1943 - Helman's Style Shop; 1943-c.1950 - Rockwood's, c.1950-1960s - Duncan's Shop for Women
- 1971 - The Essex (women's clothing)
- 2012 - Antique Mall

Architectural information:

- Height: 2 story
- Walls: brick
- Storefront: remodeled - aluminum with center entry and large windows
- Windows: windows clad in siding
- Architectural details: light brick façade
- Architect/Builder: -
- Modifications: Historic: c.1910s - new façade brick (or rebuilt), c.1950s - metal panels installed on façade (removed in 1980s); Non-historic: storefront remodel, 2000s - siding in window openings

## 7. Narrative Description

This is a two-story brick commercial building with a central entry set deeply into the building, with display windows on each side. The door is glass with aluminum. The floor of the entry area is small ceramic tile. The display windows have a single large light facing the street, two large lights on each side of the entry area, and two additional lights on either side of the door. The bulkhead is concrete. There is a horizontal/flat aluminum awning over the sidewalk, and above the awning there is vertical metal siding to the second story window sills. There are three window openings on the second story. The left and right hand openings are infilled with vertical metal siding, and the middle opening, which is wider than the other two openings, has a small two light, side by side window in the center with vertical metal infill around it. Metal covers the window sills, and the same vertical metal is also used in a narrow band above the flared jack arch brick lintels. Near the cornice is a long horizontal area infilled with stucco. The cornice is plain and capped with concrete or stone.

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## 8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The core of this commercial building may date to 1871, though the brick facade appears to date to the first quarter of the 20th century. Details on the facade appear removed in the 1950s for metal paneling siding to be installed, which has been removed since the 1970s. The storefront likely dates to this later period. Siding has been installed in the last decade in the upper story windows, as well as across the storefront frieze. Overall, the historic integrity of the building has been compromised with these changes, though appropriate second story windows may be sufficient to reassess its integrity. At this stage, the building is counted as non-contributing in the Washington Downtown Historic District.

The first recorded owner of the property is C.S. Cleaves, who operated a dry goods store on the east side of the square, and owned all of Lot 3. In 1870, Sarah Cleaves, executrix, transferred this portion of the property to David Griffith, who owned it for about nine months. He sold the property to George Harrison in October 1871, and Harrison transferred it to J.S. and W.R. Adair in April 1872. On May 24, 1872, the *Washington Press* reported that the Adair Brothers are getting ready to build a two-story store room, 80 feet deep, adjoining Williams Shoe Store (108 S. Iowa). A photograph showing Adair Bros. Drug Store, and an ad in both the *Washington Gazette* and *Washington Press* in May 1871 mentions Dr. W.R. Adair's office on the east side of the square, over the East Side Drug Store. The building in an old postcard is colored as red brick, and the adjacent building to the north is easily recognizable because of the arch and pilasters on the second story as 104 S. Iowa Avenue. The Adairs transferred the property to S.C. Corbin in July 1880, and Corbin sold it to Wilson Dougherty in November 1881.

The first Sanborn map (1885) lists the building as housing drugs and books. There seems to be no concurrent advertising to identify the occupant. However, an 1892 ad in the *Washington Press* names Foster & Ott Drug Store on the east side of the square. The 1885 and 1897 maps noted the building as one-story while the 1892 and 1902 maps, as well as the 1872 construction note, indicate the building was two-stories. Occupants after Foster & Ott include Snouffer, Hughes & Co. Clothing Store, whose ad from 1903 notes "The New Store" (*Washington Journal*). A faded painted ads for Snouffer, Hughes & Co. can be seen on the north facade cornice area at the rear of the building. They are listed in ads through 1912, and the 1910 city directory identifies this as their location.

The building in an old postcard from around the turn of the century is colored as red brick. The current buff brick facade appears to have been installed in the 1910s, perhaps around the time that the property transferred from Cloyce B. Dougherty to Martha A. Dougherty in February 1912. Cloyce and Martha then sold the property to Ralph Dougherty in April 1923, who owned it until 1944. Cloyce and Ralph ran the Dougherty Brothers clothing store on the west side of the square at 117 S. Marion from 1889 to 1939, and they appear to have owned this property solely as rental income.

Snouffer, Hughes, and Company began as a new dry goods store here in 1903, and Harry I. Ward took over as manager in 1907. He bought some of the interests out, and it became Snouffer, Ward and Company. In 1917, the name was changed to H.I. Ward and Company. They were listed here in the

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1926, 1932, and 1935 city directories. In May 1937, Hanson Company advertised as the successor of H. I. Ward Company. They are noted in the August 1939 *Evening Journal* as Washington's independent department store.

April 26, 1913 – *Evening Journal* – 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary edition, page 4 – Snouffer, Ward, & Co – 11 years – new institution at time – J.T. Snouffer and H.I. Ward – dry goods store – Harry Ward take over as manager 6 years ago – 24 by 120 – two stories and basement – dry goods, millinery goods, rugs, carpets, linoleum, etc. – two interior views of stores

*Evening Journal*, April 3, 1926, page 38 (F) – H.I. Ward – died on February 12, 1926 – surprise – had just bought out J.B. Crail store – bought William Blair & Son store a few months previous – planned to operate three stores in Washington – in Chicago buying goods – home on E. Main

*Evening Journal*, Progress Edition, October 1933 - H.I. Ward & Co – east side – started as Snouffer, Hughes, and Company in 1903 – H.I. Ward as manager in 1907 – bought interests of Hughes, Patterson and Dove – became Snouffer, Ward, and Company – 1917 – name changed to H.I. Ward and Company – dry goods, ladies and misses ready to wear – general line of ladies accessories

*Evening Journal* – Centennial Celebration – August 1939 - page 55 – Hanson Company – Washington's Independent Department Store – the right quality at the right price is true economy – early days as H.I. Ward's – corsets and bustles – now new designs and styles – list of lines carried

By 1941, Rockwood's is listed at 106 S. Iowa in the city directory. Helman's Style Shop identifies itself as successor to Rockwood's in May 1943, and they were still advertising here in 1946. In the 1952 and 1956 telephone directories, Duncan's Shop for Women is listed at 106 S. Iowa Avenue. A 1958 ad (*Washington Journal*) shows a slightly different name – Tom Duncan's Store for Women - and the 1964 city directory just lists Duncan's.

The Essex - a women's clothing store - was here in the 1971 photograph. By this date, the facade was clad in a metal panel siding, which likely was added in the 1940s or 1950s, removing earlier detail along the top of the building. This siding has since been removed, again exposing the brick.

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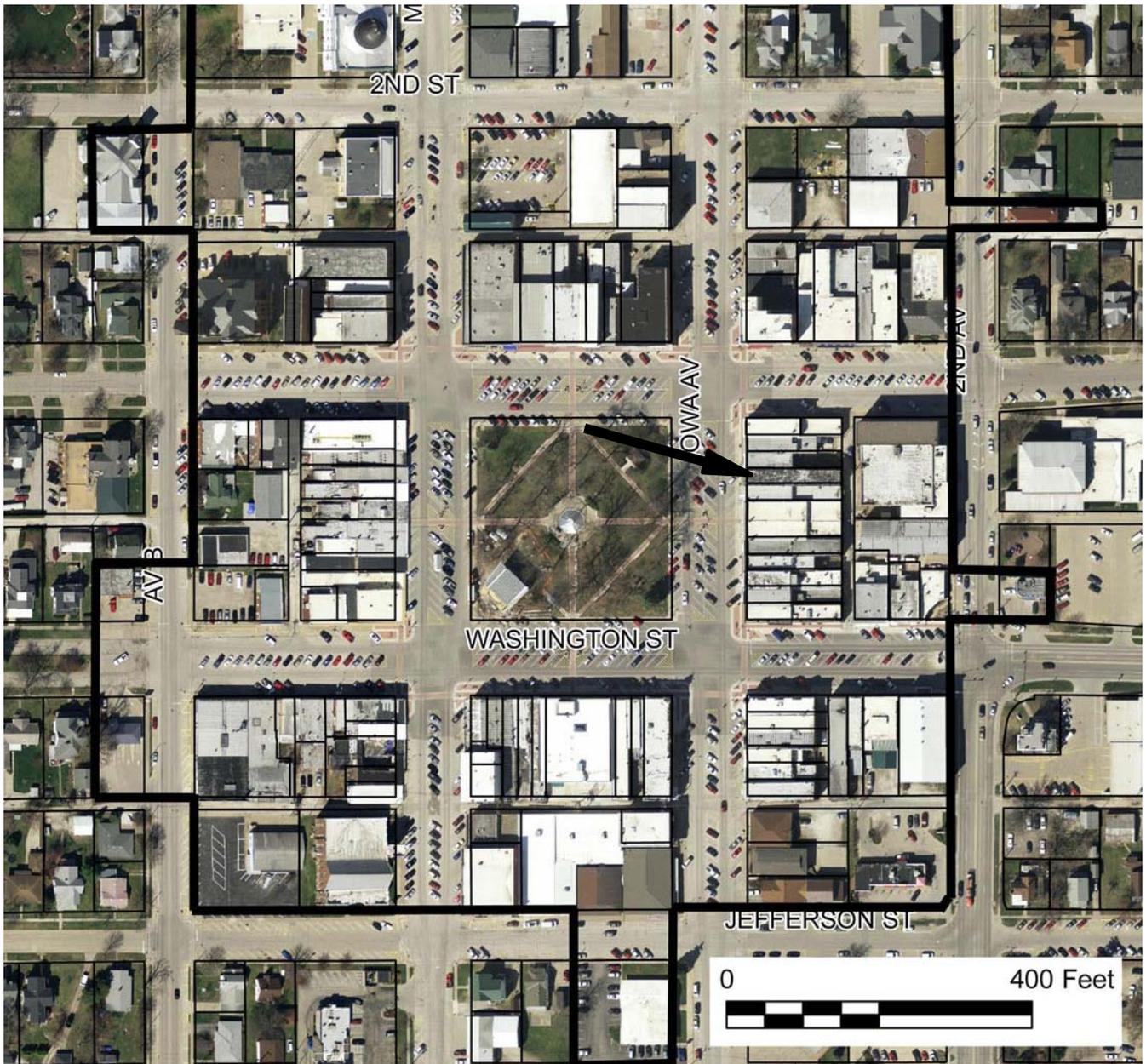
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**Location map**



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

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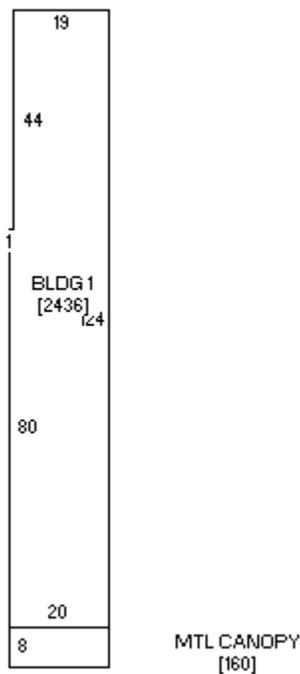
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## Building plan (from assessor's website)



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## Historic images



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Building in 1870s (Conger House Collection, Washington)

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East side of square prior to 1912 (Patterson collection)

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East side of square in the 1910s (Patterson collection)

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East side of square in late 1930s (Patterson collection)

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Building in 1971 (Wagner 1971)

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**Digital photographs**



Photograph 92-00511-001 - West elevation, looking east (McCarley, September 20, 2011)

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Photograph 92-00511-002 - Detail of storefront, looking east (McCarley, September 20, 2011)