

Site Inventory Form

State Historical Society of Iowa

(November 2005)

State Inventory No. 92-00583

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 Cox Motor Company

other names/site number Downtown Survey Map # DT- 110b

2. Location

street & number 112 W. Second 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) 3 Lot(s) Lot 6 – E 22' (1/3) of S 66' (1/2)

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)

14D09 Transportation / automobile service or repair

02E11 Commerce / grocery

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
- Yes No More Research Recommended
- Yes No More Research Recommended
- 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 112 W. Second Street
City Washington

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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 1920 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

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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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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. 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.

Cox Motor Company - 112 W. Second St - State #92-00582 - Map #48 ~ 1 contributing building (A) - c.1920 - early 20th century commercial

Historic information:

- c.1920-1930 - Cox Motor Company; c.1930-c.1935 - Buick Garage
- 1940s - L.C. Willits Company - also in 114, 1950s-60s - Sieg Company (auto parts) - also in 114, then 114-116 as well
- 2012 - La Tienda de la Cruz

Architectural information:

- Height: 1 story
- Walls: brick veneer on tile block
- Storefront: metal beam for lintel across top
- Windows: -
- Architectural details: tile block construction with brick veneer façade
- Architect/Builder: -
- Modifications: Historic: -; Non-historic: 1970s - storefront windows clad in wood paneling

7. Narrative Description

This is a one story brick building with the storefront remodeled. The storefront area is infilled with vertical wood siding that extends from a metal header beam across the full width of the facade to the sidewalk. It has a centrally located entry door of aluminum and glass. On the left side of the door is a small two light horizontal window. At the right hand corner of the building there is a brick pilaster which does not match the rest of the building, and it was part of the earlier building to the east. The parapet wall is multi-color textured brick, typical of the 1910s and 1920s. The exposed east wall shows tile block construction for this building, with the brick facade.

8. Narrative Statement of Significance

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

William Scofield and wife sold the east 22' of the south half of Lot 6 in Block 3 to F.A. Long on May 21, 1910. The 1910 directory lists Long Blacksmith at 108 W. 2nd Street. The 1917 Sanborn map shows a one-story blacksmith shop at 112 W. 2nd Street. In 1918, it transferred to Ida Long, who then sold it on September 19, 1919 to Ralph E. Dougherty. He operated a clothing store, Dougherty Brothers, on the

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west side of the square. He had previously acquired the south half of the remaining portion (west 44') of Lot 6. With the joint brickwork, it appears that he then built this one-story building and the adjacent two story building at 114-116 at the same time, likely in 1919 or 1920, as investment properties. The 1931 Sanborn map shows this building - "auto sales and service" - as tile block construction along with the new building to the east - "machine shop" at 108-110 W. 2nd Street on the west 2/3 of Lot 2 (property sold by Winfield Smouse to George Teas on February 14, 1921, who owned it when it died in 1935). The building to the west at 114-116 W. 2nd St appears separate, with a battery station (114), auto sales (116), and lodge hall (second story of both). Cox Motor Company is listed at 112 W. 2nd Street in the 1926 city directory. Ray Cox began his auto service business in 1915, with Cox Motor Company established in 1924. He moved to the 200 block of W. Washington in 1930 (*Evening Journal* – Washington County Centennial Celebration – July 1936 - page 31). The 1932 directory then lists 112 W. 2nd Street as the Buick Garage.

In 1936, L.C. Willits Company was noted at 108 W. 2nd Street, and they were then listed at 114 W. 2nd Street in 1941. 112 was not listed in the 1941, 1952, 1956, or 1964 directories. The 1943 Sanborn map shows an opening cut between 112 and 114 to the west. "Auto Repair" is noted in both storefronts. Thus, they appear to have used the double-storefront space. In 1953, Willits Motor Company was at 110 E. Main and offered Oldsmobile and Cadillac cars and GMC trucks. On November 21, 1945, Jessie Dougherty sold the building (east 22' of south half of Lot 6) to John Patterson. The 1952 and 1956 directories list Sieg Company (auto supplies) at 114 W. 2nd Street - again, apparently also using 112. The 1964 directory lists them expanded to the west as well, at 114-116 W. 2nd Street.

La Tienda de la Cruz, a Mexican grocery store, is the current occupant.

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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Location map



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

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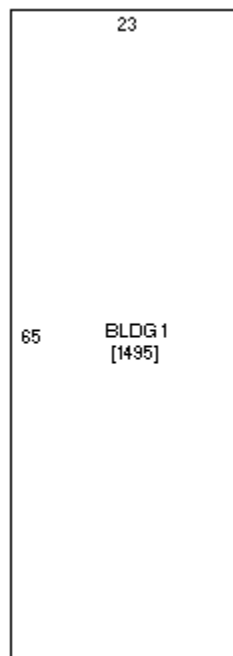
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Building plan (from assessor's website)



Historic images

none identified

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Digital photographs



Photograph 92-00583-001 - South and east elevations, looking northwest (McCarley, September 20, 2011)