

Site Inventory Form

State Historical Society of Iowa

(November 2005)

State Inventory No. 92-00556

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 Lemke Electric Motor Shop

other names/site number Downtown Survey Map # DT- 032

2. Location

street & number 214 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) 4 – S 22' – also S 22' of W 6' 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:

—	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)

14D09 Transportation / automotive service or repair

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

0299 Commerce / Other - plumber

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

09F Commercial

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation 10B Concrete: Poured

walls (visible material) 16 Tile block

roof 05F Steel

other 10A Concrete Block - alley facade

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 214 N. Marion Avenue
City Washington

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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 1955 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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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.

Lemke Electric Motor Shop - 214 N. Marion Avenue - State #92-00556 - Map #53 ~ 1 contributing building (A) - c.1955 - 1950s commercial modern

Historic information:

c.1955-1980s - Lemke Electric Motor Shop

2012 - Washington Plumbing Company

Architectural information:

Height: 1 story

Walls: tile block façade, concrete block sides

Storefront: single window changed to two windows

Windows: -

Architectural details: -

Architect/Builder: -

Modifications: Historic: -; Non-historic: 1980s - low gable roof added

7. Narrative Description

This is a small, one story block building with a tile block facade and concrete block sides. The front door is glass and aluminum, and it is located on the right (south) side of the facade (west). There are two large side by side windows to the left of the entry. The gable end of the low gable roof is clad with metal siding. The building originally had a flat roof. On the alley (south) elevation, there are two double hung windows with transom windows, and a third window which has been filled with concrete block. There is an addition at the rear which has a single garage door and an entry door to the left of the garage door. The addition is painted white while the concrete block that makes up the remainder of the alley facade is unpainted. The north side follows a similar pattern with three windows on the main section (two filled with block) and a painted rear addition with side entry.

8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The Lemke Electric Motor Shop appears to contribute historically and architecturally to the Washington Downtown Historic District.

Sanborn maps from 1897 to 1943 show a small blacksmith shop here in an earlier building. The south 22' of Lot 4 was sold by Adolph and August Wessler to R.G. Wessler in August 1943. He then sold it in September of 1945 to George Pratt. An ad in the *Washington Evening Journal* of 1949 identifies the

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address as the service shop for Bell & Gevock Firestone Tires; the tire store itself was located at 208 S. Iowa Avenue. George Pratt sold the property in April 1953 to Clarence Goff and George Miller. The assessor lists a 1955 construction date. In the 1964 city directory, it is the home of Lemke Electric Motors. A newspaper ad on July 1, 1976 (page 91) shows the building with the Lemke Electric Motor Shop here, run by Alfred A. Lemke and established in 1950. The gable roof has been added since this date to improve drainage.

It is currently occupied by Washington Plumbing Company.

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.

Newspaper advertisements, various years/dates, on microfilm at Washington Public Library:

Washington Evening Journal

Washington Gazette

Washington Press

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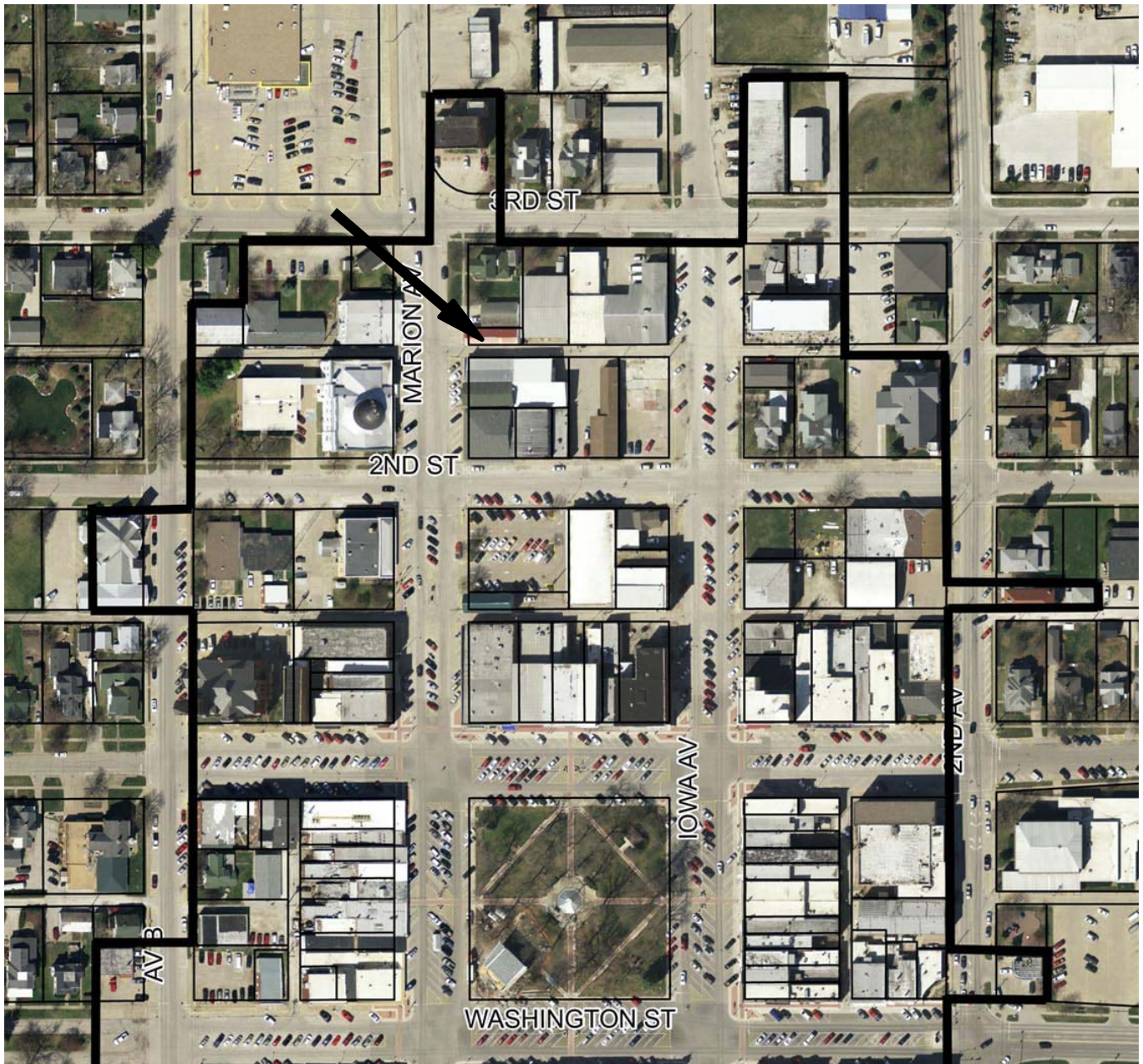
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Location map



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

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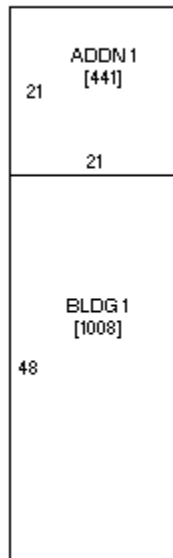
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Building plan (from assessor's website)

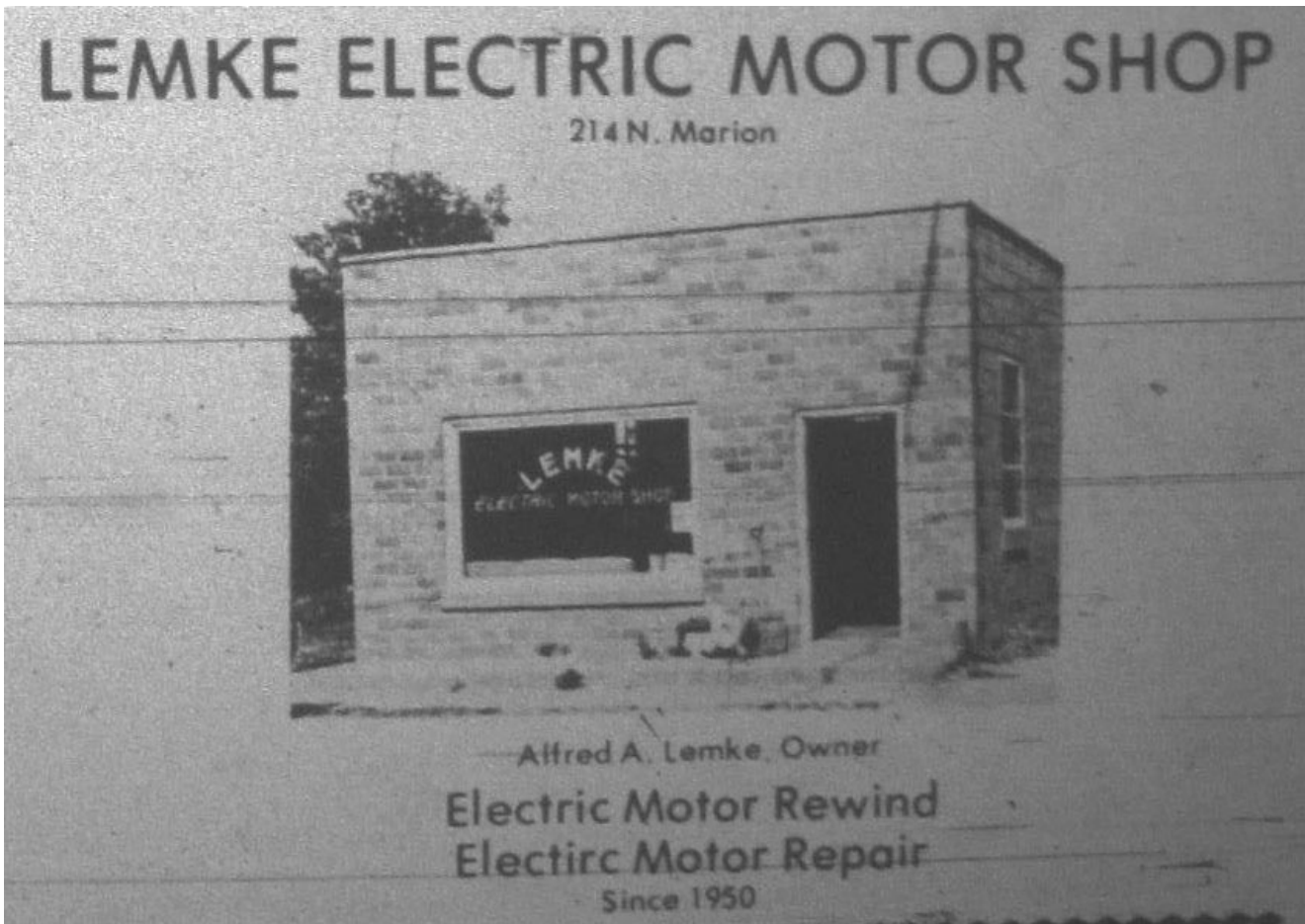


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Historic images



Lemke Electric Motor Shop built around 1955 (Map #53) (*Evening Journal*, July 1, 1976, 91).

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Digital photographs



Photograph 92-00556-001 - West and south elevations, looking northeast (McCarley, September 20, 2011)

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Photograph 92-00556-002 - North and west elevations, looking southeast (McCarley, September 20, 2011)