

Site Inventory Form

State Historical Society of Iowa

(November 2005)

State Inventory No. 92-00346

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 First Methodist Episcopal Church

other names/site number Downtown Survey Map # DT-108

2. Location

street & number 206 West 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) 4 Lot(s) 7 & 8

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)

06A01: church

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

06A01: church

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

06C: Classical Revival

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation

04: Stone

walls (visible material)

04: stone 08: stucco

roof

08B: rolled asphalt & 05B: copper

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 220 West 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)

Significant Dates

Construction date
1914 check if circa or estimated date
Other dates, including renovation

Significant Person

(Complete if National Register Criterion B is marked above)

Architect/Builder

Architect

Eckland and Dearmont of Moline, Illinois

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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organization Washington Historic Preservation Commission date May 6, 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.

First Methodist Episcopal Church - 206 W. Second St - State #92-00346 - Map #12 ~ 1 contributing building (church) and 1 non-contributing building (Wesley Center) - 1912-14 - Classical Revival
Historic information:

- August 1912 - construction began on new M.E. Church - dedicated on April 26, 1914
- 1914-2010s - First Methodist Episcopal Church
- 7-3-1977 - ground breaking for educational building - Wesley Center (220 W. 2nd)
- 2012 - United Methodist Episcopal Church, Wesley Center

Architectural information:

- Height: church - 1 story
- Walls: concrete block - stucco
- Storefront: cornerstone: "Methodist Episcopal Church - 1839 - 1912"
- Windows: paired rectangular with square top light
- Architectural details: large dome on Classical Revival building - columns/pilasters/pediments/freize/arches
- Architect/Builder: Henry C. Eckland (architect, Moline, IL - Eckland & Dearmont)
- Modifications: Historic: -; Non-historic: 1977 - Wesley Center built on church property to west

7. Narrative Description

The church sits at the northwest corner of N. Marion and W. 2nd Street, facing Marion to the south. A large copper dome majestically adorns the roof of this Classical Revival structure. There are twelve small wood framed, stained glass windows just below the dome, continuing all the way around its base. There is a large two-story, four-bay portico with pediment roofline on the south side of the building. The two center bays have stained glass, double, wood frame entries with a stained glass transom window above each. On either side of these entries is a window. Four windows extend across the center section of the second story. Unless noted otherwise the windows throughout the church are side by side vertical stained glass windows with square stained glass transoms, creating a center cross with the mullions. The portico has engage Doric columns. A single paned, modern, metal framed door is located at ground level to the right and left of this portico, with a window above each entry on the second story. A decorative stone cornice band wraps around the building at the top level of the columns on the south side. A second, wider cornice band wraps around several feet above the first.

The east side is likewise divided into a center four-bay section flanked by slightly projected end sections, with the east side of the north/rear section extending to the north. The north end section has a entry portico extending from the building with round columns and a gable roof. The metal door is

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newer but the entry itself is trimmed out with decorative stonework and an arch. There are six windows on the first story to the left/south of this rear entry portico. There are six windows on the second story of the main section of the church. A window is also found on each story of the side of the rear section. The basement windows have been filled in with concrete.

The west side is a mirror image of the east, with the exception of a skywalk to the Wesley Center attached to the building just above the rear side entry. This skywalk was added in 1977 with the construction of the Wesley Center on the lot to the west of the church.

There are eight windows on the north (alley) side of the building with no entrance. The basement windows on this side have also been filled.

8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The First Methodist Episcopal Church appears to contribute historically and architecturally to the Washington Downtown Historic District. It was one of several churches built historically on the blocks just removed from the square. On the Washington Downtown Historic District nomination, the Wesley Center is counted as a non-contributing building on this property, and it had its own Iowa Site Inventory form prepared (92-00584).

The Methodist Episcopal Church was organized in 1839 about one-and-one-half miles south of Washington at the home of William L. Harvey. The church was moved into town in 1846 to the corner of Green and Jefferson. In 1856, they then built a new brick church at the southwest corner of 2nd Street (now Avenue B) and Madison (now Second St), and it was dedicated on June 27, 1857 at a cost of \$6,900. Membership was around 200 in 1880. In 1891, the church began to plan construction of a new building at 301 W. 2nd Street (extant - see #92-00347), and they hired architects Foster and Liebke of Des Moines, who had designed the courthouse and were working on the new opera house in town. The church was built by local contractor Frank Edworthy for \$17,000. Total cost of construction was around \$20,000. The new Methodist Episcopal Church was dedicated on April 10, 1892 (*History of Washington County, Iowa* 1880: 561; *Washington Press*, May 13, 1891; *Washington Press*, December 23, 1891, 3; Burrell 1909, Vol. 1: 255).

The church membership continued to grow in the early 20th century, and the church began to make plans for a newer, larger, building. The 430 members in 1892 had grown to nearly 1,100 members. A committee was appointed in May 1911, with plans to raise at least \$40,000 before beginning construction. The Methodist Episcopal Church purchased this property on April 2, 1912 from Cordelia A Roso, et al. At this time, a house stood on the corner lot (8), while Lot 7 to the west was vacant with a garage. Eckland and Dearmont of Moline, Illinois were selected as architects for the building. Little is known of this firm. Henry Eckland began his practice as an architect in Kewanee, IL, after graduating from the University of Illinois in 1894. By 1917, he practiced as Eckland, Fugard, and Knapp, with

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offices in Chicago and Moline, IL. He is noted as having designed a large number of public and private buildings, including the Moline High School, M.E. Church in Washington, and Swedish Lutheran Church in DeKalb (Olson, *The Swedish Element in Illinois* 1917: 653-654 - online at books.google.com/books?id=ato0AAAAIAAJ&pg).

Construction on the \$85,000 church started in 1912, with the contract let on July 12. Washington Brick and Tile Company supplied the brick for the building. The church raised \$75,000 for the construction and paid off the remaining debt over the next few years. Seating capacity was around 1,200, and a canopy near the rear of the west side permitted covered drop-off for members. The new church was dedicated on April 26, 1914. The house on the corner to the west (lot 5) was used as the parsonage ("Building in 1912," *Evening Journal*, April 26, 1913, 1; "Washington M.E. Church," *Evening Journal*, April 3, 1926, 3; Fisher 1978: 152; "Methodists Make Plans for Church," *Evening Journal*, April 27, 1912, 1)). An article from 1934 notes:

"The building is made of Roman stone and faces the south with entrances on both the East and the West. All of the floors are available from each of the entrances. The church is complete in every respect, it being one of the most attractive auditoriums in the state. The choir loft is a significant feature of the building as it will seat seventy people and is unusually well furnished with a \$4,000 pipe organ, a gift of Elizabeth Snider in memory of her husband. The large rooms are so arranged that a wall partition can be dropped from the ceiling making it possible to have either two large auditoriums or one larger one. The church will seat 1400 people." ("Early Places of Worship for Washington Methodists," *Evening Journal*, December 12, 1934, 24).

In 1977, the house was demolished and a new educational building (Wesley Center) was built on the lot (see #92-00584, 220 W. 2nd St).

The First Methodist Episcopal Church continues to use this building today.

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9. Major Bibliographical Reference

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

Patterson, Mary. Collection of historic images of Washington. Washington, IA.

Sanborn Map Company. "Washington, Iowa," Sanborn fire insurance maps. Pelham, NY: Sanborn Map Company, 1885, 1892, 1897, 1902, 1909, 1917, 1931, 1943.

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Location map



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

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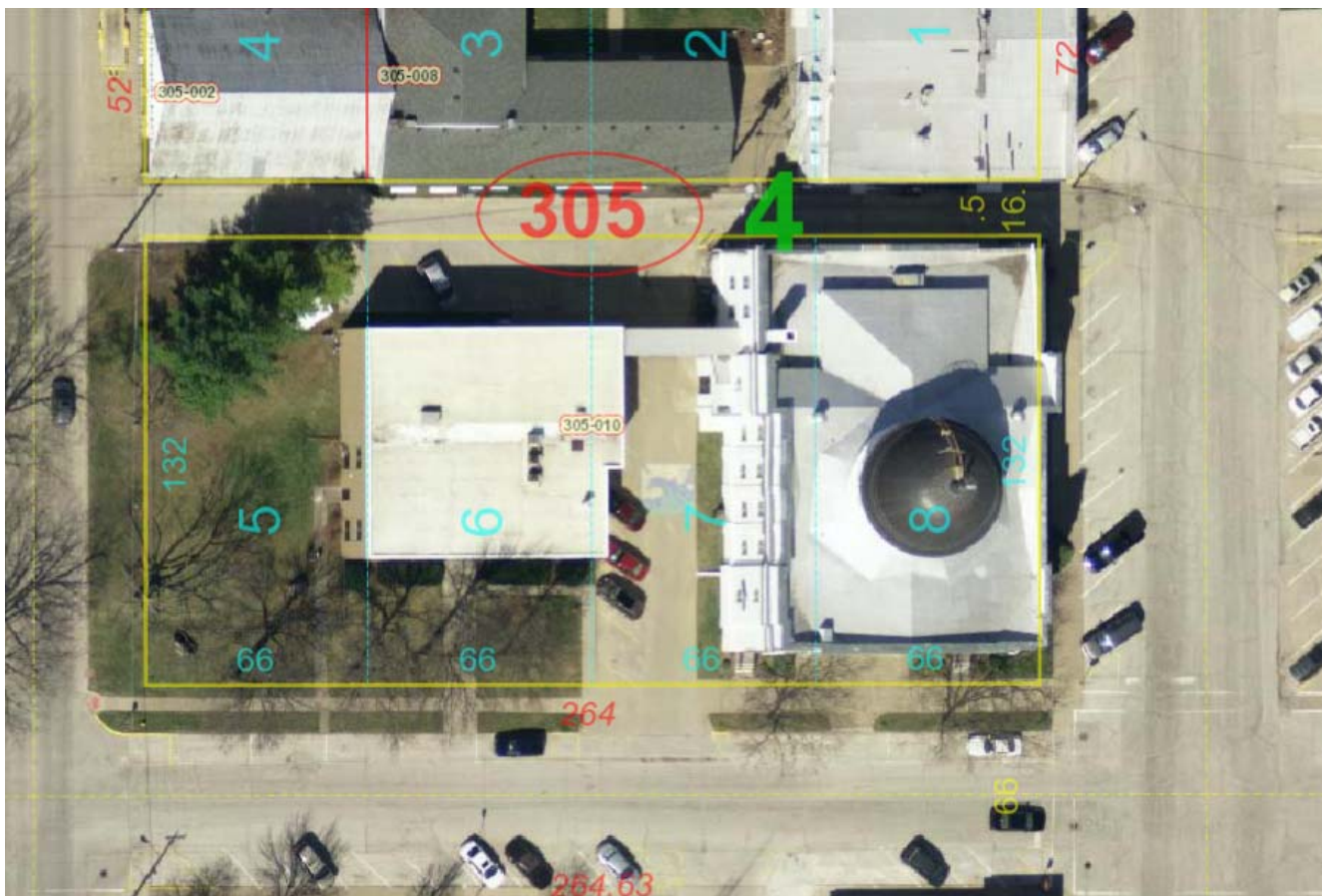
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Building/site plan (from assessor's website)



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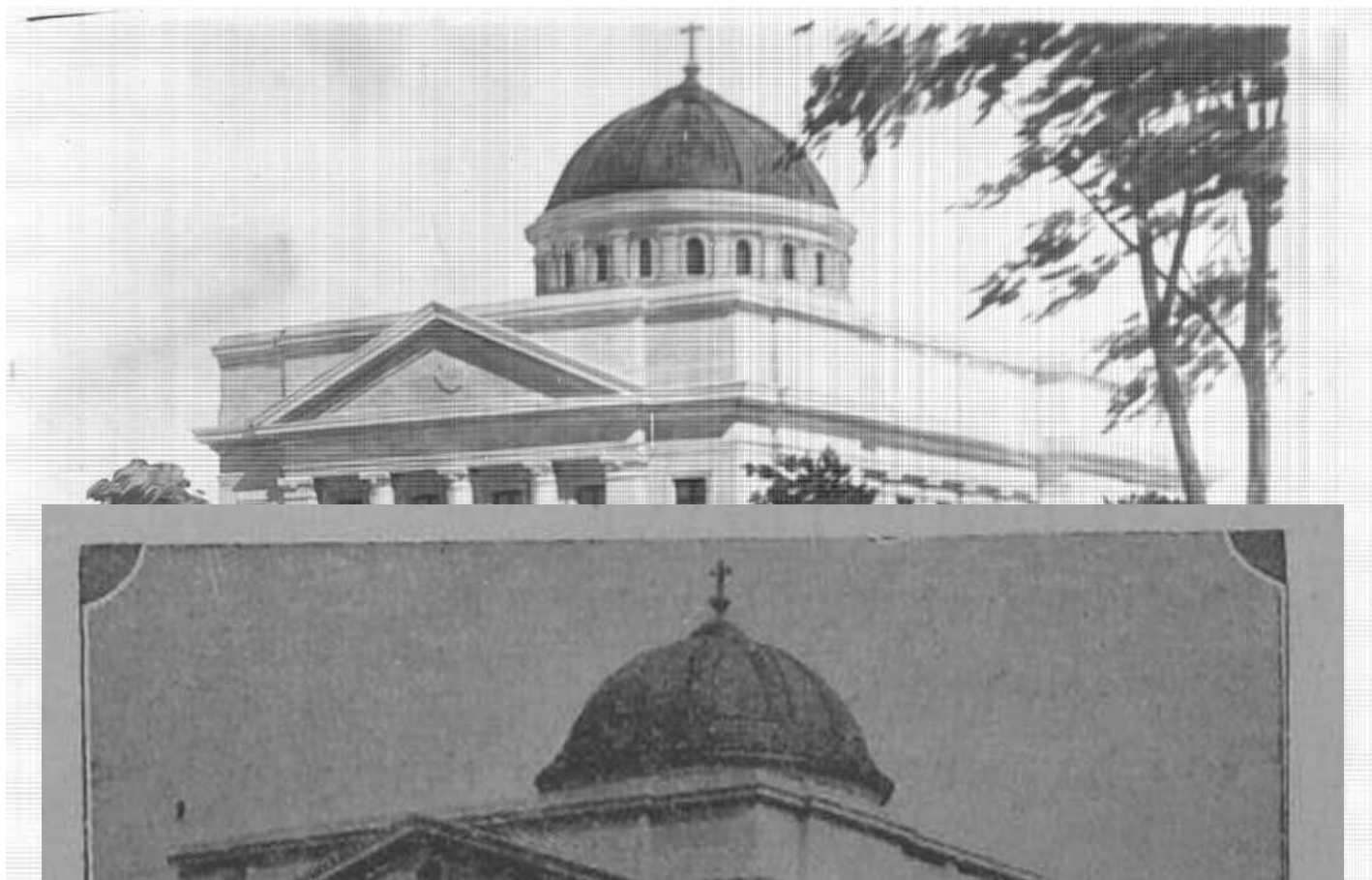
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Historic images



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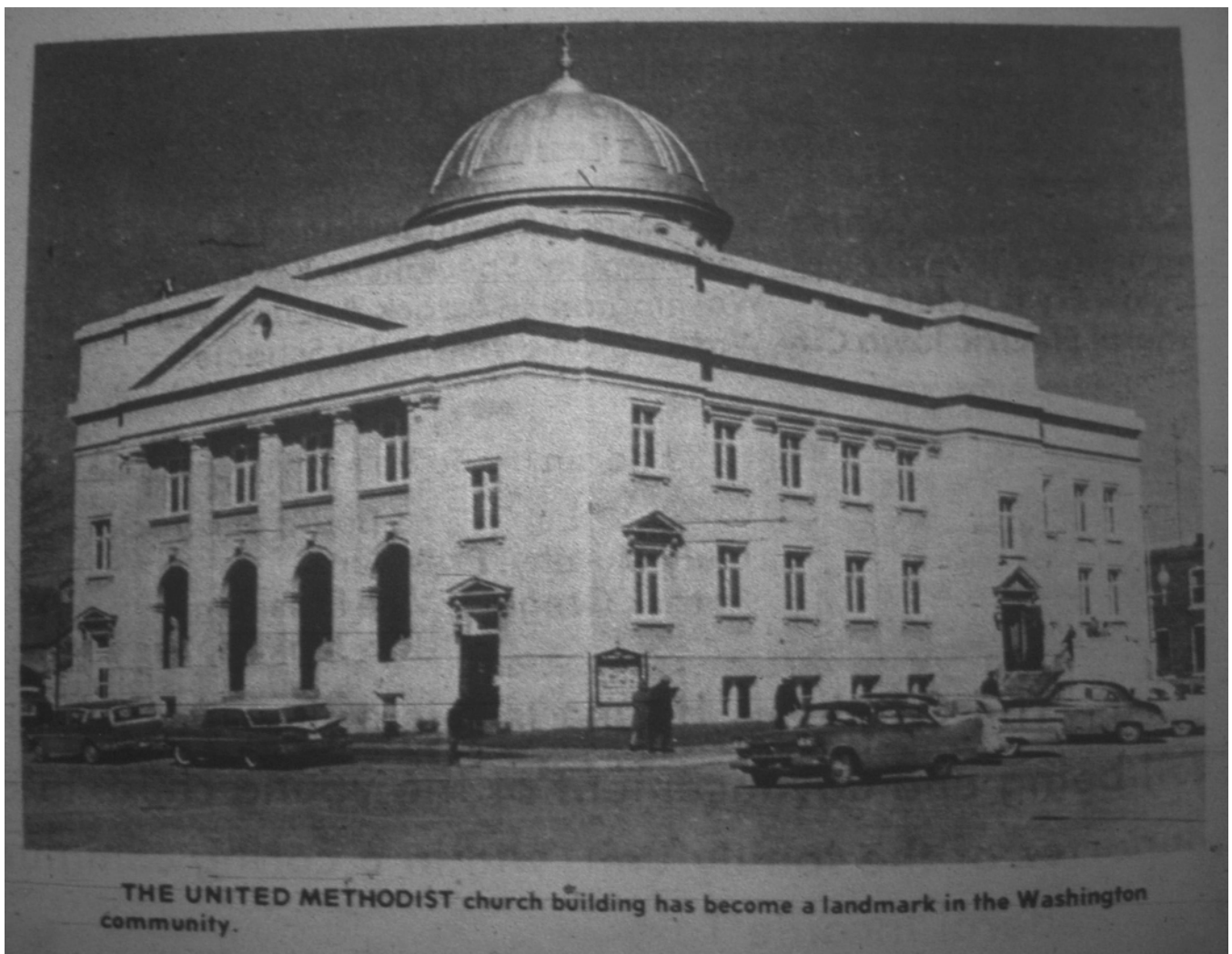
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Evening Journal, July 1, 1976, p124

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Digital photographs



Photograph 92-00346-001 - South and east elevations, looking northwest (McCarley, November 15, 2011)

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Photograph 92-00346-002 - South elevation, looking north (McCarley, November 15, 2011)

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Photograph 92-00346-003 - Detail of dome, looking northwest (McCarley, November 15, 2011).

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Photograph 92-00346-004 - East and north elevations, looking southwest (McCarley, September 20, 2011)

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Photograph 92-00346-005 - West elevation, looking northeast (McCarley, November 15, 2011)