

# Site Inventory Form

State Historical Society of Iowa

(November 2005)

State Inventory No. 92-00560

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 Mount Building

other names/site number Downtown Survey Map # DT-018

## 2. Location

street & number 107 S. 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) 14 Lot(s) North 18' Lot 4 - also Lot 1 - S 5.5'

## 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)

02E Commerce / specialty store / boots & shoes

02A01 Commerce / business / real estate office

02E05: Commerce / specialty store / hardware

02E Commerce / specialty store / appliances

## 7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

09F05: Commerce / brick front

foundation 04 Stone

05D: Queen Anne

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 107 – 111 S. Marion Avenue  
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  
02: Architecture

**Significant Dates**

Construction date 1908  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.*

**Mount Building - 107 S. Marion Avenue** - State #92-00560 - Map #58 ~ 1 contributing building (A and C) - 1908 - Queen Anne

Historic Information:

- (1856 - built, 1860s - George Smith, shoes and boots, Union Block - Kendall House on upper)
- (1890s-1900s - Work & Meek Shoe Store)
- 1908 - owned by Martha Mount and rebuilt/remodeled (wife of William R. Mount - real estate); 1908-1910s - Work Shoe Store
- 1936-1940s - Coast to Coast Store
- 1952 - Ledger's Appliance and Radio
- 1956 - Gamble's Store; 1964-1970s - Payne's Radio, TV, and Appliance
- 1989 - West Side Floral
- 2012 - Washington Realty

Architectural information:

- Height: 2 story
- Walls: brick
- Storefront: remodeled - entry toward left, upper story entry at right
- Windows: 1/1 windows with brick lintels/shoulders
- Architectural details: "1908" on frieze, oriel window, cornice with brackets
- Architect/Builder: -
- Modifications: Historic: 1908 - rebuilt or remodeled significantly; Non-historic: storefront remodel

## 7. Narrative Description

This is a two story, brick, commercial building, rebuilt or remodeled from three to two stories with a new facade in 1908 along with the Stewart Building to the south at 109-111 S. Marion. Two stone plaques on the second stories provide the name and date. The one located on the 107 storefront centered over the right hand bay window, and it says 1908. The one on the other building is centered between the 111 and 109 storefronts, and it says Stewart Building. The 1902 Sanborn map shows a three-story building, 39 feet in height, at this location, as can be seen on a c.1900 postcard. The building to the south at 109-111 is noted as three-stories as well, though only 28 feet tall (same as two-story to its south) and the third story windows appear removed in the c.1900 postcard. Both buildings were then two-story buildings, 29 feet in height, on the 1909 Sanborn map. Thus, either both were rebuilt in 1908 or both underwent a major remodel complete with a new facade.

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The storefront has been recently remodeled. It has higher than usual display windows on either side of a slightly recessed glass entry door. The bulkhead and area around the entry is covered in multicolored brick. On the second story, there is a centered square bay window - square rather than angled like those on 109 and 111 S. Marion to the south. It has narrow side windows at a right angle to the building, and two wide single-light windows facing east. On either side of the bay window is a one-over-one-light double-hung window with stone sill and soldier brick lintel that continue into shoulders with stone bases. A stone plaque reading "1908" is centered above the bay window. The decorative metal cornice has large end brackets, three smaller brackets, and square rosettes between them.

## 8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The Mount Building appears to contribute historically and architecturally to the Washington Downtown Historic District.

Despite the shared details with the building to the north at 107 S. Marion, the building at 109-111 S. Marion appears to have historically functioned separately and vice versa. The 1885, 1892, 1897, and 1902 Sanborn maps show a three-story building at 109-111 S. Marion with a shared middle interior staircase, with a three-story building then separate at 107 S. Marion. George Smith appears to have owned the 107 storefront in the 1850s, while P.C. Young owned the 111 storefront and A.W. Miller owned the 109 storefront. On October 26, 1888, John H. Stewart bought the south 25' (111 storefront). On February 25, 1893, Agnes Stewart bought part of Lot 4 from Whitcomb and Miller and part from the Board of Supervisors (109 storefront). In 1906, Martha Mount appears to have acquired the sliver of Lot 1 and part of Lot 4 with the 107 storefront from Ella Smith et al. These three owners then owned the three storefronts in 1908 when the buildings were reduced to two stories and facades remodeled. The 209-211 appear jointly remodeled, both in the Stewart family, with "Stewart Building" as the name plate above the shared middle upper story entry. Basic details were carried over onto 107 S. Marion with window differentiations, and "1908" was installed as a date plate above the centered square bay window. Thus, while work on both buildings was completed in 1908, it appears it was done with a different owner and slight variations for 107. No transfers are recorded then for Lot 4 until 1929 when the north half of the south 50 feet, or the middle 109 storefront, was transferred from the estate of Agnes Stewart to Charles W. Stewart. In 1934, Martha Mount and husband then sold the 207 storefront to Hazel Eicher. Thus, the history of 109-111 S. Marion is recorded on a separate site inventory form, under #92-00561. With the 1908 modifications to the buildings, the integrity for historic significance dates to this period, despite the likely earlier construction of the building behind the facade.

Several Stewart families were located in Washington in this period. Per family trees on Ancestry.com, John Harrison Stewart was a pharmacist born in 1840 in Ohio (died in 1932), and he married Rachel Ann Moore (1839-1934). They had two children that lived to adulthood: Charles Walker Stewart (1865-1956) and Mary Agnes Stewart (1868-1962). Charles W. Stewart married Maud M. Denny in January 1895, and they lived in Washington. Thus, it appears that John H. Stewart operated the drug store at

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111 S. Marion from 1885 to around 1908. He bought this portion of the building in 1888. In 1893, likely his daughter Mary Agnes Stewart bought the 109 S. Marion (north) half of the double-storefront building. In 1908, under their joint family ownership, the 109-111 building was then reduced to two stories and facade remodeled, along with work completed by the owner of 107 S. Marion at the same time. No connection at this time is known between this Stewart family and Martha Mount who owned the 207 building after her purchase in 1906.

The 1885, 1897, 1902, and 1909 Sanborn maps all show a shoe store at 107 S. Marion. George Smith appears to have owned this building. A May 1862 newspaper ad notes that Smith Boots & Shoes was on the west side, and that George Smith was successor to Neally & Smith. George Smith is listed with a shoe store on the west side also in 1865 and 1868, with the former noting he was in Union Block. Several shoe stores were listed on the west side in the 1870s to 1890s, with another location further south on the block. The Work & Meek Shoe Store can be seen here in a postcard, and ads from 1895 and 1906 place them on the west side of the square. Their ad in 1895 notes that they also take orders for bicycles, and a separate ad for the Washington Cycle Company appeared, with Walter B. Wilde, Jas. A. Work, and M.R. Meek listed as the partners.

In 1906, Martha Mount appears to have acquired the sliver of Lot 1 and part of Lot 4 with the 107 storefront from Ella Smith et al. Per the date plaque above the oriel window, the work was completed on the building in 1908. The 1910 census lists Martha Mount, age 56, as married to William R. Mount, age 61, real estate agent. The 1920 census lists William Mount, age 71, as a traveling salesman, with wife Martha (age 67), daughter Hazel Eicher (age 33) and her husband Edward C. Eicher (age 41, lawyer), as well as sister-in-law Alice Wilson (age 65). The Work Shoe Store continued to be listed here in 1910, and the 1917 Sanborn map shows a shoe store here. No businesses were identified here in the 1920s or early 1930s. Eicher appears to have had a law practice at 204 W. Main, so it does not appear to have been located here. In 1934, Martha Mount and husband then transferred the 207 storefront to Hazel Eicher.

Businesses can then be identified after this point. A *Washington Journal* ad from 1937 has the Coast to Coast Store at this address. It is still listed here in the 1941 directory, also with Ralph's Radio Repair. By 1952, they moved to 113 S. Marion.

*Evening Journal* – Washington County Centennial Celebration – July 1936 - page 67 – Coast to Coast Store – recently established in Washington on west side – J.W. Bottcher bought in May – wallpaper, paints, glass, tools, hardware, auto accessories

*Evening Journal* – Washington County Centennial Celebration – July 1936 - page 101 – Coast to Coast Stores – west side of square – recently established on west side – J.W. Bottcher – wallpaper, paints, glass, tools, hardware, radios, electrical supplies, etc.

*Evening Journal* – Centennial Celebration – August 1939 - page 65 – Coast to Coast Stores – west side of square – Al Goddard – nationally organized – independently owned – paint, auto accessories, tires, radios, hardware

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*Washington Evening Journal*, 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition, February 27, 1953, page 124 – Coast to Coast Store – 11 departments in one store – locally owned by S.C. Simmering – one of 612 stores nationally – nationally organized – locally owned – automotive, hardware, farm supplies, paints and finishes, plumbing and heating, sporting goods, electrical goods, housewares, home furnishings, toys and gifts, home appliances

In 1952, 107 S. Marion is Ledger's Appliance and Radio, and in 1956 Gambles Hardware is here (telephone directories). They then moved next door to 109 S. Marion, and Payne's Radio, TV, and Appliance is here in the 1964 city directory.

*Evening Journal* – Centennial Celebration – August 1939 - page 35 – Gamble Store – established on August 20, 1933 in Washington – located half block south of southwest corner of square on November 1, 1936 – values in hardware, tires, radios, paint, auto accessories, and other departments – E.A. Conner – individually owned and operated – authorized agency of Gamble Stores

*Washington Evening Journal*, 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition, February 27, 1953, page 75 – Gamble's – west side of square – tools, farm and home needs, appliances, televisions, automobile parts and accessories, bicycles, sporting goods, electrical supplies

Bicentennial Edition, *Evening Journal*, July 1, 1976, page 143 – Payne's Radio, TV, and Appliance – west side of square – 107 S. Marion – photo of storefront

*Souvenir History of Washington, Iowa* 1989: 11 – photo – Payne's TV and Appliance – began in 1945 – now West Side Floral

West Side Floral was here in 1989. The current occupant in Washington Realty.

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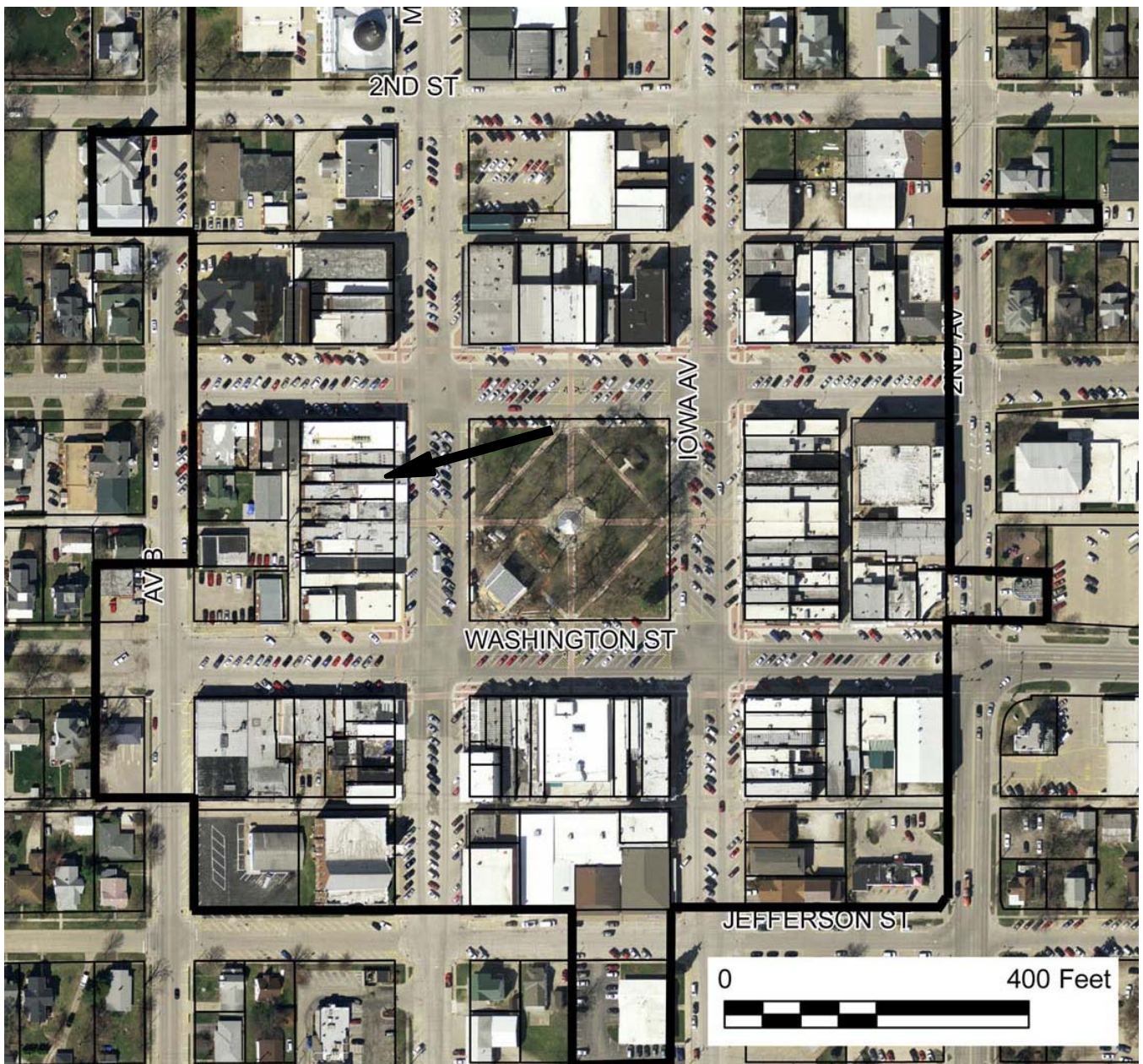
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**Location map**



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

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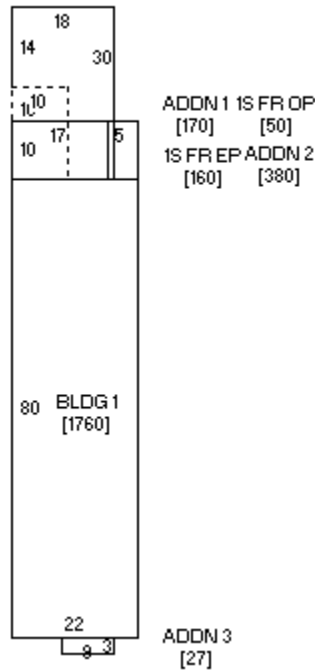
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### Building plan (from assessor's website)





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## Historic images



Building in 1920s (Patterson collection)

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Building in late 1930s (Patterson collection)

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Building in 1971 (Wagner 1971).

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## Digital photographs

