

Site Inventory Form

State Historical Society of Iowa

(November 2005)

State Inventory No. 92-00498

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 Gilmer Shell Service Station

other names/site number Downtown Survey Map # DT-005

2. Location

street & number 119 S. Avenue B

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) 15 Lot(s) Lot 8 – S 74'

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/road related /automotive service

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

14D09 Transportation/roadrelated/automotive service

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

09F05: Commercial - brick front

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation 10B Concrete / poured

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 119 S. Avenue B
City Washington

Site Number 92-00498
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)

02: Architecture

05: Commerce

Significant Dates

Construction date

1940 check if circa or estimated date

Other dates, including renovation

c.1950

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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organization Washington Historic Preservation Commission date May 10, 2012

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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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<u>Gilmer Shell Service Station</u>	<u>Washington</u>
Name of Property	County
<u>119 S. Avenue B</u>	<u>Washington</u>
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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.

Gilmer Shell Service Station - 119 S. Avenue B - State #92-00498 - Map #68 ~ 1 contributing building (A and C) - c.1940, c.1950 - 1940s commercial modern

Historic information:

1931 - earlier small Shell station; 1934-38 - Knauss Shell Station; 1938-43 - Garrett's Shell Station

1943-1960s - Gilmer Shell Station

2012 - Glen's Auto Repair

Architectural information:

Height: 1 story

Walls: concrete block

Storefront: -

Windows: -

Architectural details: yellow brick with red brick accents, corner with large windows and pent roof

Architect/Builder: -

Modifications: Historic: 1950s - addition of second service bay; 1962 - rear addition (2 by 36); Non-historic: -

7. Narrative Description

This is a one story brick gas station with two garage bays on the left and the office on the right. The primary facade faces W. Washington to the south, though it has an Avenue B address to the east. The main color of the brick is tan, with red brick edging on the garages doors and a soldier course at lintel height on both facades. The garage bays have metal folding doors with two oval lights at eye level, and the left garage opening is taller than the right one. There is a wood and glass entry door with a transom above it located between the garages and the office windows at the southeast corner of the building. These office windows jog forward slightly and continued around the corner to the east side. There is plastic red brick siding on the bulkhead, and a shed-roof wood awning is located above the windows. The office windows, plastic brick bulkhead, and awning continue around the southeast corner of the building to the east facade, where there are three additional large windows for the office. The remainder of the east facade has a pair of four-light rectangular windows, composed of an upper and lower small, hopper style light with a large fixed light between them. On the right side of the east facade, there is a metal secondary entry door. The concrete block rear addition has another metal secondary door.

8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The Gilmer Shell Service Station appears to contribute historically and architecturally to the Downtown Washington Historic District. The original form and design of the gas station is intact, as well as the late 1940s modifications to enlarge the station.

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A small gas station first appears here on the 1931 Sanborn map using the address 302 W. Washington Street. This gas station is replaced by a much larger station by the 1943 Sanborn map. The 1932 telephone directory, however, lists Shell Petroleum Corp. at 119 S. Avenue B. In 1935, the city directory lists Knauss Service Station at 300 W. Washington St. Per the July 1936 centennial newspaper, Guy Knauss has operated the Knauss Shell Station at the corner of W. Washington and S. Ave B for two years (*Evening Journal* – Washington County Centennial Celebration – July 1936 - page 29). The Golden Shell Fuel Station / Knauss Shell Service is located at the corner of W. Washington and B Avenue in ads in the Washington Journal (1937). The larger gas station may have been built by Knuass or subsequently Garrett, completed by the 1943 Sanborn map.

By August 1939, Cloyd Garrett operated Garrett's Shell Station at West Washington and South Avenue B (*Evening Journal* – Centennial Celebration – August 1939 page 31). The 1941 telephone directory lists Garrett Shell Service at 302 W. Washington. In May 1943, the Shell Station had a new owner, Phil Long (*Washington Journal*), who hired Les Gilmer as manager. Les Gilmer took over management in early 1943, and the station grew from one bay and three pumps to two bays and four pumps. He enlarged the drive in 1950 for better gas pump island (*Washington Evening Journal*, 60th Anniversary Edition, February 27, 1953, 96). In 1946, it is Gilmer Shell (*Washington Journal*), and in 1956, the telephone directory lists Gilmer Shell Station, as does the 1964 city directory.

It is currently Glen's Auto Repair, selling tires, batteries, fluids and oil changes.

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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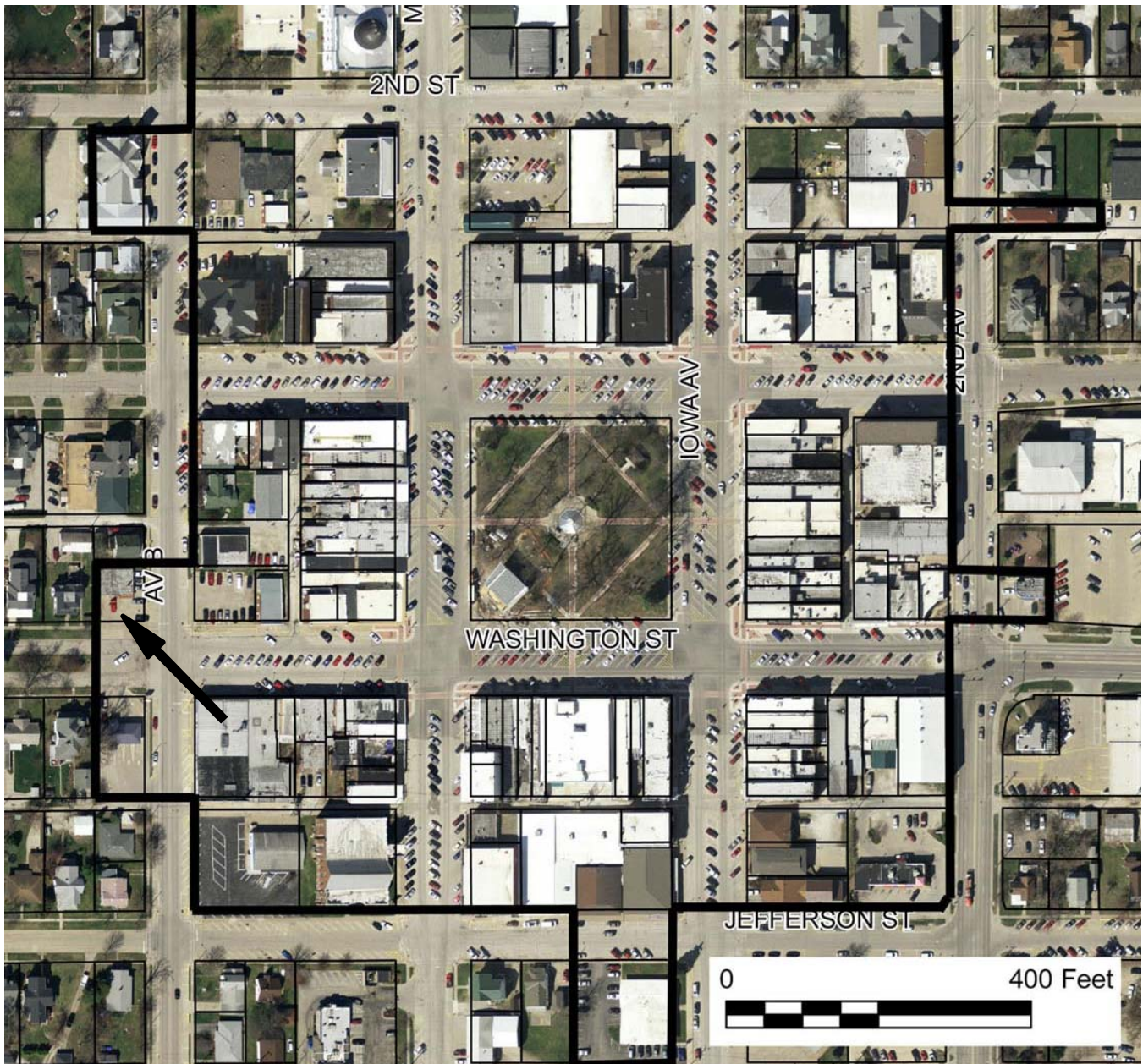
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Location map



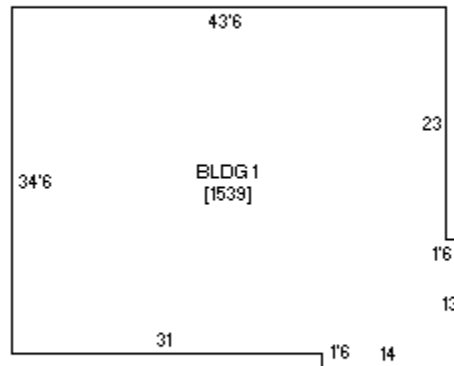
2009 aerial photograph (Washington County) – line indicates survey/research area boundary

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Building plan (from assessor's website)



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Historic images



Building, unknown date (Patterson collection)

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Digital photographs



Photograph 92-00498-001 - South and east elevations, looking northwest (McCarley, September 20, 2011)

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Photograph 92-00498-002 - South elevation, looking north (McCarley, September 20, 2011)

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Photograph 92-00498-003 - East elevation, looking west (McCarley, September 20, 2011)