

Site Inventory Form

State Historical Society of Iowa

(November 2005)

State Inventory No. 92-00515

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 Lemmon Jewelry

other names/site number Downtown Survey Map # DT- 058

2. Location

street & number 116 S. Iowa 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) 12 Lot(s) Lot 6 S 20 ft.

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)

02E06 Commerce / specialty store / jewelry store

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

02E06 Commerce / specialty store / jewelry store

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

09F05 Commercial: Brick Front

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

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 116 S. Iowa Avenue
City Washington

Site Number 92-00515
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: Commerce

05: Architecture

Significant Dates

Construction date

1860 check if circa or estimated date

Other dates, including renovation

c.1910

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

11. Form Prepared By

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organization Washington Historic Preservation Commission date May 1, 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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<u>Lemmon Jewelry</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.

Lemmon Jewelry - 116 S. Iowa Avenue - State #92-00515 - Map #78 ~ 1 contributing building (A and C) - c.1910 - Classical Revival (simplified)

Historic information:

(built by Jackson/Roberts)

(1880s-1890s - L.D. Robinson, jewelry; 1894 - Robinson part owner at start of Washington Telephone Company - exchange on 2nd story through at least 1910)

10-1-1900 - C.S. Lemmon and partner Lewis buy store after Lemmon worked for Robinson since 1899 - jewelry and optometry; 1904 - Claude S. Lemmon bought out Lewis

1904-1944 - Lemmon Jewelry - son John join father Claude in 1933

1944-1956 - Lemmon & Son - jewelry and optometrists; 1956-1963 - Lemmon & Logan

1963-1999 - Logan Jewelry - Don Brown became partner in 1978

1999-2010s - Don's Jewelry and Design

2012 - Don's Jewelry and Design

Architectural information:

Height: 2 story

Walls: brick

Storefront: remodeled - angled windows to center entry

Windows: 1/1 windows

Architectural details: brick detail, cornice on frieze, window detail

Architect/Builder: -

Modifications: Historic: c.1910 - new façade brick and detail; Non-historic: 1994 - storefront remodel

7. Narrative Description

This is a two story tan brick building with a storefront remodeled in 1994. The center entry is slightly recessed and the display windows are set at a slight angle to allow a gentle slope from the sidewalk to the entry. The display windows and door are steel and glass, and the windows go from the sidewalk to the bottom of the barrel awning. The second story has three one-over-one-light double-hung windows with stone sills and flared jack arch brick lintels with cornices. The building has an applied cornice above the second story windows with dentils across most of the facade. Above the cornice is a recessed rectangular area of brick on the parapet. The top of the parapet is capped with stone.

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8. Narrative Statement of Significance

Lemmon Jewelry appears to contribute historically and architecturally to the Washington Downtown Historic District. A jewelry business has operated in this location since the 1880s, with subsequent business owners working for the previous owner and purchasing the business to continue it under an evolved name. This building was also the location of the Washington Telephone Company from the start of its operations in 1894 to the 1910s. The facade was remodeled in the early 1900s, along with a number of other buildings on the east side of the square. This remodel is significant in this phase of the history of downtown Washington.

The property was owned by Robert Dawson in the 1860s and possibly before that date, and an ad in the 1857 Washington Press mentions "John Dawson Dry Goods, in the house formerly occupied by James Dawson". The 1868 Bird's Eye View of Washington shows a brick building at this location. Dawson transferred the property to Jackson Roberts, a lawyer, in 1873. Views from the end of the 19th century show an Italianate building with arch windows on the second story. The 1885 Sanborn map shows a jewelry store in this building. L.D. Robinson, "popular east side jeweler" purchased the property in 1888. In spring 1899, C.S. Lemmon began to work for Robinson. A notice in the Washington Press in October 1900 says "L.D. Robinson, after a business career of some 27 years, sells his jewelry store to Lemmon & Lewis, to devote himself wholly to the telephone business." The 1902 Sanborn map indicates a jewelry store on the main floor, and telephone exchange on second floor. According to a 1904 Washington Telephone Co. directory, No. 19, L.D. Robinson was president of the telephone company. The 1910 directory lists Washington Telephone Co. at 116 1/2 S. Iowa.

January 6, 1893 issue of *Washington Gazette* - L.D. Robinson - east side - jewelry and music dealer - began career with C.H. Day - partner with Shepherd 13 years ago - sketch of interior

Washington Telephone Company - Dupuis, L.D. Robinson, and D.H. Logan - \$10,000 capital - construction began June 1, 1894 - leads over top of buildings around square - equipment by Western Telephone Construction Co - began operations on November 6, 1894 - 49 subscribers - rebuilt part of system in 1896 (Burrell 1909, Vol. 1: 421)

1897 - Washington Telephone Company - L.D. Robinson and W.A. Wilson bought all stock - nearly 200 subscribers - rebuilt whole system - pole leads - 3,000 feet of cable - more office equipment - October - begin to build lines to 11 towns in county - cost of \$10,000 (Burrell 1909, Vol. 1: 421)

On October 1, 1900, Lemmon & Lewis took over the earlier jewelry store of L.D. Robinson. In 1904, Lemmon bought out Lewis and continued the jewelry store by himself. Ads indicated he offered jewelry and watches, as well as optical services. As the store grew, Claude S. Lemmon focused on optical work with the jewelry store managed by other help. The facade of this building was remodeled to the current appearance around 1910, around the same time as the facade remodel on 110-112 S. Iowa Ave and before the bank at 100 S. Iowa in 1912-13. Lemmon Jewelry continued to operate in this location. In 1925, L.D. Robinson sold the building to C.S. Lemmon. By the 1935 directory, C.S. Lemmon is listed as optometrist as well as jeweler. In February 1933, son John Lemmon joined the

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business. Both were noted on optometrists by 1939. In 1944, the name changed to Lemmon & Son. John Logan joined the business, and after Claude retired, he became partner. In 1956, the name shifted to Lemmon & Logan. In 1963, it became Logan Jewelry.

April 26, 1913 – *Evening Journal* – 20th anniversary edition - page 20 – C.S. Lemmon – Jeweler and Optometrist – photo of storefront – center entry recessed – prism glass transom windows – 14 years in Washington

Evening Journal, April 3, 1926, page 29 – Lemmon's Jewelry Store – C.S. Lemmon - serving county for over 50 years – photo of storefront (7148) – R.L. Grimes in repair department – Claude Lemmon focus on optical work – jewelry store managed by R.L. Grimes and Titia Patton

Evening Journal, Progress Edition, October 1933 - C.S. Lemmon – jeweler – moved here in spring 1899 – worked for L.D. Robinson – in business for 27 years – then Lemmon & Lewis on October 1, 1900 – 1904 – Lemmon bought out – then C.S. Lemmon, jeweler – son John since February 1933

Evening Journal – Washington County Centennial Celebration – July 1936 - page 73 – C.S. Lemmon – east side of square – here since October 1, 1900 on east side – John Lemmon join father several years ago – jewelry and optometry – photo – (116 S. Iowa)

Evening Journal – Centennial Celebration – August 1939 - page 61 – Lemmon's Jewelry Store – C.S. Lemmon and John W. Lemmon – optometrists

Washington Evening Journal, 60th Anniversary Edition, February 27, 1953 - page 77 – C.S. Lemmon – jewelry business since 1891 – own store opened 54 years ago – same location where is now with son John

Bicentennial Edition, *Evening Journal*, July 1, 1976 - page 57 – Logan Jewelry – since 1963 – photo of storefront – long line of L's – 1895-1900 – Lemmon & Lewis, 1900-1944 – Lemmon Jewelry, 1944-1956 – Lemmon & Son, 1956-1963 – Lemmon & Logan, 1963-present – Logan Jewelry – John Logan – east side

Don Brown began working for Logan Jewelry in 1968 as an apprentice. He became a partner in 1978. In 1986, John and Grace Lemmon sold the building to John A. Logan and James A. Logan. In 1999, Don Brown bought the jewelry business from the Logan family and renamed it Don's Jewelry and Design. His son Steven joined the business, and they opened a second location in downtown Muscatine in 2003, called Steven's Diamond Gallery. Don's wife Shirley joined the business full time in 2001, and daughter Karen Kuhlman joined as store manager in 2004. The current occupant is Don's Jewelry and Design.

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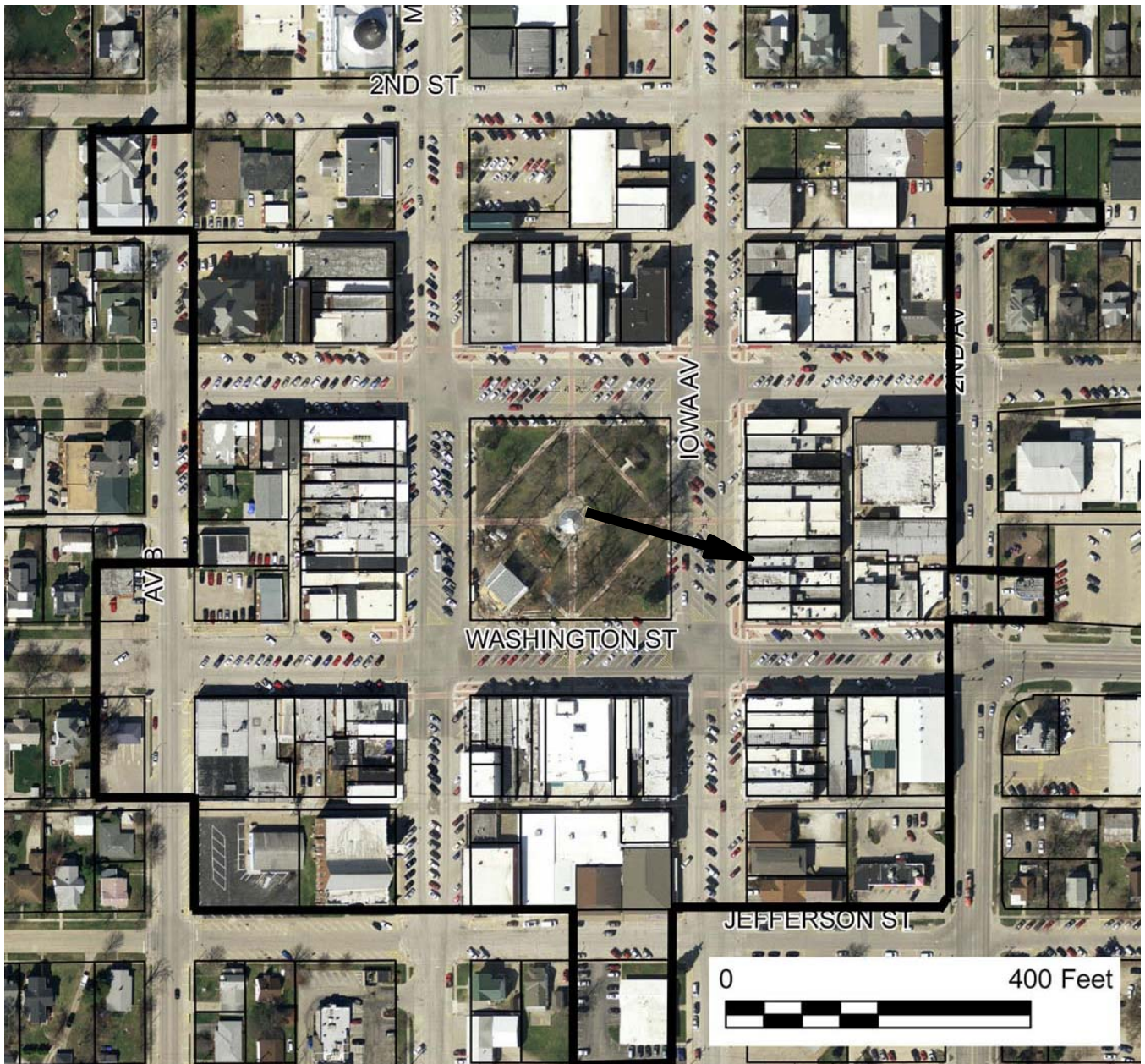
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Location map



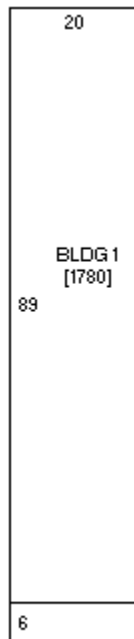
2009 aerial photograph (Washington County) – line indicates survey/research area boundary

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Building plan (from assessor's website)



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East side of the square in the 1890s (Patterson collection)

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East side of the square around 1911, after facade remodel (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



Photograph 92-00515-001 - West elevation, looking east (McCarley, September 20, 2012)