

Site Inventory Form

State Historical Society of Iowa

(November 2005)

State Inventory No. 92-00494

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 Keifer Garage

other names/site number Downtown Survey Map # DT- 068

2. Location

street & number 115 S. Second 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 5 exc. pt. Alley S side

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)

14D Transportation / road related / automotive service

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Tae Kwan Do

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

09F01 Commerce: False 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 115 S. Second 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)

Significant Dates

Construction date
1926 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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Roll/slide sheet #	_____	Frame/slot #	_____	Date Taken	_____

- 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.

Keifer Garage - 115 S. Second Ave - State #92-00494 - Map #84 ~ 1 contributing building (A and C) - c.1922 - early 20th century commercial

Historic information:

- 1922 - W.J. Keifer move garage here from armory - 1922-1939 - Keifer Garage
- 1939-1950s - Stewart & Crone (Pontiac and Buicks sales and service)
- 1964 - Stewart Pontiac Buick
- 2012 - used by Community Y to north

Architectural information:

- Height: 2 story
- Walls: brick
- Storefront: c.1960s remodel
- Windows: 1/1 windows
- Architectural details: brick detail, arch windows
- Architect/Builder: -
- Modifications: -

7. Narrative Description

This is a two-story brick commercial building with a concrete foundation built around 1922. There is a central entry door, and large openings on either side have been filled partially with brick. The current display windows are not symmetrically placed on the facade, with three windows to the left of the entry and a large and small window on the right. The same modern brick infills the area over the entry. There is a metal awning above the display windows. Above the infill, there is a concrete storefront lintel running the width of the original window openings. The second story has four tall arch window openings with brick arches and large decorative keystones. There are replacement one-over-one-light double-hung windows with plywood infill above the windows. The sills are concrete or stone. The cornice is stepped brick capped with concrete. Inset squares extend across the parapet wall on the frieze.

The south facade, along the alley and visible from the street, is divided into six equal sections by brick pilasters. From left to right, on the first story, openings are as follows: one covered window opening on the right side of the first section; one covered window opening at the center of the second section; a covered window and steel door in the third section; a garage door infilled with concrete block and a steel entry door installed in the concrete block in the fourth section; steps to a door which leads to the second story and a window opening with covered top half in the fifth section; and two window openings

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with plywood infill in the top half and fixed glass in the bottom half in the sixth (east) section. Sections two and three have concrete "wainscoting". All the windows have stone sills and brick arch lintels. On the second story, the windows have stone sills and segmental arch brick lintels. From left to right, openings are as follows: a centered four-over-four-light double-hung window in the first section; section two also has a centered four-over-four-light double-hung window; section three has two four-over-four-light double-hung windows; section four has one opening partially infilled with plywood, and a small one-over-one-light double-hung modern window; section five has partial plywood infill with one centered one-over-one-light double-hung modern window; section six has partial plywood infill with a one-over-one-light double-hung modern window. The north side has partially become party wall, with the rear southeast corner addition for the YMCA to the north.

8. Narrative Statement of Significance

Keifer Garage appears to contribute historically and architecturally to the Downtown Washington Historic District.

The 1917 Sanborn map shows an earlier building here, while this garage was here on the 1931 Sanborn map. This property was sold from Winfield Smouse to Jessie Dougherty on February 27, 1925. A telephone book listing from 1926 says Velie Garage, W.J. Keifer, prop. Keifer's Garage is noted to have moved here in 1922, so this building was likely built around this time.

Evening Journal – Washington County Centennial Celebration – July 1936 - page 55 – Keifer's Garage – 25 years in auto business – start in Kalona – move to armory building in Washington 20 years ago (1916) – moved to present location north of State Theatre 14 years ago (1922) – photo of building

The 1932 directory lists both Keifer Garage and Little & Custer Transfer at this address. Crone & Enslin Auto Service are listed at this address in 1935 (city directory), along with Keifer Garage. Keifer Garage advertises here in a Washington Journal ad in 1937.

In 1939, Stewart & Crone opened their business at this location. Stewart-Crone Garage, servicing Pontiac and Buick cars, is listed in the 1941 city directory. There are listings in the 1952 and 1956 telephone directories for Stewart-Crone, and the 1964 city directory has Stewart Pontiac Buick at this address.

Evening Journal – Centennial Celebration – August 1939 - page 100 – Stewart & Crone – Warren Stewart and Mike Crone – Pontiac – Buick – sales and service

Washington Evening Journal, 60th Anniversary Edition, February 27, 1953, page 29 – Stewart and Crone – 115 S. 2nd Street – car sales since 1939 – Pontiac and Buick – service and sales

Washington Evening Journal, 60th Anniversary Edition, February 27, 1953, page 96 – Stewart and Crone – will be 17 years old on April 1 – both men in auto business previously – Buick and Pontiac – specialize in body and fender work – complete line of parts

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By 1956, they also operated Stewart & Crone Used Car Lot at 116 W. Jefferson. In 1964, Stewart Pontiac Buick was listed here. In 1966, the property was transferred to Perdock, Inc., another Pontiac Buick dealer in Washington. The 1967 and 1968 city directories list G & W Tire and Appliance here. In 1969, Mangold's Service was listed here. He later operated an appliance store here.

The building was recently vacated by Archer Appliance (2011). It is owned by Community Y and is used as a Tae Kwon Do school.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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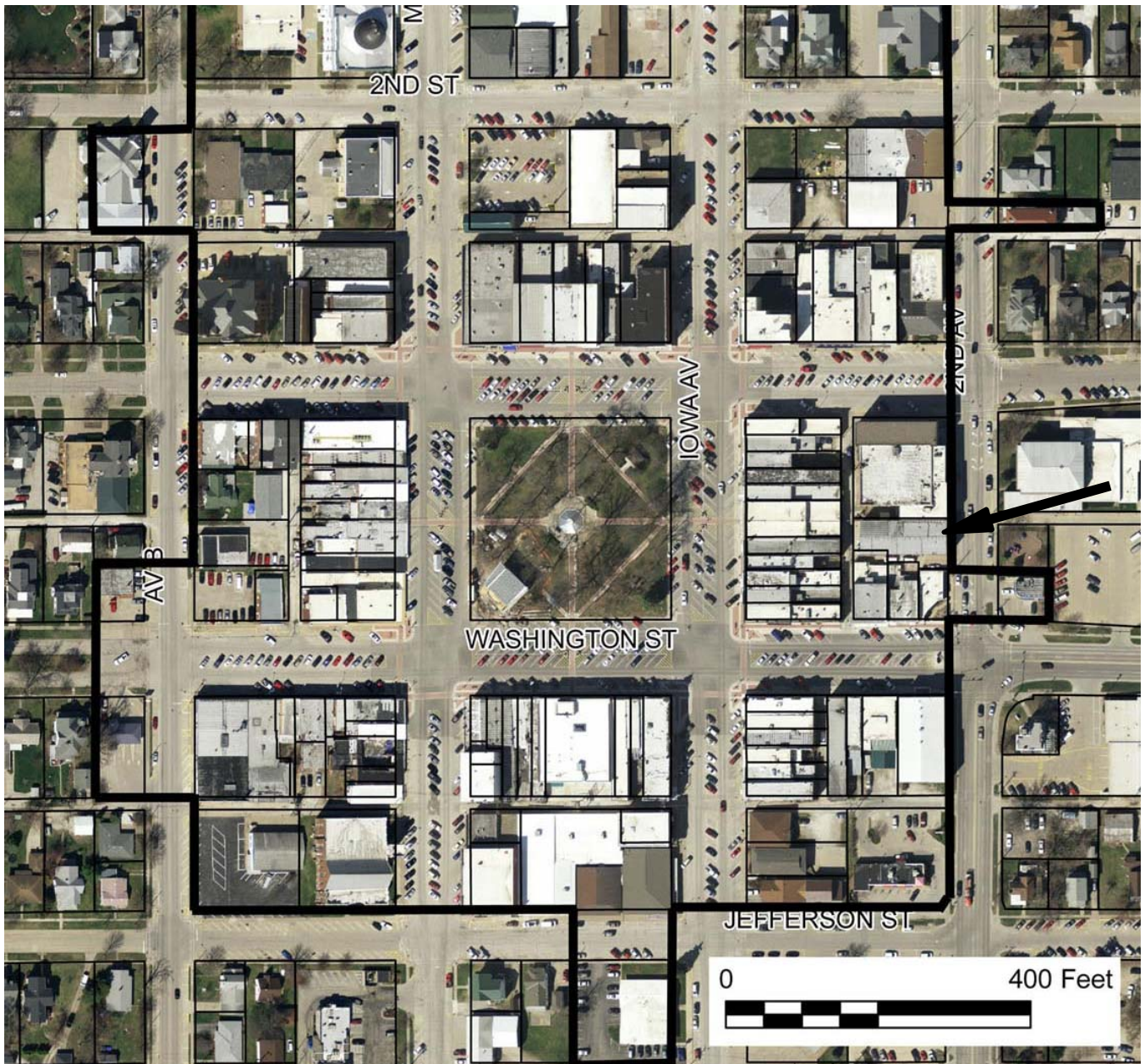
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Location map



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

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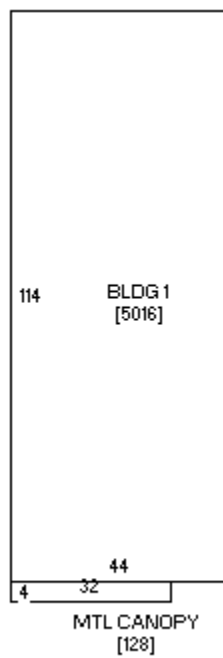
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Building plan (from assessor's website)



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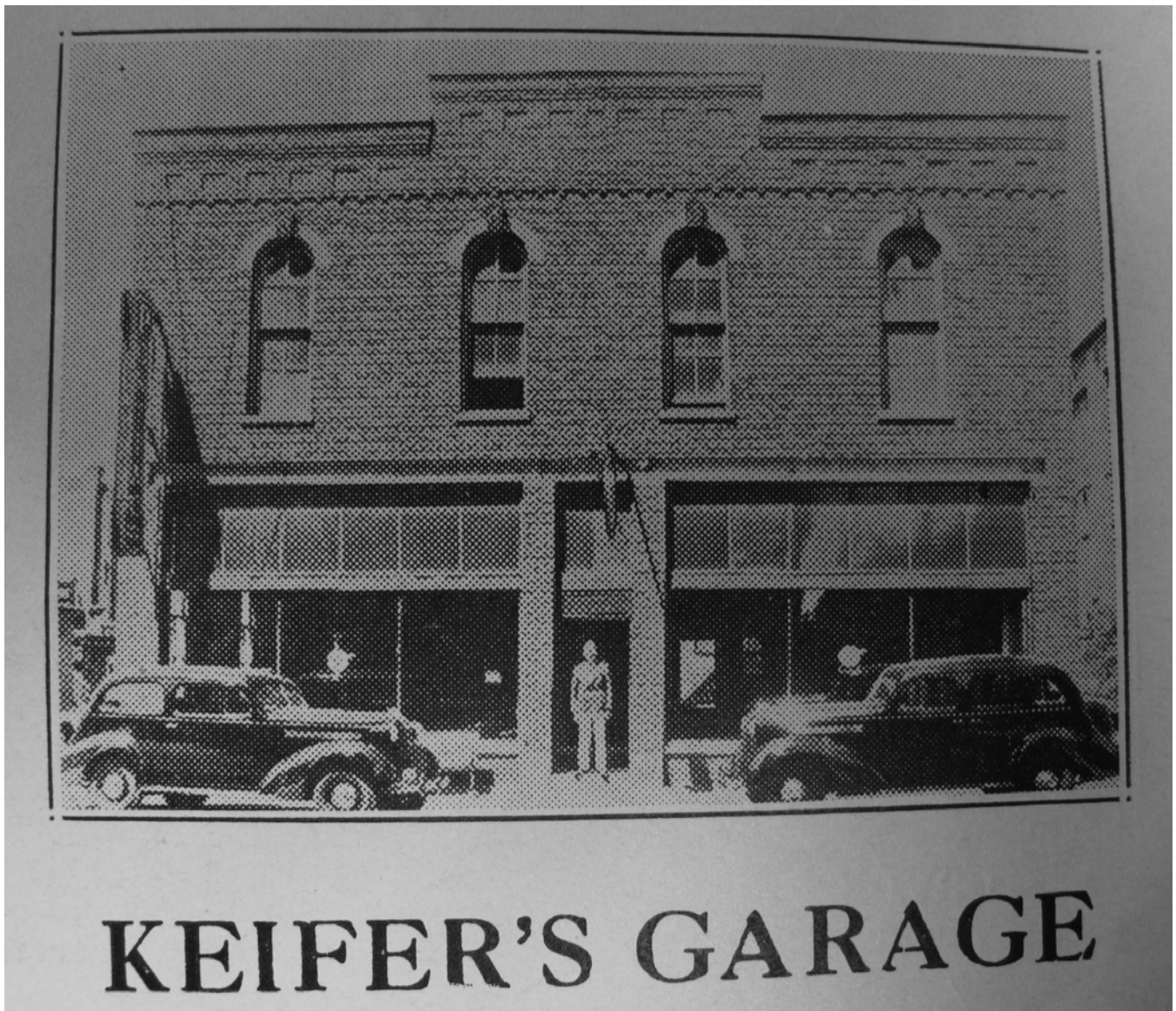
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Historic images



Evening Journal, July 1936 centennial edition, p55

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Digital photographs



Photograph 92-00494-001 - East elevation, looking west (McCarley, September 20, 2011)

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Photograph 92-00494-002 - South elevation, looking northwest (McCarley, September 20, 2011)