

Site Inventory Form

State Historical Society of Iowa

(November 2005)

State Inventory No. 92-00599

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 Brown's Super Service Station

other names/site number Downtown Survey Map # DT- 143

2. Location

street & number 120 E. Washington 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) 12 Lot(s) Lot 8 E 38.6'

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

— 1
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buildings
 sites
 structures
 objects
 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)

14D07 Transportation / gas station

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

02A01 Commerce / Business / office

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation _____

walls (visible material) 02D Wood/plywood/particle board

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 120 E. Washington 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
1927 check if circa or estimated date
Other dates, including renovation
2008 remodeling

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.

Brown's Super Service Station - 120 E. Washington - State #92-00599 - Map #83 ~ 1 non-contributing building - c.1927, 2008 - gas station (clad)

Historic information:

c.1927 - gas station built in place of earlier 2-story building, 1928-1939 - Brown's Super Service Station (Bill Brown)

1939-46 - Brown & Orr Courtesy Corner (Don Orr and Edsall Brown); 1946-1950s - Brown's Courtesy Corner (Edsall Brown)

1964 - The Garden Shop; 1968-1970s - Capitol Savings and Loan Association

1989 - Midwest Federal Savings and Loan

2012 - David C. Bruns (Edward Jones agent)

Architectural information:

Height: 1 story

Walls: brick - clad

Storefront: -

Windows: aluminum

Architectural details: exterior clad

Architect/Builder: -

Modifications: Historic: -; Non-historic: 2008 - exterior remodel

7. Narrative Description

This is a one story building located on the northwest corner of the intersection of E. Washington and S. 2nd Ave. It was remodeled in 2008. The facade is composed of several sections set at an angle, and faces the intersection diagonally. This footprint is historic and perhaps the only indication that this is a historic gas station with significant later remodeling. The entry door is centrally located, with a large window on each side. There is another large window to the left of the entry, and a narrow window at each end of the facade. A low stone wall with a concrete cap defines the courtyard in front of the building, which is where the gas pumps sat historically. The stone surface continues across the facade and secondary facade, ending slightly higher than the stone wall. The windows descend below the top of the stone facade. The remainder of the facade above the stone is wood panels with batten strips. The secondary (east) facade is sided with the same wood panels and battens. At the rear of the building, there is a secondary entry door. All the openings have steeply pitched fabric awnings supported by thick wood bracing.

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8. Narrative Statement of Significance

Due to the recent exterior remodel, Brown's Super Service Station is counted as non-contributing in the Washington Downtown Historic District. The work obscured the historic features and materials of the facade, though the overall unique shape of the building remains intact.

The 1917 Sanborn map shows a large two-story building used as a garage on this corner. This building was demolished with the current building constructed by the 1931 Sanborn map. The footprint shows the angled facade facing the corner, with a square section to the north for auto service. Winfield Smouse sold the east part of Lot 8 to Jessie Dougherty in February 1925. Wittrig Harness Shop is still listed at 120 E. Washington in the 1926 directory, in the earlier building. Bill Brown moved his auto business here in 1928, and Brown's Super Service Station is listed here in ads and directories in the 1930s. He moved to a new location in 1939. The station was continued here as Brown & Orr Courtesy Corner, under Don Orr and Edsall Brown. In 1946, Edsall Brown bought out his partner, and he bought the building from Jessie Dougherty. Brown's Courtesy Corner is then listed here through the 1950s.

Evening Journal – Washington County Centennial Celebration – July 1936 - page 49 – Brown's Super Service Station – Bill Brown, Paul Lytle, John Roth – run service station longer than anyone else in town – October 1920 – open Brown's Tire Shop – 114 E. Washington – Pennsylvania Vacuum Cup tires, gas, oil – moved in 1928 east to corner and opened Brown's Super Service – photo of building – add Goodyear tires

Washington Evening Journal, 60th Anniversary Edition, February 27, 1953, page 26 – “Bill Brown in Auto Business for Many Years” – October 20, 1920 – Maynard L. (Bill) Brown first opened doors – in building just east of Washington dairy (at 114 E. Washington)– operate tire and vulcanizing shop – also gas pump at curb – sold motor oil – here until until 1928 – took over Courtesy Corner service station – here until 1939 – move to present location at W. Madison and Avenue D – Brown Motors – agent for DeSoto and Plymouth automobiles – new and used cars – sales and service

Evening Journal – Centennial Celebration – August 1939 - page 87 – Courtesy Corner – Brown and Orr – Koolmotor gasoline, Cities Services Motor Oil, Acme tires, tire repair, car washing – photo of building

Washington Evening Journal, 60th Anniversary Edition, February 27, 1953, 59 - Brown's Courtesy Corner – 120 E. Washington – Edsall Brown for last seven years – previously partner with Don Orr in same building

The 1964 directory lists The Garden Shop at 120 E. Washington. In 1968, the Capitol Savings and Loan Association moved to this location, and they remodeled the building (Bicentennial Edition, *Evening Journal*, July 1, 1976, 71). In 1989, Midwest Federal Savings and Loan was here. The building was remodeled again in 2008.

The name Courtesy Corner is still used locally to identify the building, although the current occupant is the David C. Bruns Office.

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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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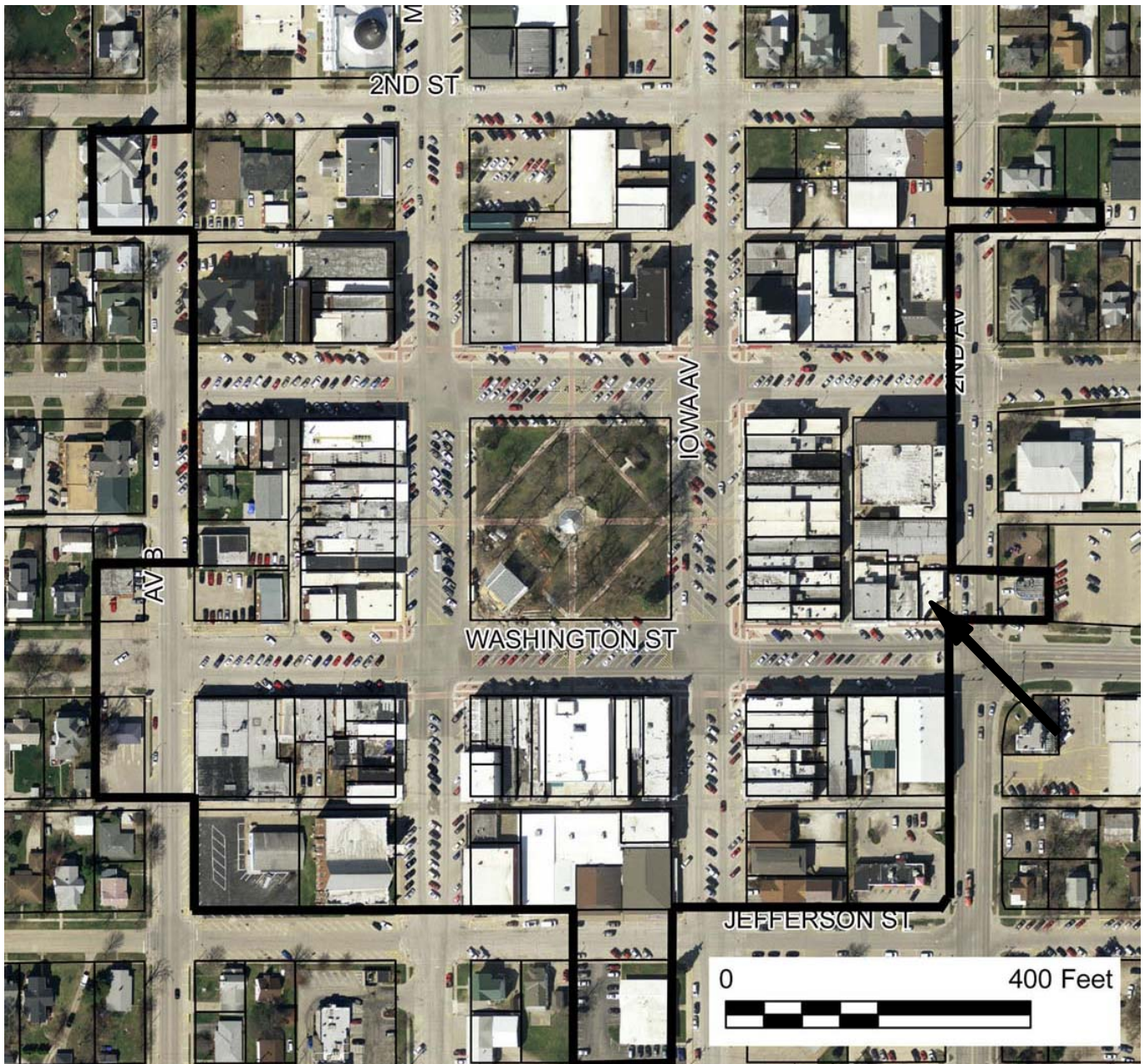
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Location map



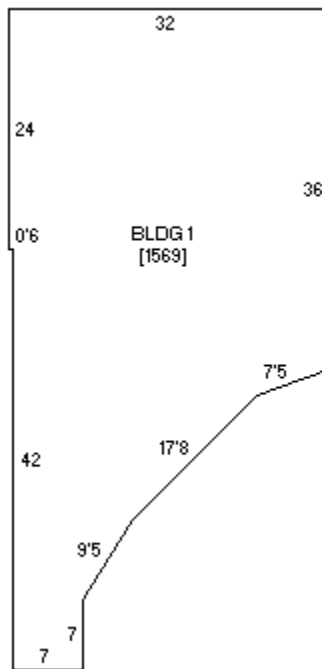
2009 aerial photograph (Washington County) – line indicates survey/research area boundary

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Building plan (from assessor's website)



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Historic images

Brown's Super Service

THE BEST GREASE JOB IN SEVEN STATES

Exide BATTERIES BROWN'S SUPER SERVICE

TIRE REPAIRING BATTERY SERVICE GREASING

Always Ready to Serve You—At the Station or on Emergency Calls.
—Bill Brown, Paul Lytle, John Roth.

The advertisement features a large, bold title at the top. Below it is a black and white photograph of the service station building. The building has several signs, including one that reads 'THE BEST GREASE JOB IN SEVEN STATES' and another that says 'Exide BATTERIES BROWN'S SUPER SERVICE'. Below the building photo are three individual portraits of men wearing mechanic caps and bow ties. At the bottom of the advertisement, there is a slogan and the names of the three mechanics.

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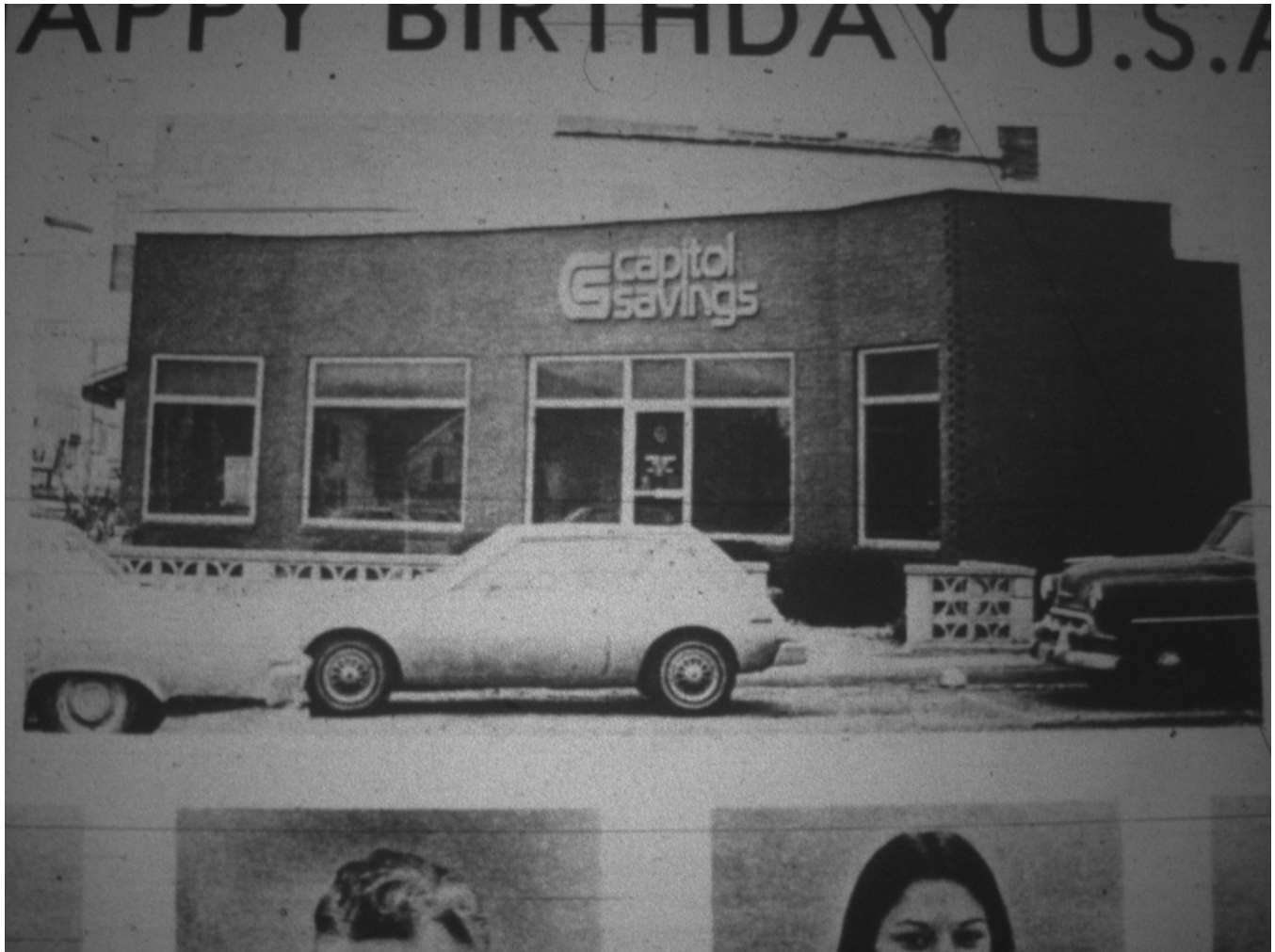
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Evening Journal, July 1, 1976, p71

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Digital photographs



Photograph 92-00599-001 - East elevation of the building, looking west (McCarley, September 20, 2011)

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Photograph 92-00599-002 - Southeast elevation of the building, looking north (McCarley, September 20, 2011)

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Photograph 92-00599-003 - East and north elevations, looking southwest (McCarley, September 20, 2011)