

Site Inventory Form

State Historical Society of Iowa

(November 2005)

State Inventory No. 92-00519

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 Western Union Telegraph and Express Office

other names/site number Downtown Survey Map # DT- 062

2. Location

street & number 206 South 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) 19 Lot(s) D

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)

10E01: telegraph office

02E05: hardware store

02E07: photographer

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

02A: business - accounting office

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

09F05: Commercial / brick front

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation 04: stone – 8" limestone

walls (visible material) 03: brick – 8" thick

roof 02: 3-ply compo/wood deck

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 206 South Iowa 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)

05: Commerce
02: Architecture

Significant Dates

Construction date 1904 check if circa or estimated date
Other dates, including renovation _____

Significant Person

(Complete if National Register Criterion B is marked above)

Architect/Builder

Architect unknown
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.

Western Union Telegraph and Express Office - 206 S. Iowa Avenue - State #92-00519 - Map #91 ~ 1
contributing building (A and C) - c.1904 - Queen Anne

Historic information:

1901 - S.W. Brookhart bought older 1 story building (telegraph/express) on W 60' - then bought E 40' in 7-1904
- building then likely constructed

1910 - Western Union Telegraph Office and US Express Office - here roughly from 1904 to at least 1917

1931 Sanborn - wallpaper and paints; 1932 - Dodder Paint Store - also F.L. Broadgate Co. - electrical; 1935 -
McAvoy Beauty Shop

c.1941-c.1960 - Guther Photography

1960s - Novotny's Portrait Studio

2012 - Koller & Co (accountants)

Architectural information:

Height: 2 story

Walls: brick (brown)

Storefront: brick with aluminum windows - recessed entry at left - upper entry at right

Windows: 1/1 wood

Architectural details: oriel window, metal cornice with rosettes and brackets

Architect/Builder: -

Modifications: Historic: 1950s/60s - storefront remodel; Non-historic: -

7. Narrative Description

This is a two-story buff brick building. The storefront appears remodeled in the 1950s or 1960s, with red brick and aluminum windows. The entry is recessed to the left with the storefront window angled back to the entry. A second story entry is located at the right side of the storefront. The second story has a one-over-one-light double-hung window to the right and a oriel window to the left. The double-hung window has a flared jack brick arch lintel and stone sill. The oriel window has three one-over-one-light double-hung windows. The metal cornice has brackets and rosettes.

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8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The Western Union Telegraph and Express Office appears to contribute historically and architecturally to the Washington Downtown Historic District.

An earlier one-story building is shown on the Sanborn maps from 1885 to 1902. Lamphere and Wilson sold the property to B.F. Dixon on September 20, 1900 (west 66' of original lot 4, Block 19 of the Original Plat). S.W. Brookhart purchased it on May 13, 1901. Then on July 22, 1904 S.W. Brookhart purchased the east 40' of lot D (legally described as "Com 66'S of NW corner Lot 3, East40', S22', W40', N22' to POB). Since the earlier one-story building with the express and telegraph office continues to appear on the 1902 map, it is likely that Brookhart then built the current two story building around 1904. Brookhart was a director of the Farmers and Merchants State Bank of Washington, organized on June 5, 1902 (Burrell 1909, Vol. 1: 374). The Western Union Telegraph Office and the United States Express Office are listed here in the 1910 city directory. The 1917 Sanborn map continues to show the express office as the use of the building.

Brookhart sold the property to T.F. Barker on April 17, 1915. Barker's widow, Clara T., sold property to Charles Barker on July 20, 1928. The 1931 Sanborn map shows Wallpaper and Paint here. 1932 telephone directory lists "Dodder Paint Store" and "FL Broadgate Co (electrical)" at this address. March of 1935 city directory lists "Dodder Paint Store" and 'McAvoy Beauty Salon". Listed at the upstairs apartment, 206 ½, is a Sadee McAoy. In 1936 Frances P. Slosser bought the property from Barker.

Slosser sold the building to Carl H. Guther on April 2, 1941. The 1943 Sanborn map shows photography. Guther Photography is listed in the 1941, 1952 telephone directories and an ad in the Washington Evening Journal May 6, 1952 issue.

Evening Journal, April 3, 1926, 2 – photographs by C.H. Guther - page 35 – The Guther Studio – photographs of Journal – Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Guther

Evening Journal – Washington County Centennial Celebration – July 1936 - p 31 – Guther Studio – photographer for Washington County since 1922

Evening Journal – Centennial Celebration – August 1939 - p 57 – C.H. Guther – photographer

Washington Evening Journal, 60th Anniversary Edition, February 27, 1953, 46 – history of photography – two studios in Washington – Ken-Rene Studio – Guther's Studio - 206 S. Iowa

The 1964 city directory lists Novotny's Portrait Studio here. Carl Guther sold property to John J. and Catherine M. Matles on October 27, 1967.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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Sanborn Map Company. "Washington, Iowa," Sanborn fire insurance maps. Pelham, NY: Sanborn Map Company, 1885, 1892, 1897, 1902, 1909, 1917, 1931, 1943.

Wagner, William (Des Moines architect). Photographs taken of downtown Washington in 1971. In collection of Washington Historical Society, Washington, Iowa.

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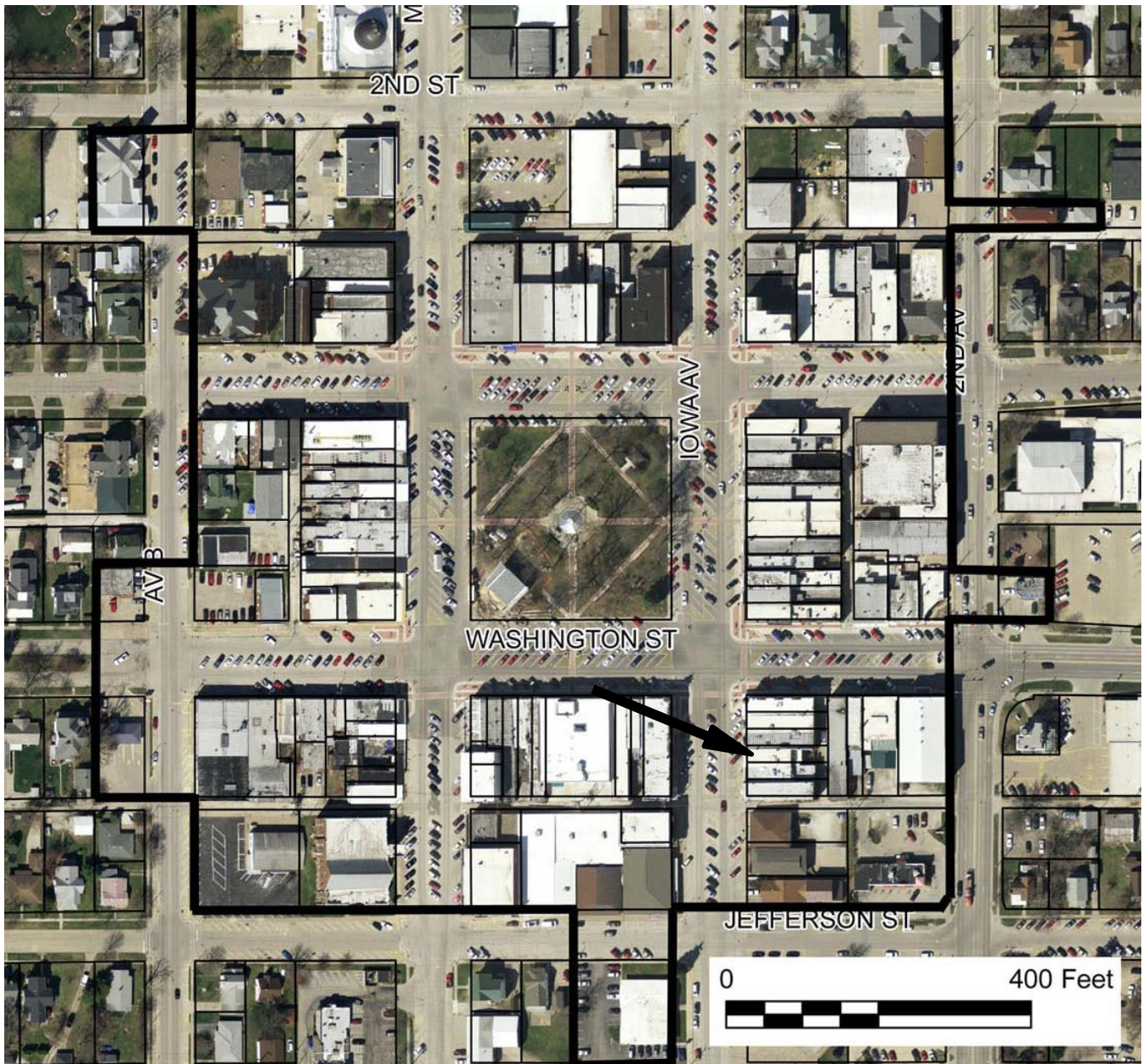
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Location map



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

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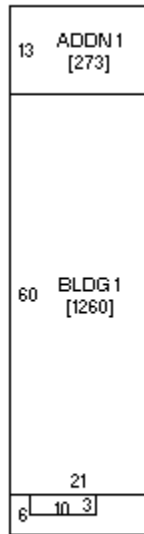
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Building plan (from assessor's website)



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Historic images



Postcard looking north on S. Iowa from 200 block - building at right (Patterson collection)

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Postcard showing building in c.1950s (Patterson collection)

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West side of building in 1971 (Wagner 1971)

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Digital photographs



Photograph 92-00519-001 - West elevation, looking east (McCarley, September 20, 2011)

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Photograph 92-00519-002 - Detail on west elevation, looking east (McCarley, September 20, 2011)