

Site Inventory Form

State Historical Society of Iowa

(November 2005)

State Inventory No. 92-00518

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 Columbian Block

other names/site number Downtown Survey Map # DT- 061

2. Location

street & number 200-202-204 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) Parcels A, C, B

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 — buildings
 — — sites
 — — structures
 — — objects
1 — 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)

02B03: law office, 02E03: dry goods, 11D01: pharmacy
02G01: cafe , 04F: Post Office, 02E11: grocery,
08A02: movie theatre, 02E: specialty store (auto parts &
tires), 02E09: furniture. 02E: specialty store (plumbing)
02E08: laundry

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

02E: specialty store: gifts & cards
02B04: insurance office.
02A: business: dance studio

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

05D: Queen Anne

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation 04C: limestone
 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 200-202-204 South Iowa Avenue
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)

05: Commerce
02: Architecture

Significant Dates

Construction date 1893 check if circa or estimated date
Other dates, including renovation _____

Significant Person

(Complete if National Register Criterion B is marked above)

Architect/Builder

Architect Foster and Liebbe of Des Moines, Iowa
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.

Columbian Block - 200-202-204 S. Iowa Avenue - State #92-00518 - Map #90 ~ 1 contributing building (A and C) - 1893 - Queen Anne

Historic information:

1893 - Winfield Smouse built Columbian Block - 3 bow windows on west and 4 on north - corner tower - cream and granite brick; 1897 Sanborn map - restaurant (200), dry goods (202 - Mercer & Chilcote Dry Goods), post office (204 - also here pre-fire)

c.1899-c.1953 - Lemmon's Pharmacy (200); 1904-1907 - I Rothschild & Co - dry goods (202), 1910 - McCall Grocery (202); 1910 - Dr. D. Arthaud (204 1/2)

1919-1940s - Johnson's Grocery & Market (202); 1924-30s - Kurtz Royal Market (meat) (204); 1920s-40s - Dr. Preston Etter - osteopathic physician (204 1/2)

1940s - Firestone auto supplies (204) (Pickens / Livingston / Bell & Gevock); 1952 - Gamble Store (202); 1955-56 - Stone's Furniture (202);

c.1953-1990s - Schoonover Drug (200); 1964 - Econo-Wash (202); 1950-1970s+ - Zager Plumbing & Heating (204)

2012 - Country Market Gift Shop (200), Stairway to Stars (202), Freeman Insurance (204)

Architectural information:

Height: 2 story

Walls: brick (cream)

Storefront: original iron columns - thin iron column - "Wilde", wide iron columns (name?) - intact with remodels

Windows: 1/1 aluminum

Architectural details: oriel windows, corner tower, brackets/cornice

Architect/Builder: -

Modifications: Historic: -; Non-historic: storefront remodels

7. Narrative Description

This is a two-story, three-storefront brick commercial building that sits at the southeast corner of S. Iowa and E. Washington, diagonal across from Central Park. The building has a stone foundation. The building has a corner tower on the 200 section, two rounded oriel windows (on the 202 and 204 section) on the west side, and three rounded oriel windows on the north side. The five oriel windows are identical, and the decorative detail carries over to the corner tower as well. The corner tower has a conical metal roof. The building has an elaborate metal cornice with arch "brackets" and triangular pediments with large brackets above each of the oriel windows.

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The west elevation consists of the three storefronts along S. Iowa. The 200 (corner) storefront was remodeled in the 1950s or 1950s, and the entry is chamfered at the corner. Buff brick and aluminum windows were installed, not quite the full height of traditional retail storefront windows. The transom area is clad in panels, and an aluminum canopy extends across the west side and wraps around the north corner. The second story has the corner tower as noted above, with paired one-over-one-light double-hung windows to the south. They have flared jack arch brick lintels with connecting bands and separate stone sills. The 202 (middle storefront) retains original metal columns, though later storefront windows and centered entry. The columns are not identical, with the left column wider with different decorative detail than the other three columns. This column sits to the right of the upper story entry, and perhaps historically an identical column was found on the other side of this entry, later remodeled with brick. The manufacturer stamp on the wide column could not be read, and "Wilde & Co" is noted on the other three columns - a local foundry in Washington in the 1890s. The second story has the oriel window with pediment as noted above, with a one-over-one-light double-hung window to either side with flared jack arch brick lintel and stone sill. The general configuration of the 204 section is the same as 202. The storefront has been rebuilt/remodeled, and it has a central entry with large windows to either side. The transom area is mostly covered, though a section reveals underlying prism glass. The oriel window and pediment are centered on the second story. A one-over-one-light double-hung window with flared jack arch brick lintel and stone sill is located to either side of the oriel window. The windows on this section have been replaced with smaller sashes with the upper section filled with a panel.

The north side of the building extends along E. Washington. The first story openings have large soldier full arches with dark red/brown edge accents and stone sills. The majority of the openings have been filled in with brick. Three entries were found along this side, with only the rear (east) entry remaining with a door. The wide window to its east also retains a single-light sash and arch transom. The second story has the three oriel windows with pediments as noted above, and a pair of windows are found to the left of each oriel window. The paired windows have one-over-one-light double-hung sashes, flared jack arch brick lintels, and stone sills.

The east side of the building extends along the alley. Historic photographs show a connection over the alley from the second story (offices) of this building to the second story of the building to the east. The connection was not flush with the north side of the building, but setback slightly, and the location has been filled in with brick since the connection was demolished. A set of stairs extends up to a door in this section. A one-over-one-light double-hung window sits to the north of this infilled section. Window and door openings along the alley are set under segmental arch brick lintels. Two entries with newer doors are found on the first story, and three one-over-one-light double-hung windows and a covered window are found on the second story of the remainder of this rear side.

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8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The Columbian Block, built by Winfield Smouse in 1893, contributes historically and architecturally to the Washington Downtown Historic District.

This building sits on the former site of the first Graham Opera House. The opera house opened in February 1886 and burned on November 23, 1892, displacing not only the community's opera house but several local business. In February of 1893 the "Graham Opera House Company" started immediately to raise funds once again to raise a new opera house to be built on the block to the east at 123 W. Washington Street. Local businessmen Winfield Smouse purchased the three lots that held the original opera house block. The *Press* on May 24, 1893 notes that Winfield Smouse will build a very ornate corner building...three bow windows to the west, several on the north, tower at corner..." The *Press* on May 31, 1893 notes that the exterior had "two kinds of outside brick, cream and granite colors respectively..." The building was topped with a galvanized iron cornice and trimmings. It was referred to as the Columbian Block in contemporary newspapers. The year of construction was the year of the Columbian Exposition in Chicago. Through the years a variety of businesses have been located at 200-202-204 South Iowa.

200 South Iowa – On 12/16/1892 Win Smouse purchased lot A (OP Block 19). Newspaper ads and city directories, of the time, Mr. Smouse had a real estate office upstairs in the back of the new building. Mr. William Blair operated a dry goods store in the store front. Transfer book shows being sold to Mrs. Alice Lemmon on 10/1/1925. Lemmon's Drug Store operated here according to newspaper ads and city directories. The last listing of Lemmon's Drug Store was in the 1952 Telephone Directory on page 12. "Schoonover Drug" is mentioned in 1955 Washington Evening Journal advertisement. Then Norman and Miranda Schoonover purchased the property on 6/5/1978.

Evening Journal, April 3, 1926, 7 – Lemmon's Pharmacy – 27th year in Washington – always located in same spot on southeast corner of square – store changed over time – feature Whitman's Candies (200 S. Iowa)

Evening Journal, Progress Edition, October 1933 - J.E. Lemmon – drug store - connected with business since May 23, 1899 – worked for Anderson & Burroughs – then Bowland & Shields – bought store in June 1902 – 31 years in same location

Evening Journal – Washington County Centennial Celebration – July 1936 - 77 – Lemmon's Pharmacy – southeast corner – 200 S. Iowa – J.E. Lemmon, Robert Templeman, Wendell Booth, Gene Crossett

Evening Journal – Centennial Celebration – August 1939 - page 9 – Lemmon's Pharmacy – southeast corner of square – 40 years in drug business – J.E. Lemmon, E.R. Utterback, and Gene Crossett – drug store, Whitman's candy, soda fountain – one of coolest spots in town

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Bicentennial Edition, *Evening Journal*, July 1, 1976, 31 – Schoonover Drug – southeast corner – 23 years – prescriptions, paints, greeting cards, health supplies, tobacco, candy, magazines

rear of 200 South Iowa - address of 107 E. Washington - Sanborn maps show an office here from 1897 to 1943. A second story walkway to 109 E. Washington to the east is also shown from 1902 to 1943. Winfield Smouse has his real estate office here in 1910, and Smouse Realty is still listed here in 1926 city directory. Ann's Beauty Salon was here in 1941 and 1952 directories. Ann Springer started in business in 1939, previously working at another salon (*Washington Evening Journal*, 60th Anniversary Edition, February 27, 1953, 106). The 1964 directory lists the Chamber of Commerce at 107 E. Washington.

202 South Iowa – On 12/16/1892 WE Chilcote and WA Cook purchased lot B (OP Block 19) the second storefront of the building, two weeks after Graham Opera House fire. On May 4, 1892 an advertisement appeared for “Mercer & Chilcote Dry Goods” - advertised in the *Washington Evening Journal* in 1897. W.E. Chilcote and Lee B. Mercer purchased the property on 2/8/1906. It was then sold to O.L. Samson on 9/13/1907 - “McCall's Grocery” is listed in the 1910 City Directory. Dorothy L. Gallagher purchased the property from Ina Samson, widow of O.L. Samson. Advertising in both *Washington Evening Journal* and city directories it was occupied by “Gamble's Store” in 1952. The 1955 *Washington Evening Journal* advertises “Stones Furniture” (Nyltex curtain fabrics). The last mention of “Stone's” business here is in the 1956 telephone directory. There is no mention of any business in our “advertisement / directory resesarch” after 1956. The estate of Dorothy L. Gallagher sold the property to Melissa R. Rogerson on 2/6/1996.

Evening Journal, Progress Edition, October 1933 - I. Rothschild – 1904 to Washington from Tipton – manage dry goods for cousin Isaac Klein – bought from Mercer and Chilcote – business under Rothschild's name – bought Klein out in 1908 – location now Johnson's Grocery – moved 26 years ago (1907) to present location (109 W. Washington) – closed various departments – women and children's clothing – start early in ready-to-wear business

Evening Journal, April 26, 1913, 2 – ad – Windsor Grocery – Harry McCall – photo of interior

Evening Journal – Washington County Centennial Celebration – July 1936 - 53 – Johnson's Grocery and Market – Richard Johnson – open in 1919 – son Richard Jr took over delivery business this year

Evening Journal – Centennial Celebration – August 1939 - 19 – Johnson's Grocery and Market – 20 years in Washington – Mr. and Mrs. Richard Johnson – Richard Johnson, Jr. – “Doc” Moore – Bobby Johnson, Stanley Moore, Will Chilcote

Washington Evening Journal, 60th Anniversary Edition, February 27, 1953, 81 – Stone's – Leo Stone – floor coverings – carpet, rugs, linoleums, tile

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204 South Iowa – This portion of that property was sold to A & J Anderson in December 1892. The post office was in the Graham Opera House block when it burned, and it appears this storefront was constructed for the post office. “Post Office” is noted as the occupant on the 1897, 1900, and 1902 Sanborn maps. The ad for I. Rothschild in 1906 notes he is next to the post office, and Dr. D Arthmaud is listed with an office above the post office. On January 20th of 1917 J.T. Anderson sold his undivided ½ interest in the property to Absolom Anderson. Sanborn map of this same year use of the building is identified at “Motion Pictures”. No ads or directory listings for this use in our research of this time period. Telephone directory of 1926 lists “Kurtz Market” doing business in this location, and they were here through the 1930s. The Telephone directory of 1941 lists “Pickens For Tires” selling auto supplies. On May 31, 1946 an ad ran in the Washington Evening Journal announcing the opening of “B & G Livingston Auto Supplies – formerly Pickens For Tires” at 204 South Iowa Avenue. A Washington Evening Journal “Professional Directory” mentions Dr. P.L. Etter, Osteopath, practicing out of an office above the store in in 1935. On June 10, 1947 Marion Gray Slavick, executor of Absolom Anderson's estate, sold the property to Charles Anderson and Marian Gray Slavick. They in turn sold the property to a Lewis Zager on August 19, 1947. “Bell & Gevock Auto Supplies” ran an ad in the May 3rd, 1949 issue of the Washington Evening Journal. Lewis Zager sells the property to Delbert Zager on July 5, 1949. In 1950 and 1964 “Zager Plumbing” is listed in city directories here. Ownership records do not changes again until 1991.

Evening Journal, Progress Edition, October 1933 - Kurtz Market – was Barrett & Link – bought out in 1908 – Kurtz & Dankwart – moved one door south of present location in 1917 – Kurtz took over – moved to 204 S. Iowa nine years ago (1924) – Frank and Boice Kurtz – meat market – also line of groceries (204 S. Iowa - #92-00518)

Evening Journal – Washington County Centennial Celebration – July 1936 - 31 - Kurtz Market – formerly Kurtz Royal Market – here for 19 years (1917) – moved then from location east of Bailey Building – Boice Kurtz and Frank Kurtz

Evening Journal – Centennial Celebration – August 1939 - 100 – Kurtz Market – business since 1906 – Frank Kurtz died on July 16, 1939

Washington Evening Journal, 60th Anniversary Edition, February 27, 1953, 88 – Firestone Store – started in early 1940s by Joe Pickens – bought in May 1946 by Ralph Bell, Ruth Bell, and Alex Gevock – then at location of Zager Plumbing and Heating – Ralph sell interest to sister Ruth in 1948 – Bell & Gevock Firestone Store – move to 1404? E. Washington in 1950 – almost on Highway 92 – ad on page 89

Bicentennial Edition, *Evening Journal*, July 1, 1976, 105 – Zager Plumbing and Heating Service – 204 S. Iowa – Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Zager – opened here on July 17, 1950 – son Bob joined in 1958 – Kohler and American Standard Plumbing and Tappan Furnaces and Air Conditioners – added bath shop in 1969 – full line of accessories – photo of building

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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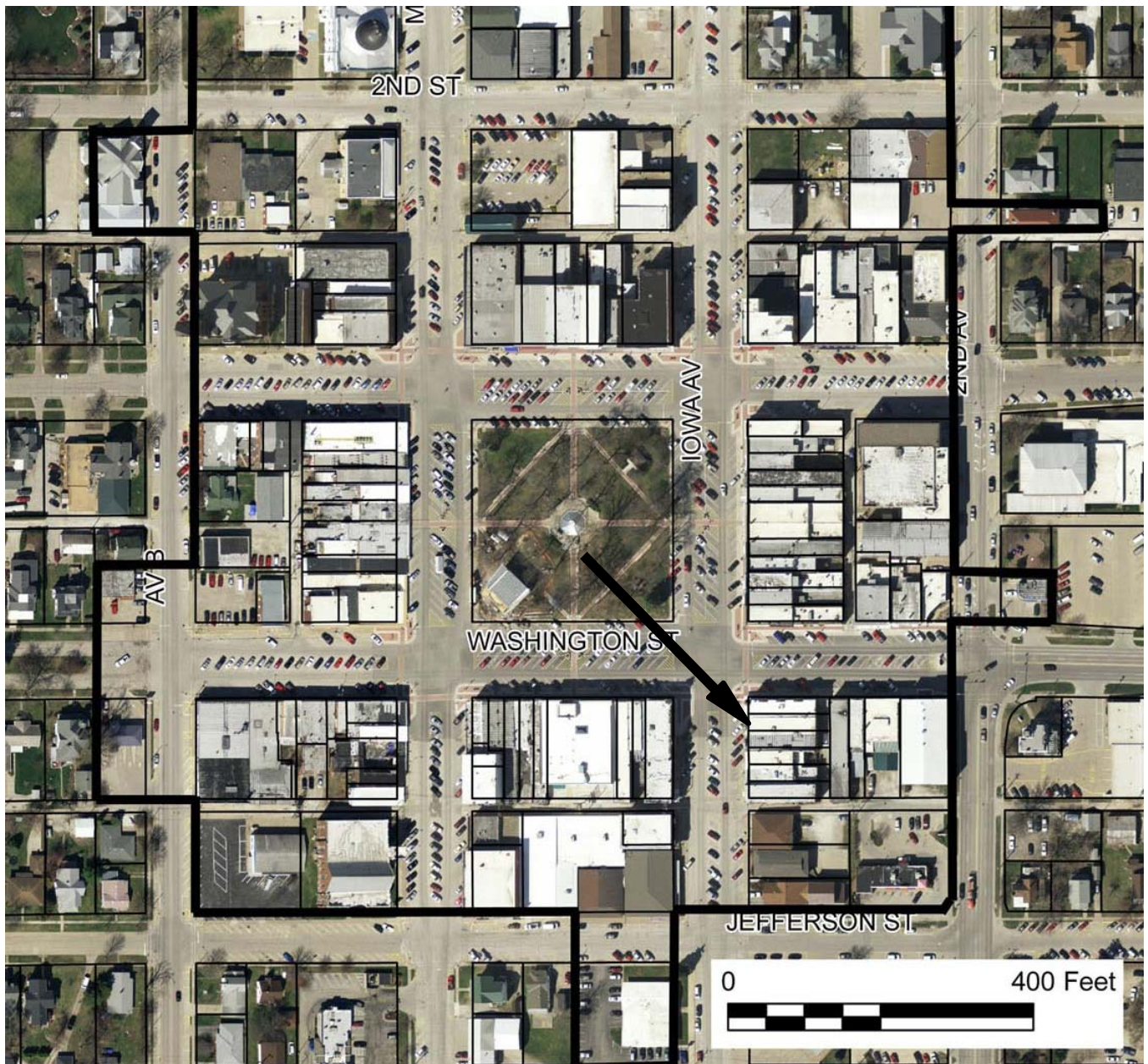
Wagner, William (Des Moines architect). Photographs taken of downtown Washington in 1971. In collection of Washington Historical Society, Washington, Iowa.

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Location map



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

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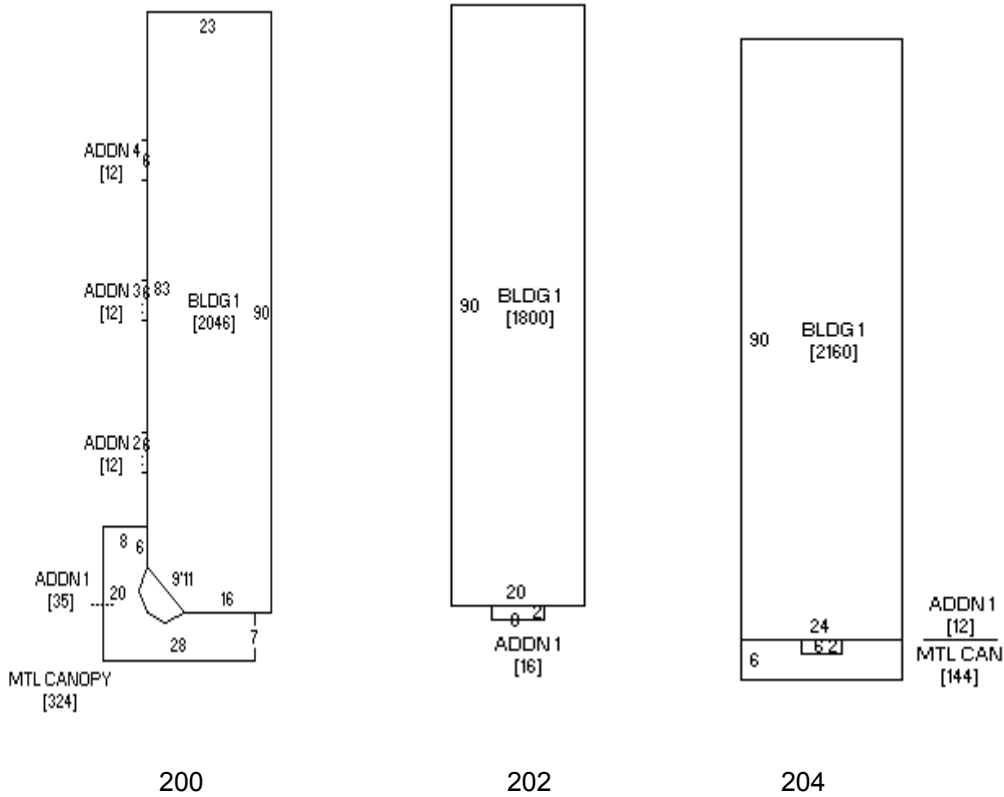
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Building plan (from assessor's website)



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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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Collage of photos showing the north side of building in 1971 (Wagner 1971)

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Digital photographs



Photograph 92-00518-001 - North and west sides, looking southeast (McCarley, September 20, 2011)

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Photograph 92-00518-002 - West side, looking east (McCarley, September 20, 2011)

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Photograph 92-00518-003 - Detail of 204 section, looking east (McCarley, September 20, 2011)

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Photograph 92-00518-004 - East and north sides, looking southwest (McCarley, September 20, 2011)

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Photograph 92-00518-005 - 200 and 202 storefronts, looking southeast (McCarley, September 20, 2011)

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Photograph 92-00518-006 - 202 storefront, looking northeast (McCarley, September 20, 2011)

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Photograph 92-00518-007 - Detail of stamp on left column on 202 storefront, looking east (McCarley, September 20, 2011)

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Photograph 92-00518-008 - Middle column of 202 storefront, looking east (McCarley, September 20, 2011)

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Photograph 92-00518-009 - Detail of stamp (Wilde & Co) on middle column on 202 storefront, looking east (McCarley, September 20, 2011)