

Site Inventory Form

State Historical Society of Iowa

(November 2005)

State Inventory No. 92-00603

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 George W. Stewart Hardware

other names/site number Downtown Survey Map # DT- 154

2. Location

street & number 107 W. 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) 18 Lot(s) Lot 2 – E 8.25' – Lot 1 – W 12.5'

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:

If Eligible Property, enter number of:
Contributing Noncontributing

—	buildings	<u>1</u>	—	buildings
—	sites	—	—	sites
—	structures	—	—	structures
—	objects	—	—	objects
—	Total	<u>1</u>	—	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)

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

02E05 Commerce / hardware store

03C Social / Central Park Community Center

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

09F05 Commercial: Brick Front

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 107 W. Washington Street
City Washington

Site Number 92-00603
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 1868 check if circa or estimated date
Other dates, including renovation early 1910s - facade remodel

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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<u>George W. Stewart Hardware</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.

George W. Stewart Hardware - 107 W. Washington - State #92-00603 - Map #103 ~ 1 contributing building (A and C) - 1868, c.1910s façade - early 20th century commercial

Historic information:

- 1868-1872 - L. Whitcomb & Son - hardware; 1872-1884 - Smouse hardware (L. & W. Smouse)
- 1884-1897 - Stewart Brothers (George & Frank) - hardware (Sanborns show hardware here in 1885 then one store west in 1890s; here 1902-1926+; may have used both in 1890s)
- 1897-1931 - George W. Stewart - hardware store; 1931-1935 - George W. Stewart Estate Hardware
- 1935-1952 - T.H. Peters Hardware
- 1952-1977 - Connelly Hardware
- 2012 - Central Park Community Center

Architectural information:

- Height: 2 story
- Walls: brick
- Storefront: center entry with large storefront windows - part of prism glass transom visible?
- Windows: 1/1 wood
- Architectural details: stone lintels/sills, brickwork
- Architect/Builder: -
- Modifications: Historic: early 1900s - façade remodel (or rebuilt); Non-historic: 2010 - storefront remodel

7. Narrative Description

This is a two story brick commercial building. Though the core was built in 1868, the facade brick and design date to the early 1910s. The storefront was remodeled in 2010, with a recessed central entry door and two large glass and aluminum windows. At that time, the bulkhead below the windows was covered with 16" square tile. A portion of the prism glass transom from the early 20th century is revealed on the frieze. There are three one-over-one-light double-hung second story windows with flared stone lintels and stone sills. Above the windows is a rectangular outline in stone with five cross stone block details. The simple cornice has bricks creating brackets. This parapet section was extend to a taller height with the c.1910s facade work.

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8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The George W. Stewart Hardware building appears to contribute historically and architecturally to a Washington Downtown Historic District.

Court house records indicate that Lyman Whitcomb purchased the property on March 18, 1867. In the January 29, 1868 edition of the *Washington Press*, page 2, a notice titled Building states "Mr. L. Whitcomb has contracted with M. Wodenbeck for the brick for a two story building to go up on the site of Van Nostrand's meat market, with a ware room in the rear reaching to the alley. He proposes to have in it a No. 1 stock of hardware at an early day in summer." In August 1868, an ad in the *Washington Press* announces "New Hardware Store / Washington Iowa / L. Whitcomb & Son / Have fitted up their New Brick Block adjoining their old stand on the south side of the square with a / GENERAL STOCK / of / Shelf Hardware / Wagon Material / Nails, Iron, / Farming Implements, / Carpenter' Tools, / &c.,&c.,&c. A two story building is shown here on the 1869 birds-eye view of Washington. Whitcomb & Simmons were in the hardware business per the *Press* on September 27, 1871. On July 24, 1872, the *Press* reported that Mart Whicomb sold his stock of hardware to the Smouses, who will occupy the same building. Smouse Hardware advertised in 1881, run by L. & W. Smouse. Whitcomb sold the building to L. & W. Smouse on May 19, 1874.

In 1884, the Stewart Brothers – Frank and George – bought the south side implement and hardware business, reportedly doing great business in 1893 ("Men Who Make a City," *Washington Gazette*, January 6, 1893, 6). Frank retired in 1897, and George W. Stewart continued in business by himself. He purchased the property on January 31, 1898. It appears shortly after this time, perhaps in the decade of the 20th century, that the facade was remodeled. By the 1910s historic images, the current facade with tall lintels and upper brickwork is clearly visible here. He was noted as running a reliable hardware store and implements business in 1913 (*Journal*, April 26, 1913, 41). George Stewart continued in business here until his death in 1931.

Evening Journal, April 3, 1926, page 33 – George W. Stewart – start as Stewart Brothers – Frank retired in 1897 – continue by George – well known business – hardware

Evening Journal, April 3, 1926, page 17 – ad for George W. Stewart – 43 years in hardware business – 1883 – located on north side of square – room now occupied by Grahams store – 1884 – established store on south side of square – here ever since – builders hardware, farm implements, stoves and ranges

Evening Journal, Progress Edition, October 1933 - George W. Stewart Estate Hardware – store started by George Stewart on March 1, 1883 – north side – now Graham Store – moved in 1884 to south side – been here since – 50 years in business – founder died on May 13, 1931

Washington Evening Journal, 60th Anniversary Edition, February 27, 1953, page 35 – "Farmers Implement Once was Owned by John Deere Company" – Farmers Implement started in 1925? – previously George Stewart hardware on south side of square was Deere dealer

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For a few years, George W. Stewart Estate Hardware continued to operate in this location. In 1935, Tom H. and Edna Peters bought the store, opening T.H. Peters Hardware. This store is listed here in the 1935 and 1941 directories and a 1943 advertisement.

Evening Journal – Centennial Celebration – August 1939 - page 89 – T.H. Peters – hardware – south side of square – Tom Peters – authorized Keen-Kutter Store – ranges, bottled gas, washers, cream separators, refrigerators, tools and cutlery

In January 1952, Clifford Connelly bought the Peters Hardware store (*Washington Evening Journal*, 60th Anniversary Edition, February 27, 1953, 75). Connolly Hardware first appears in the 1952 telephone directory and remains there until 1977. The store moved to 1010 W. Madison in the west end of town to the Drug Fair building, which was Connie's Hallmark by 1989 (*Souvenir History of Washington, Iowa* 1989: 8).

The current occupant is the non-profit Central Park Community Center, a gathering place for senior citizens.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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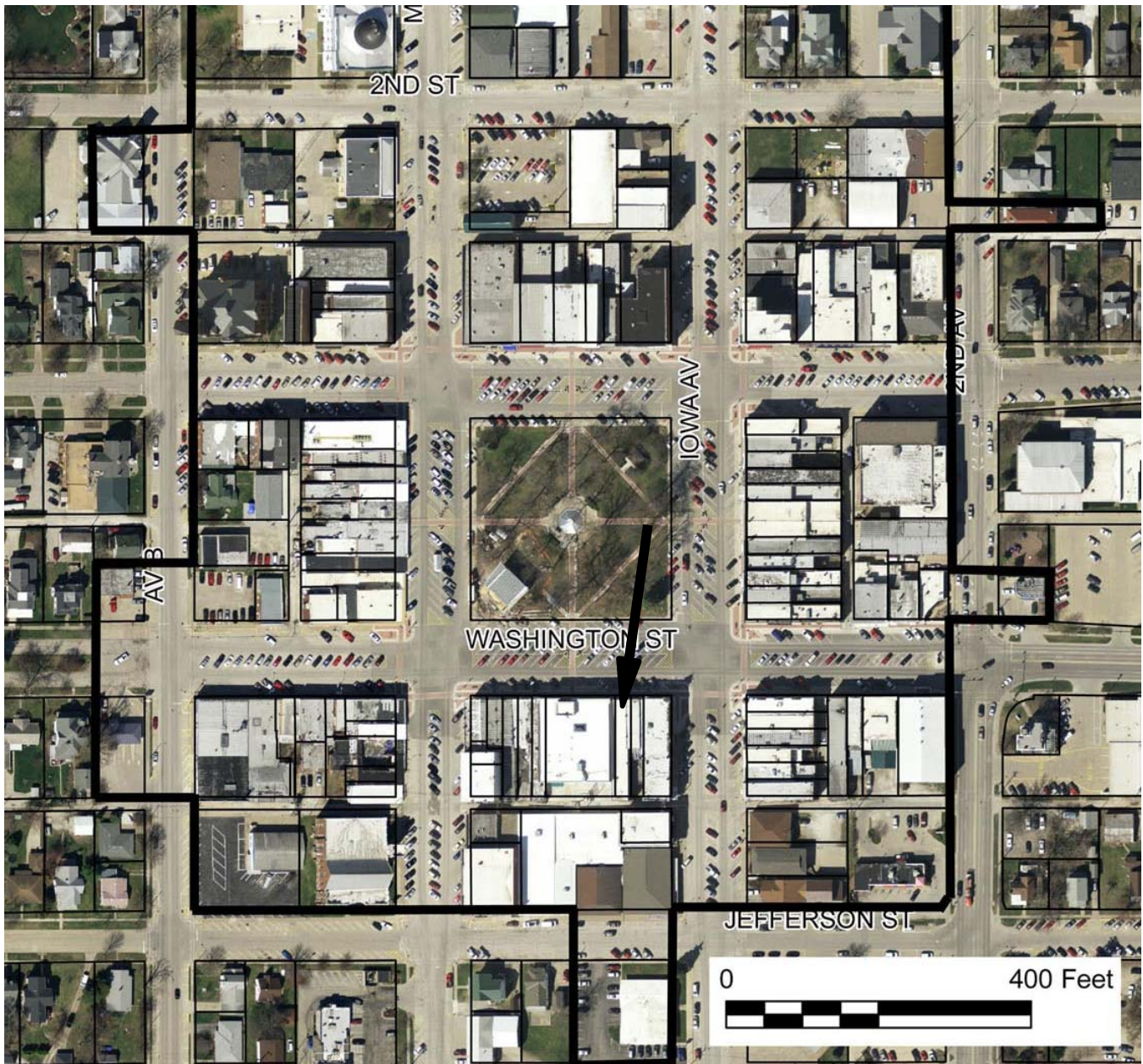
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Location map



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

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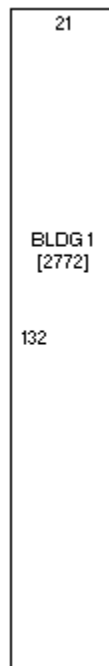
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Building plan (from assessor's website)



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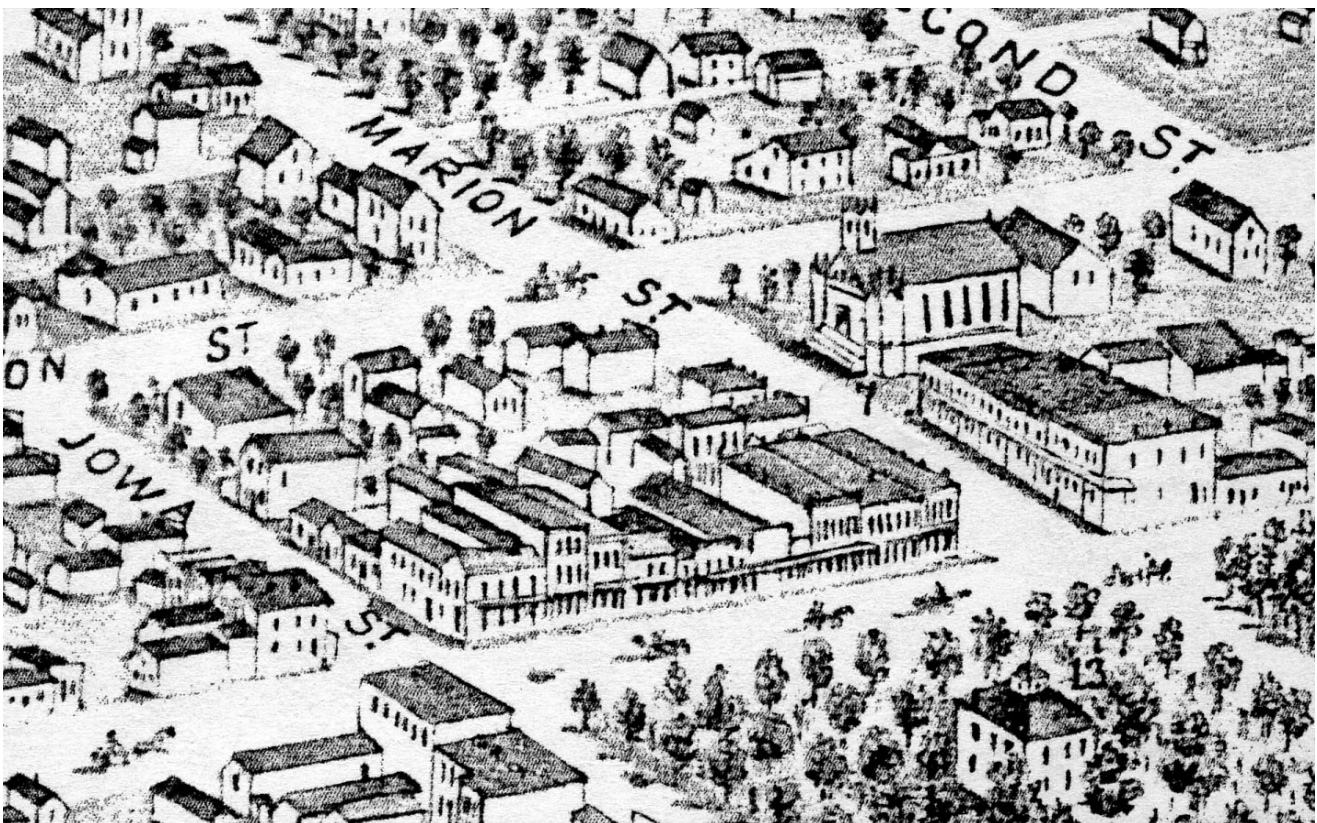
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Historic images



1869 *Birds-eye perspective of Washington, looking south*

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153 S. side of Square, Washington, Ia.

International Stereograph Co., Decatur, Ill.

South side of the square in the 1910s, prior to increased parapet height (Patterson collection - Ray)

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South side of the square in the 1910s (Patterson collection)

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South side of the square in the late 1930s (Patterson collection)

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Building in 1971 (Wagner 1971)

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Digital photographs



Photograph 92-00603-001 - North elevation, looking south (McCarley, September 20, 2011)