

# Site Inventory Form

State Historical Society of Iowa

(November 2005)

State Inventory No. 92-00614

New  Supplemental

Part of a district with known boundaries (enter inventory no.) \_\_\_\_\_

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) 2010

## 1. Name of Property

historic name White Way Garage

other names/site number Tucker & Eicher, Downtown Survey Map # DT- 146

## 2. Location

street & number 221 (223-225) 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) 17 Lot(s) 4

## 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

— 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)

14D09 -Road-related/automotive service or repair

02E01 auto showroom

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

99 - demolished – gravel lot

## 7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

09F01: Commercial / brick front

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

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 221-225 W. Washington Site Number 92-00614  
City Washington 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 1917  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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city or town Washington state Iowa zip code 52353

**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>White Way Garage</u>	<u>Washington</u>
Name of Property	County
<u>221-225 W. Washington</u>	<u>Washington</u>
Address	City

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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. This building was demolished during the course of the project.*

## 7. Narrative Description

This one story brick building was demolished in 2010 following the collapse of the west wall. The facade was clad in aqua “cheese grater” metal above the windows and brushed aluminum vertical fluted siding from the windows to the sidewalk in the late 1960s, jointly with the building to the east at 215-217 W. Washington. There was a central entry door and several large plate glass windows. It was used as an auto show room and sales room. Along the west side (facing Avenue B) there was a garage door entry, a door, and several paired one-over-one light double-hung windows with segmental arch lintels. The roof was a barrel vault with rolled asphalt roofing. When the building collapsed, the roof trusses were exposed and noted to be laminated wood with cross bracing.

## 8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The site of this demolished building falls outside the boundary of the Washington Downtown Historic District.

In 1911, the Great White Way was built across Iowa and through Washington. This garage was built around 1916. The building first appears on the 1917 Sanborn map, and transfer records show that it was sold by Bert C. Smith to White Way Garage Company in April of 1916. Tucker & Eicher (Buick sales and service) and White Way Garage are both listed here. White Way Garage sold to property to W.S. Eldridge in 1920, and in 1935, it was sold by the sheriff to Carl Roberts. Ads for Tucker & Eicher Chevrolet are found into the early 1930s and then the name shifts to Tucker Chevrolet. It continued here into the late 1950s.

*Evening Journal*, April 3, 1926 - page 43 – Tucker & Eicher – White Way Garage – mechanics, gas, supplies, etc. – photo (7185)

*Evening Journal* – Washington County Centennial Celebration – July 1936 - page 21 – Tucker & Eicher – Leslie Eicher – Claude Tucker – Chevrolet and Oldsmobile – auto service – photo of building – demolished – 221 W. Washington

*Evening Journal* – Centennial Celebration – August 1939 - page 45 – Tucker Chevrolet – sales – complete automobile service – Claude Tucker – large staff also listed

*Washington Evening Journal*, 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition, February 27, 1953 - page 28 – Tucker in Chevrolet business since April 1915 – late Claude Tucker – son Gene took over business in 1950 – Tucker Chevrolet – thriving business – W. Washington – also repair department on W. Madison – sales and service

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*Washington Evening Journal*, 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition, February 27, 1953, page 58 – Tucker Chevrolet – Gene Tucker – company since 1918 – used cars and trucks, auto repair, body and fender repair, parts, trucks and pick-ups

In 1964, GEB Chevrolet is listed here in the city directory.

Perdock Inc., the most recent occupant, opened an auto dealership and repair service in both buildings some time in the late 1960s, cladding the facades of both buildings jointly. The building was then demolished following the collapse of the west wall in 2010.

### 9. Major Bibliographical References

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*Washington Evening Journal*  
*Washington Gazette*  
*Washington Press*

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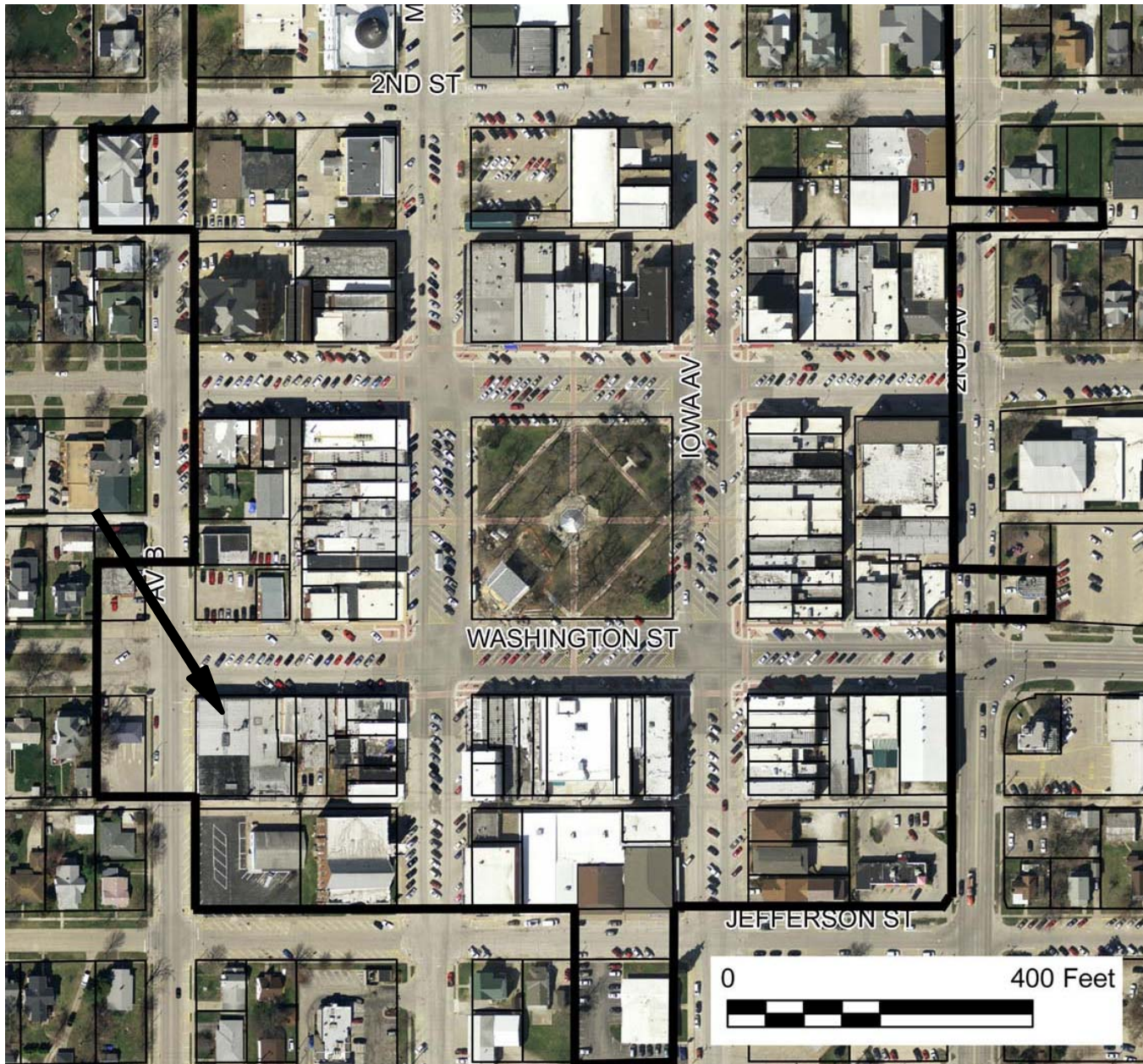
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## Location map



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

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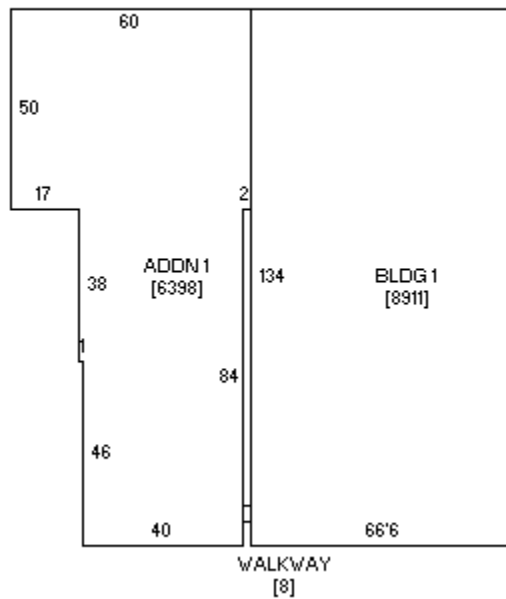
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### Building plan (from assessor's website)



215-217

221-225

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## Historic images



Building in 1920s (from Michael Kramme)

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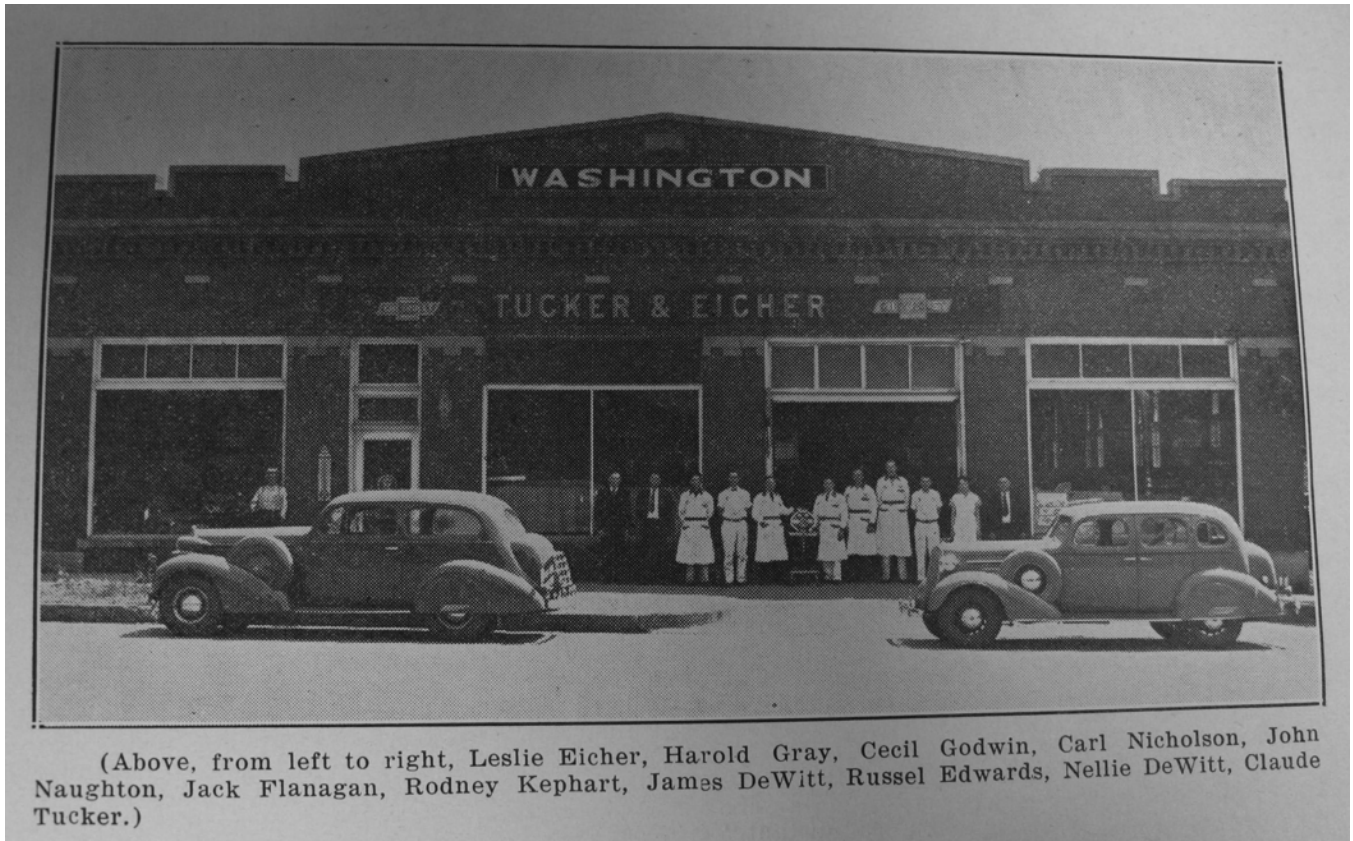
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(Above, from left to right, Leslie Eicher, Harold Gray, Cecil Godwin, Carl Nicholson, John Naughton, Jack Flanagan, Rodney Kephart, James DeWitt, Russel Edwards, Nellie DeWitt, Claude Tucker.)

***Evening Journal* – Washington County Centennial Celebration - July 1936 - p21**



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**Assessor photo from c.2008 of 215-217 jointly clad with 221-225 to the west/right**

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**Digital photographs**



Photograph 92-00614-001 - North elevations of 215-217 and 221-225 W. Washington, looking southwest  
(McCarley, September 24, 2008)