

# Site Inventory Form

State Historical Society of Iowa

(November 2005)

State Inventory No. 92-00579

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) \_\_\_\_\_

## 1. Name of Property

historic name First Baptist Church

other names/site number Downtown Survey Map # DT- 115

## 2. Location

street & number 122 East Second St.

city or town Washington  vicinity, county Washingt

Legal Description: (If Rural) Township Name \_\_\_\_\_ Township No. \_\_\_\_\_ Range No. \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_ Quarter of Quarter \_\_\_\_\_

(If Urban) Subdivision Original Plat Block(s) 2 Lot(s) 7 & 8

## 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:

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

*If Eligible Property, enter number of:*

Contributing	Noncontributing
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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)

06A01 Church

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

06A01 Church

## 7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

09G04 Church Side Steeple (corner tower)

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation 04 Stone

walls (visible material) 15B Vinyl Siding

roof 08A Asphalt Shingle

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 122 E. Second St Site Number 92-00579  
City Washington District Number \_\_\_\_\_

**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  
1871  check if circa or estimated date  
Other dates, including renovation  
1912, 1990s

**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

**11. Form Prepared By**

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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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*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.*

**First Baptist Church - 122 E. Second St** - State #92-00579 - 1871, 1912 - church - corner tower

Historic information:

- 1851 - original church built, 1871 - new First Baptist Church built - incorporate old into rear of building
- 1899 - interior of church remodeled - pulpit moved from north to west
- 1912 - large addition replaced original church incorporated into building on north - Sunday School rooms, basement, assembly room - church also remodeled
- 1925 - church remodeled - spire removed and changed tower
- 1930s-2010s - First Baptist Church
- 2012 - First Baptist Church

Architectural information:

- Height: church - 1 story
- Walls: church - frame - clad in vinyl
- Architectural details: corner square tower, stained glass windows, small square sections
- Modifications: Historic: 1912 - remodeled and new rear addition; Non-historic: 1990s - clad in vinyl siding

## 7. Narrative Description

The First Baptist Church is clad vinyl siding with a synthetic stone on the stone foundation. Although it is currently covered in vinyl siding, it maintains its historic shape and features. It appears that the original church was a rectangle, which has been expanded with various features and additions. The square corner tower sits at southeast corner of the church, with the main entry in the base. The spire was removed historically during a remodeling project. It has circular windows on the south and east sides, and an arch double-hung window on the first story of the east side. The south gable end of the church facing 2nd Street has a Palladian stained glass window with four small square windows under it. A small section protrudes at the west end, with an arch stained glass window. The east side of the church facing 2nd Avenue has a center Palladian stained glass window, and a tall arch stained glass window to either side. The 1912 gable-roof Sunday School addition at the north end has an entry from the east side. It has four double-hung windows on the first story and five double-hung arch windows on the second story. The west side faces a side parking lot. It has an side addition from the reorientation of the interior of the church historically. The gable-roof Sunday School addition at the north end is also exposed on this side with similar windows on both stories. A more recent gable-roof entry vestibule and gathering space has been built between these two sections. The north side is the side of the Sunday School addition, and it has five double-hung windows on the first story and six double-hung windows on the second story. A clipped gable roof dormer has a semi-circular arch window.

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## 8. Narrative Statement of Significance

Though the overall form of the First Baptist Church remains clearly discernible, the historic materials and details of the exterior have been obscured by the vinyl siding on the walls and permastone on the foundation. Thus, the church does not appear to retain sufficient integrity to contribute to the Washington Downtown Historic District, and it has been removed from the district boundary as it falls on a corner. If the cladding were to be removed, the church should be re-evaluated for contributing status, with the historic district boundary amended to include the church if found to be contributing.

The Baptist Church was organized in 1841, with the first building constructed in 1850-1851. It was a frame building, 26 by 36, with a cupola added around 1857. This building was located on this site and is incorporated into the current building. The building was moved to the north part of the lot in 1871 when a new large auditorium was constructed for First Baptist Church, with the older building used for Sunday School rooms. The church was dedicated on December 24, 1871 at a cost of \$7,000. The 1885 Sanborn map shows a rectangular church with a rectangular rear section. The building has a square tower on the southeast corner. The footprint appears refined on the 1892 map, with then the same footprint on the 1897 map. In 1899, the auditorium portion was remodeled, moving the pulpit, choir loft, and baptistry from the north to west side. The 1902 Sanborn map shows a small addition on the west side and L-shaped addition on the northwest corner associated with this remodeling. The floor was also changed from level to sloped and new pews and organ were installed. The 1909 Sanborn map shows basically the same footprint. A photograph of the church appears in Burrell's 1909 history of Washington County on page 257 (*History of Washington County, Iowa* 1880: 562; *Portrait and Biographical Album of Washington County* 1887: 671; Burrell 1909, Vol. 1: 247; "Baptists Organized Their Church Here 98 Years Ago," Centennial Edition, *Evening Journal*, August 1939, 78).

The First Baptist Church underwent a substantial remodel in 1912. The earlier Sunday School portion to the north was demolished, and a new one-story building constructed for this purpose with a full basement with spacious dining room and kitchen. The new portions of the church were clad in stucco. Sunday School rooms were also added under the church auditorium by excavating. A new baptistry was installed, and the main entry was remodeled. The work totaled \$8,500 ("Baptists Organized Their Church Here 98 Years Ago," Centennial Edition, *Evening Journal*, August 1939, 78; "Building in 1912," *Evening Journal*, April 26, 1913, 1). In 1925, the corner spire was removed, with a corner tower left in its place.

A photograph of the building appeared in the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary edition, *Evening Journal*, April 3, 1926, page 35 (B). The 1931 Sanborn map shows the same footprint as the 1917 map, with the rear section noted at two stories. No changes are then noted on the 1943 map. First Baptist Church continued to operate here through the 1950s, 1960s, and 1970s. By 1989, the area to the west and north were used for parking (*Souvenir History of Washington, Iowa* 1989: page 19). First Baptist Church continues to use the building today.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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**Location map**



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

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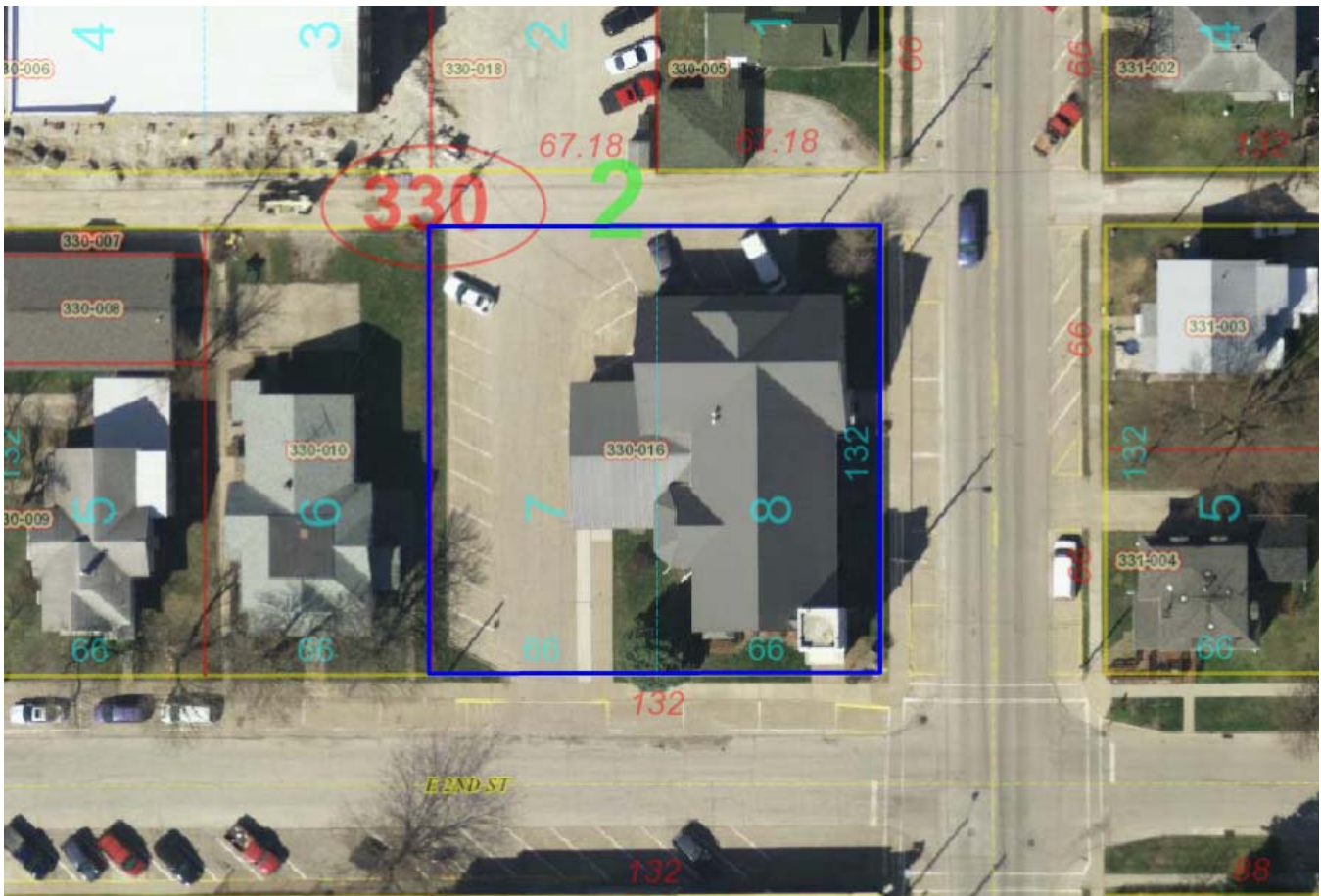
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## Building plan (from assessor's website)

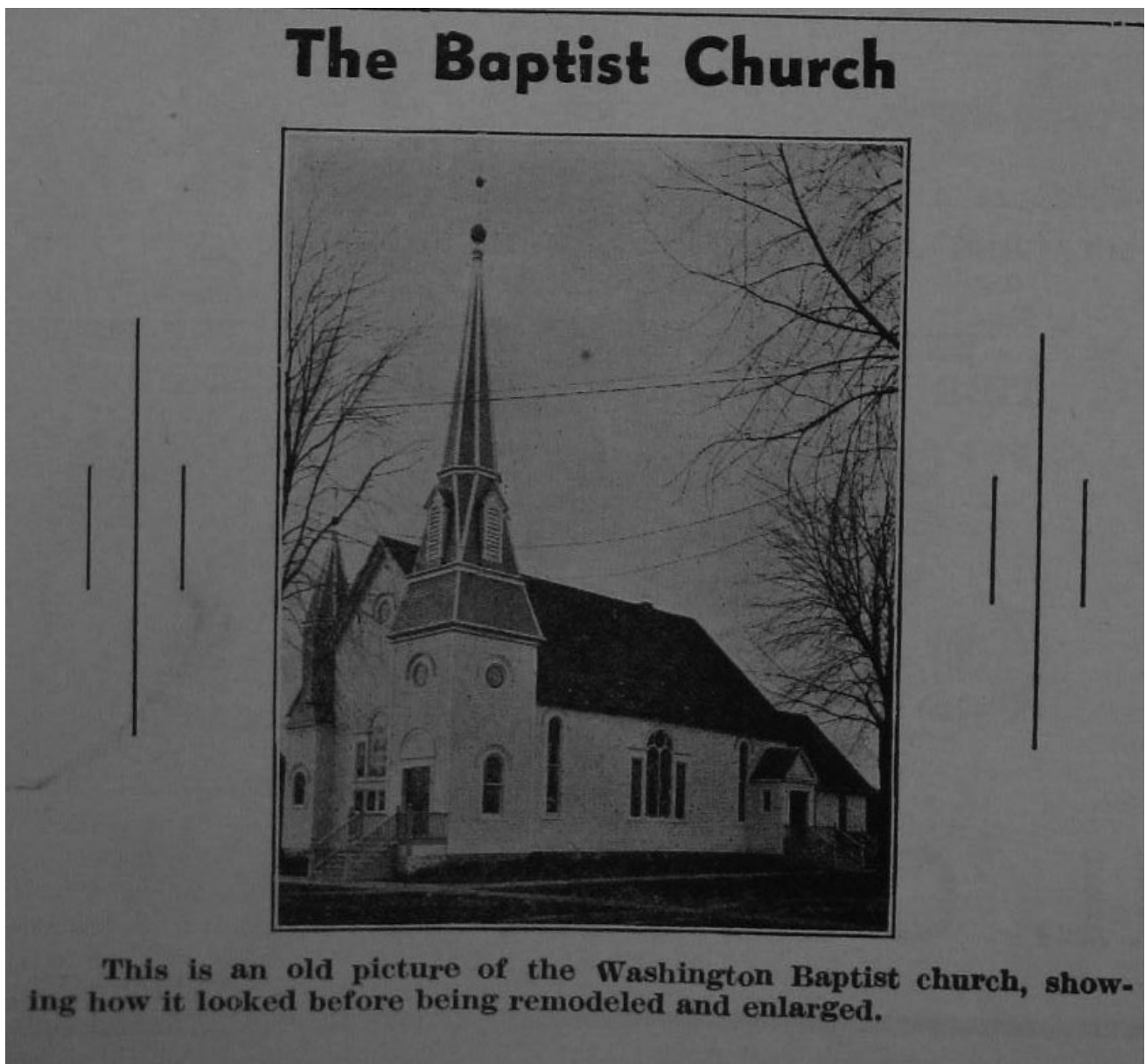


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## Historic images



Church prior to 1912 addition (*Evening Journal*, August 1939, p78)



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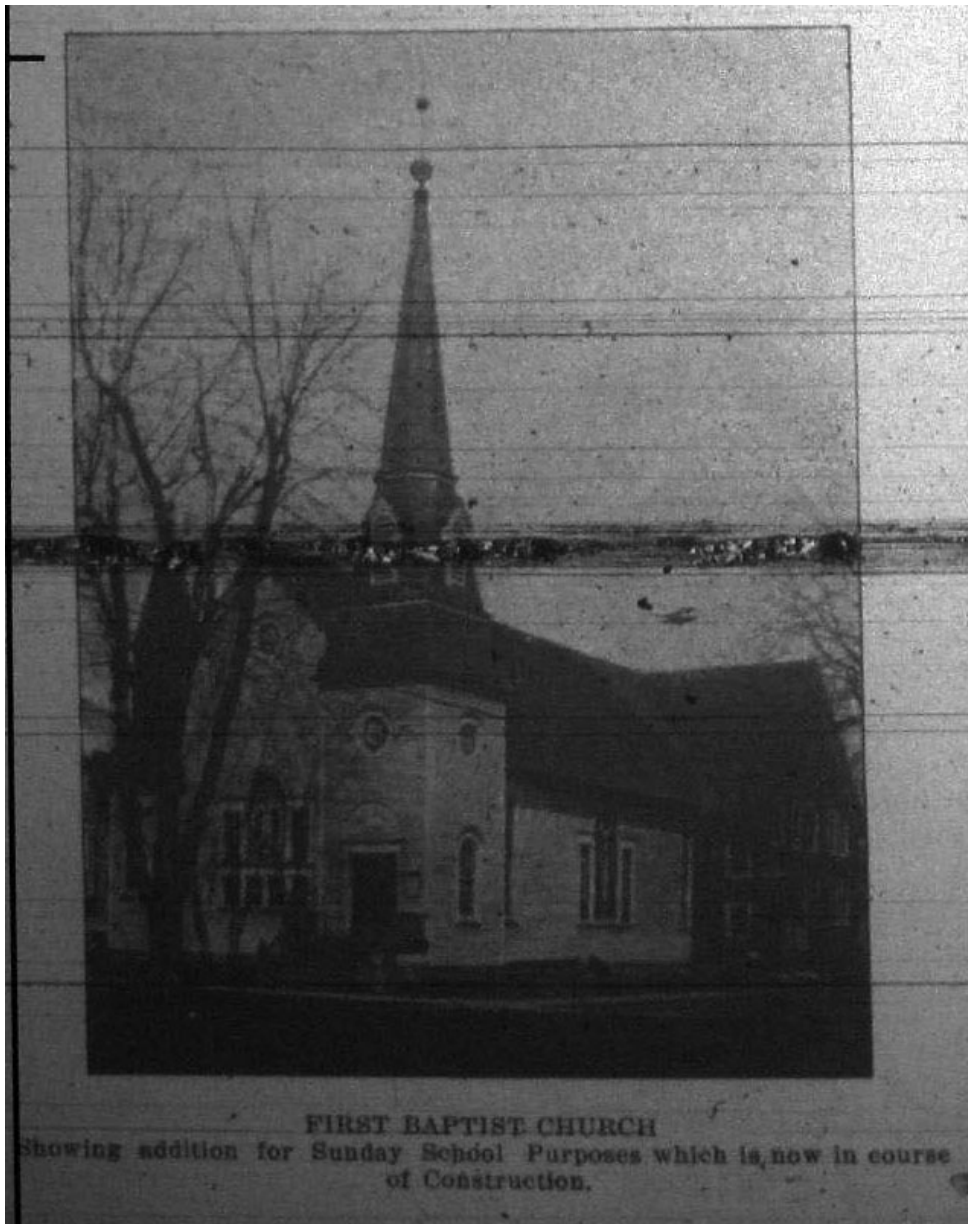
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Evening Journal, April 26, 1913, p19

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**Digital photographs**



Photograph 92-00579-001 - South and east elevations, looking northwest (McCarley, September 20, 2011)

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Photograph 92-00579-002 - South elevation, looking north (McCarley, September 20, 2011)

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Photograph 92-00579-003 - East elevation, looking west (McCarley, September 20, 2011)

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Photograph 92-00579-004 - Detail of window on east elevation, looking west (McCarley, September 20, 2011)

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Photograph 92-00579-005 - West and south elevations, looking northeast (McCarley, September 20, 2011)

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Photograph 92-00579-006 - North elevation, looking south (McCarley, September 20, 2011)



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Photograph 92-00579-007 - North and west elevations, looking southeast (McCarley, September 20, 2011)