

# Site Inventory Form

State Historical Society of Iowa

(November 2005)

State Inventory No. 92-00508

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 Washington National Bank

other names/site number Downtown Survey Map # DT- 051

## 2. Location

street & number 100 S. 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) 12 Lot(s) Lot 2 - N 22'

## 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)

02D02 Commerce / bank

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

02B04 Commerce / insurance office

## 7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

06C: Classical Revival

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation \_\_\_\_\_

walls (visible material) 03 Terra cotta

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 100 S. Iowa Avenue  
City Washington

Site Number 92-00508  
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 1913  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

**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. 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.*

**Washington National Bank - 100 S. Iowa Avenue** - State #92-00508 - Map #71 ~ 1 contributing building (A and C) - 1912-13 - Classical Revival

Historic information:

1871 - Washington National Bank built Italianate building with stone façade

1890 - rear addition constructed for office at rear of bank

1912 - construction of Washington National Bank - \$18,000 - here until c.1926 - moved to larger bank building to north

basement - barber shop, 1940s-50s - Globe Barber Shop, 1964 - Don's Barber Shop

2nd story - insurance offices - Lemley & Yard (1927-1930s), Farmers Mutual (1930s); governmental ag office in 1950s - Production Marketing Association (PMA), Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation

rear - 107 E. Main: Wilson & Wilson law office (1910s-1930s), Carlton C. Wilson, lawyer (1940s-60s)

rear - 109 E. Main: Drs. H.C. and J.C. Hull (1910), Dr. Henry C. Hull (1920s-1940s), Dr. Wendell Shaffer (1950s), Brewer Insurance (1960s)

2012 - Vittetoe Insurance Inc., investment company in rear

Architectural information:

Height: 2 story

Walls: brick

Storefront: entry at right with large window to left

Windows: 1/1 windows

Architectural details: white terra cotta cladding with Classical details

Architect/Builder: -

Modifications: Historic: c.1890 - rear addition constructed on 1871 bank building; 1913 - bank rebuilt/remodeled with terra cotta exterior; Non-historic: c.2000 - rear addition clad in stucco

## 7. Narrative Description

This is a two story commercial building located on the southeast corner of the intersection of S. Iowa and E. Main, facing S. Iowa and Central Park to the west. There are large white terra cotta tiles cladding the building, including a storefront cornice, continuous band of molding below the second story window sills, and cornice composed of a row of circles below terra cotta brackets with a parapet at the top. The primary entrance is located on the right side of the west facade, and it has a modern glass and aluminum door with a sidelight on the right. Four concrete steps with a metal pipe railing lead from left to right from the sidewalk to the entrance. Large windows are located to the left of the main entry, not the full height of typical retail storefront windows, indicating the building's original function as a bank. The second story has three one-over-one-light double-hung windows, trimmed in terra cotta detail.

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The north elevation facing E. Main Street has a secondary entrance at the far east end with an older glass and wood door and a transom. Three stone steps lead directly from the sidewalk to the entry, and are framed by low walls. There is a stairway to the basement, which has a metal railing. The basement portion of the north facade has two one-over-one-light double-hung windows to the right of the wood entry door. The steps to the basement are concrete. The first story has five window openings covered with metal, a section of wall with no openings, and then three more window openings. Two are covered with metal and the third is infilled with terra cotta tile which matches the building. The second story of the north facade has a one-over-one-light double-hung window above each of the first story windows, a group of five and a group of three. The second story of the rear (east) of the building is visible above the rear one-story section, and it is clad with metal.

The one-story rear section was built in 1890, and it appears that perhaps it was not rebuilt/reclad in 1913 with the remainder of the bank. This section of the building was remodeled around 2000 when the two office suites were combined into one. The entry door to the east office was closed, as were the windows on that half of the building, and the addition was covered with stucco. The current entry, a glass and aluminum door, is slightly to the right of center. The facade has an expanse of wall with no openings to the left, then a one over one double hung window, the entry door, three more one over one double hung windows. The east facade, on the alley, has three one over one double hung windows. All the windows are newer replacement windows, and all the openings have gently rounded tops.

## 8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The Washington National Bank appears to contribute historically and architecturally to the Downtown Washington Historic District. The white terra cotta facade is significant architecturally within the district, as well as likely individually significant.

J.D. Treblecock transferred ownership of the north 22' of Lot 2 to Farmers & Merchants Bank in July 1869. The *Washington Press* published a "sketch" of Washington on September 27, 1871 which described the city, population and society, business, and manufacturing, churches, and railroads in addition to providing a number of profiles for individuals and individual businesses. In the sketch, publisher Howard Burrell says of the Washington National Bank, "This is a continuation of the old Farmers' & Merchants' Bank which was established in 1867. This institution continued until July 1871, when the Washington National Bank was organized ... Their building, into which the the bank has just moved, is the best appearing one in the place." Burrell writes in 1909 that a private bank was reorganized as Farmers' and Merchants' Bank of Washington on June 11, 1867, operating in the "yellow brick" building diagonal from the southwest corner of the square. A.W. Chilcote took over as president in July 1870, and the board decided to reorganized as a national bank in December. Thus, Washington National Bank was started with \$50,000 capital and A.W. Chilcote as president (Burrell 1909, Vol. 1: 372). The two-story bank with full basement was built at the northeast corner of the square in January 1871, measuring 20 by 70 feet. It had a dressed white stone front, and the bank

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occupied the first story (*History of Washington County* 1880: 552-53). Historic photographs show an Italianate building with a stone facade with pilasters and elaborate metal cornice. The 1885 Sanborn map shows Washington National Bank at 100 S. Iowa, with "printing" on the second story. In 1890, H. Shrader built an addition to Washington National Bank (*Washington Press*, December 30, 1890). The 1892 and 1897 Sanborn maps show the bank with "printing" on the second story and a one-story office addition to the rear with two offices at 105 and 109 E. Main Street. The 1902 and 1909 Sanborn maps show the bank at the corner and two offices facing Main at the rear.

The \$18,000 construction project for Washington National Bank was listed among the other construction projects began in 1912 in the *Evening Journal* on April 26, 1913 (page 1). An article in the *Washington Journal* on February 10, 1913, headlines "National Bank Is In New Home Today". The article describes the interior remodeling, and then also says, "The building, which is practically new, was begun last May, with the expectation that it would be ready for use by the first of November. There way (sic) delay in finishing the building itself ..." An ad with a photo of the new building appeared on page 24 of the April 26 newspaper, and officers at this time were A.H. Wallace, president; William A. Cook, vice president; and W.F. Wilson, cashier. By 1926, Washington National Bank moved across the street to the former five-story F&M bank at 102 N. Iowa, and officers were C.C. Cunningham, president; M.W. Bailey, vice president; W.A. Anderson, vice president; H.B. Knight, cashier. The property was transferred to C.C. Wilson, trustee, in February 1926, likely associated with this move.

Through this period, additional businesses operated in the building and in the one story rear addition. A barber shop operated in the basement through the first half of the 20th century. In 1910 George Barber Shop is listed in the basement. Palmgren Tailor Shop is listed on the second story in 1910. The second story offices appear accessed from Main, with 103 1/2 Main listed as the address for attorneys Lemley & Dempsey in 1924 and Lemley & Yard Insurance in 1927, 1932, and 1935. Farmers Mutual Insurance Association is also listed with a second story office here in 1932 and 1935. By 1932, Washington Cafe opening in the main space of the former bank building. In 1941, Washington County Agricultural Conservation is listed at 100 S. Iowa. At the rear of the two-story bank portion was Kelly Confectionary (103 E. Main). In 1910, Wilson & Wilson Law Office was listed at 105 E. Main, with Drs. H.C. and J.C. Hull at 107 E. Main. Wilson & Wilson were then listed as 105-107 E. Main in 1918 to the 1930s, with a 105-107 listing in 1935. By 1941, the practice became that of Carlton C. Wilson, who continued to be listed at 107 E. Main through at least 1964. Likewise, Dr. Henry C. Hull shifted his address from 107 in 1910 to 109 E. Main, and he is listed here until the 1940s.

In December 1943, bank trustee C.C. Wilson transferred this building at 100 S. Iowa to Farmers Mutual Insurance Association, who remained here into the 1990s. They appear to have moved into the main first story space and are listed at 100 S. Iowa in directories in the 1950s and 1964. The county agricultural office appears to have moved to the second story, with Production Marketing Administration listed here in 1952 and Agricultural Stabilization & Conservation listed here in 1956. The Globe Barber Shop operated in the basement in the 1940s and 1950s. In 1964, Don's Barber Shop and the Artistic Beauty Salon are also listed at 100 S. Iowa, likely in the basement barber shop. The rear section at

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105 E. Main listed McFarlane Insurance Agency in the 1950s and 1960s. Carlton C. Wilson, attorney, continued to operate from 107 E. Main. In the 109 section, Dr. Wendell Shaffer is listed here in the 1950s, with Brewer Insurance here by 1964.

In May 1995, Farmers Mutual Insurance Association purchased the adjacent building at 102 S. Main. They sold the corner building in 2001, having moved to this location. Vittetoe Insurance Inc. currently operates at 100 S. Iowa, with offices in the rear one-story section at 109 E. Main Street.

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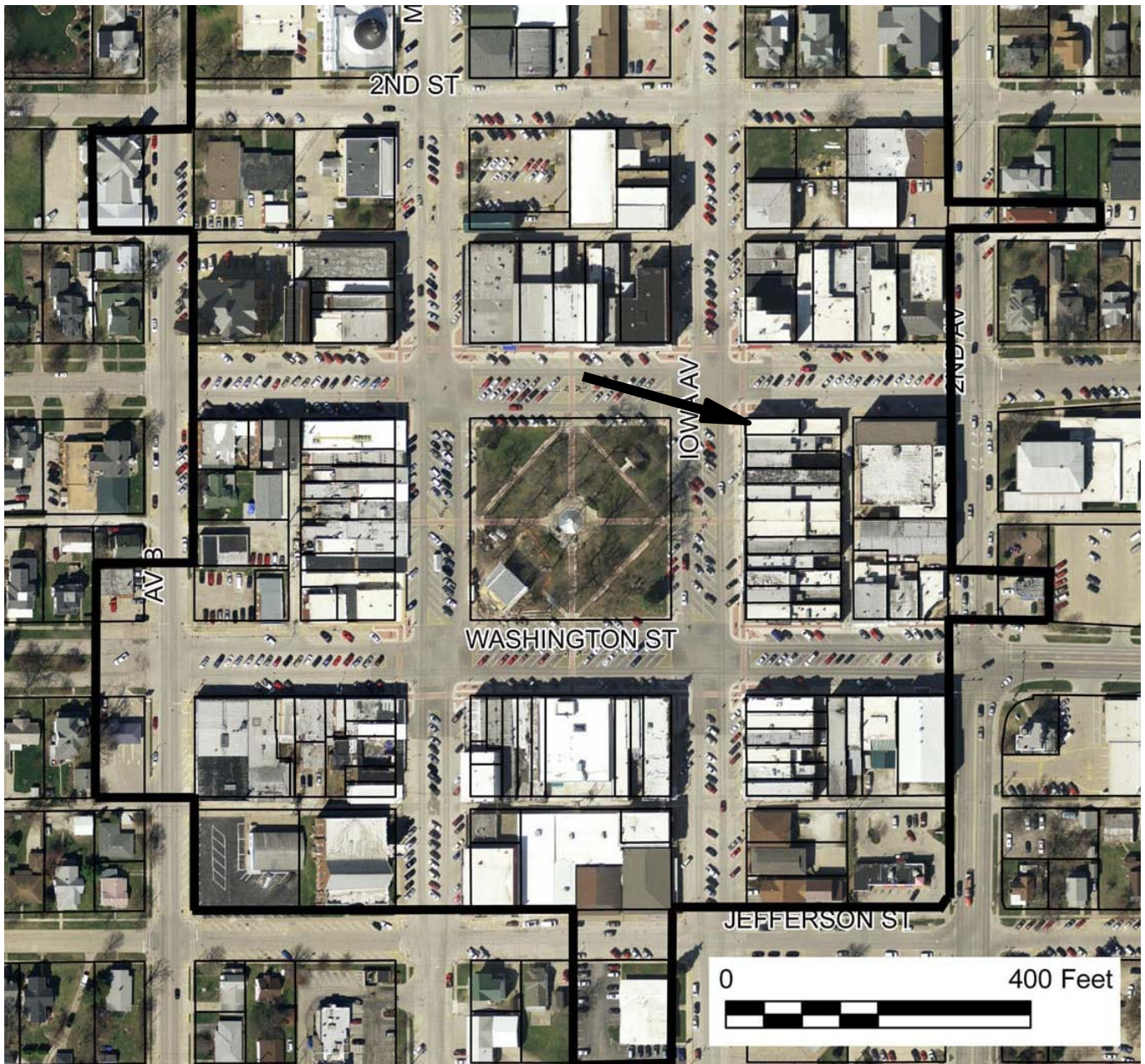
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**Location map**



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

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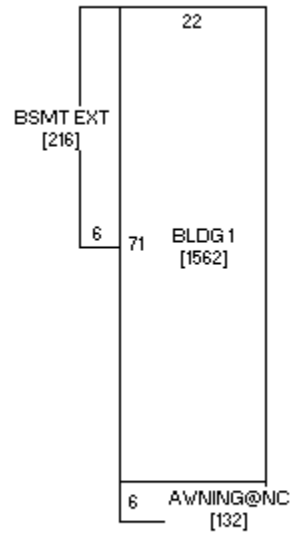
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### Building plan (from assessor's website)





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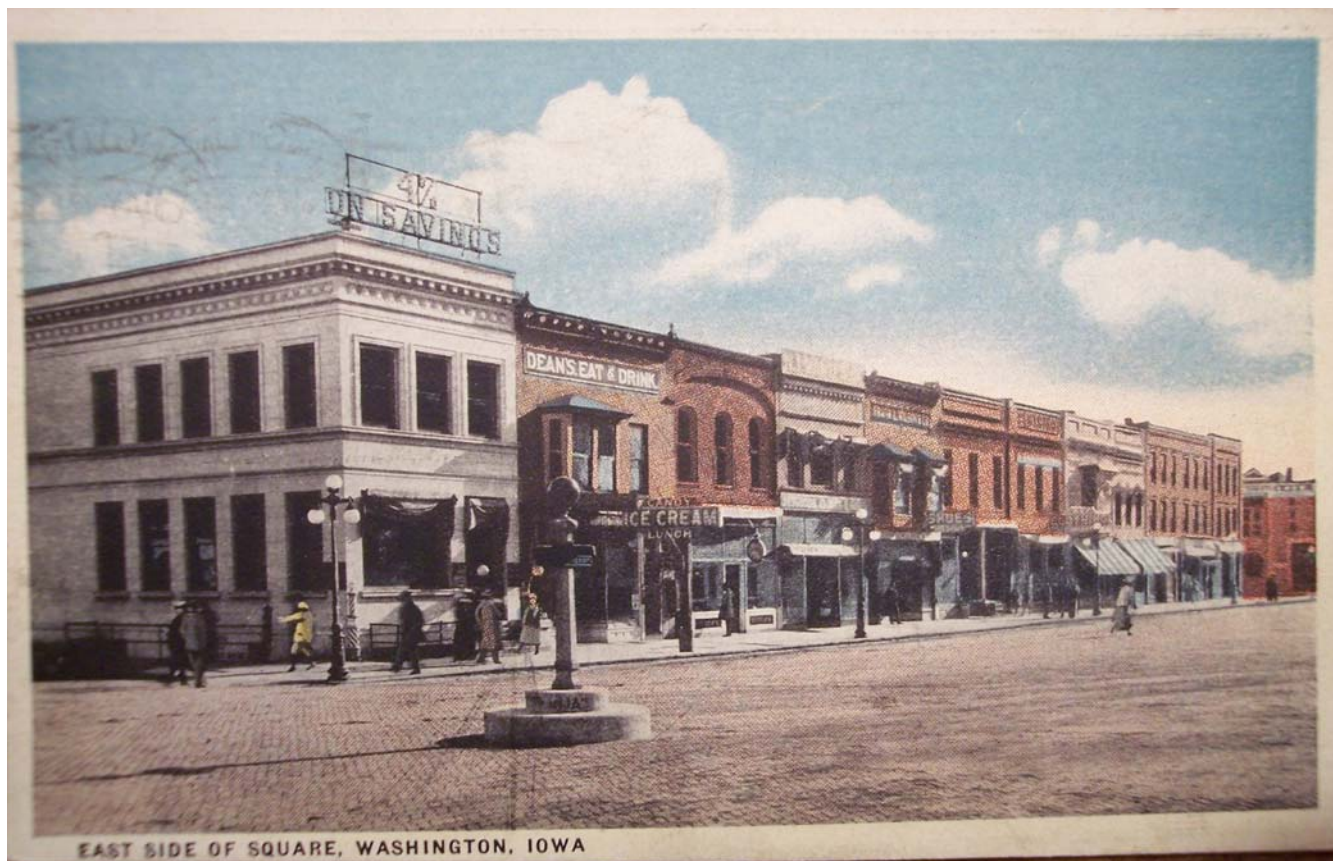
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## Historic images



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

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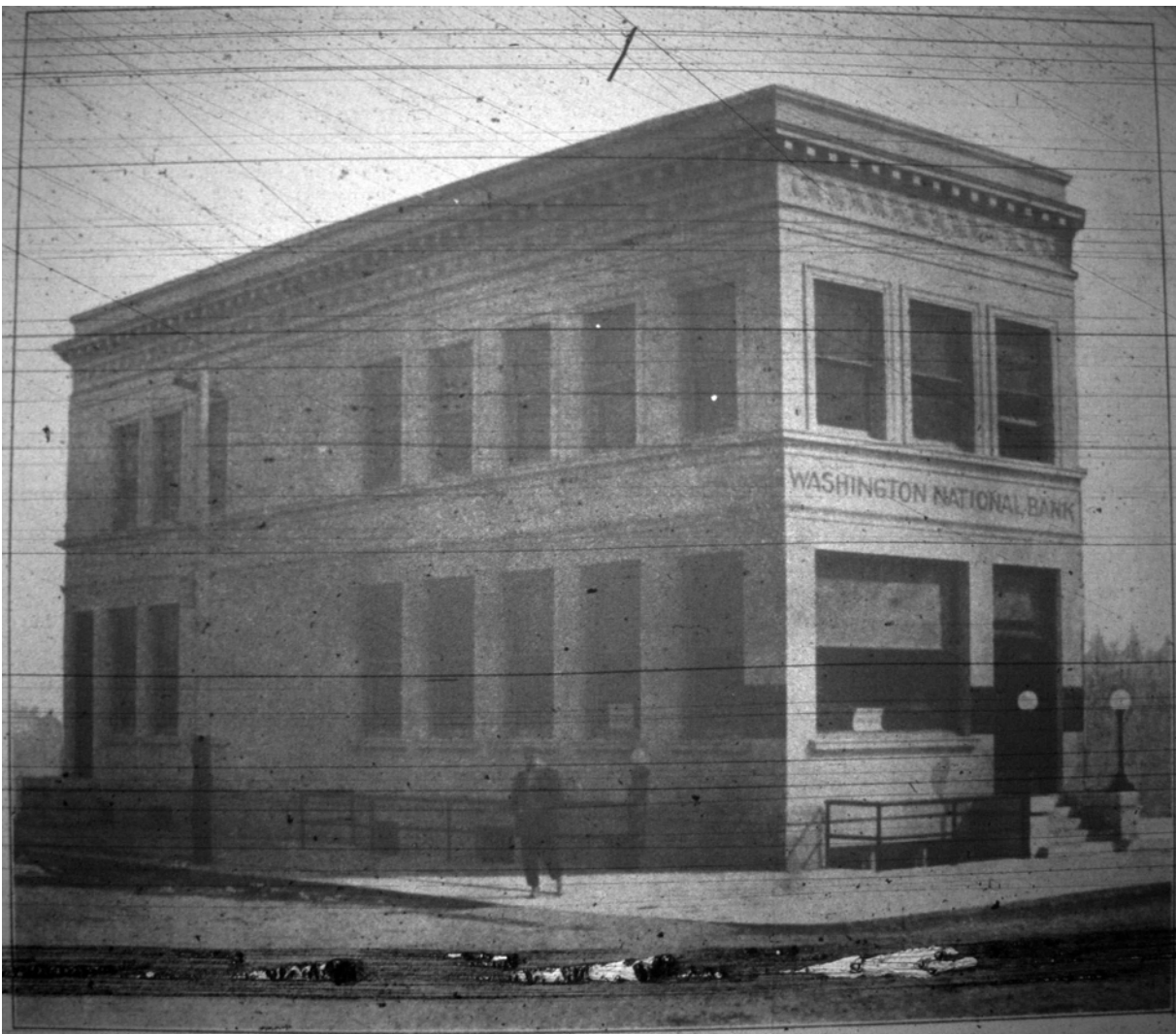
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Sketch of new Washington National Bank in *Evening Journal*, April 26, 1913, p24

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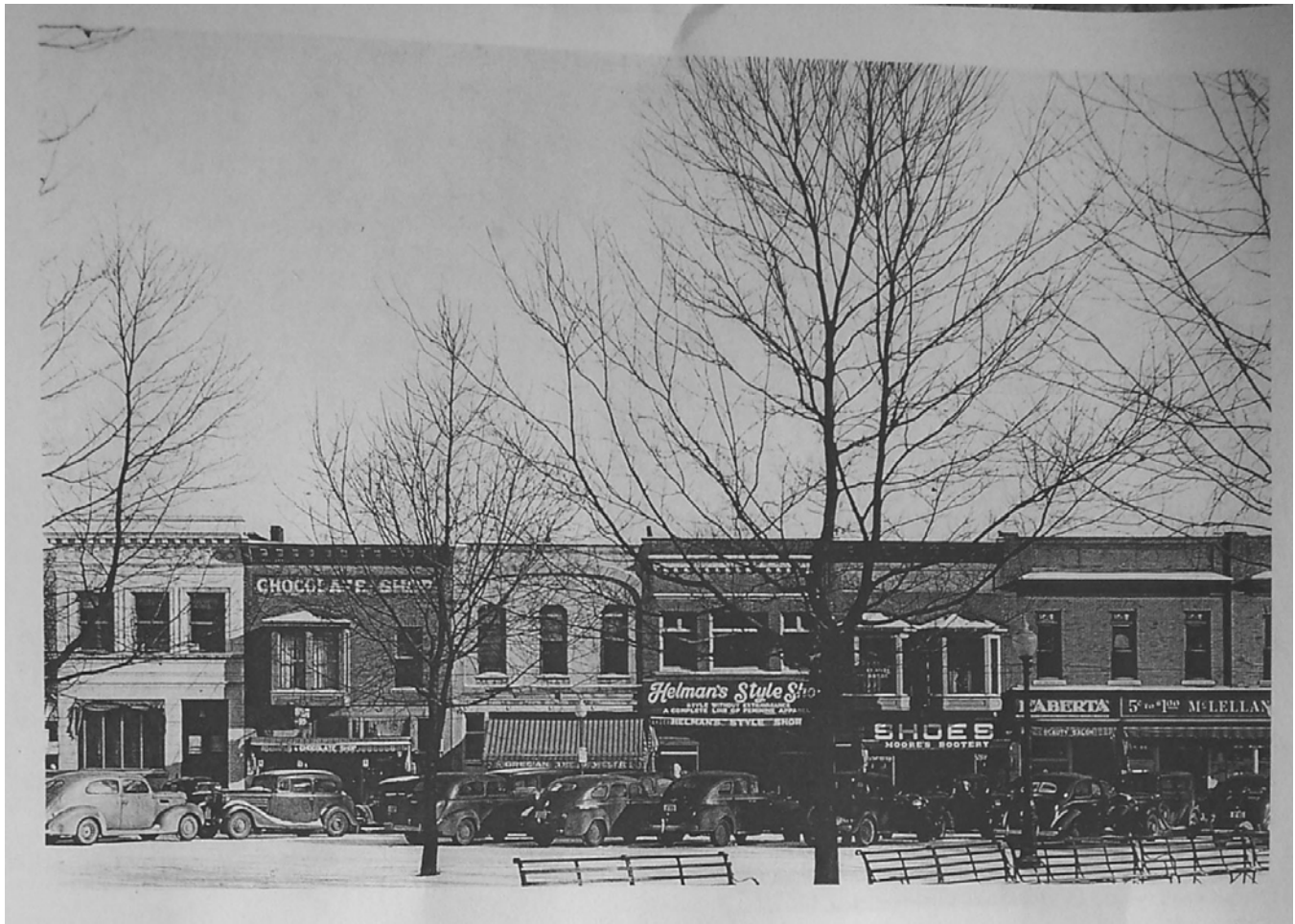
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East side of square in late 1930s (Patterson collection)

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Building in 1971 (Wagner 1971)



Collage of photographs of north side of building in 1971 (Wagner 1971)

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## Digital photographs



Photograph 92-00508-001 - North and west elevations, looking southeast (McCarley, September 20, 2011)

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Photograph 92-00508-002 - Detail on west elevation, looking east (McCarley, September 20, 2011)

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Photograph 92-00508-003 - North elevation, looking southwest (McCarley, September 20, 2011)

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Photograph 92-00508-004 - East and north elevations of rear section, looking southwest (McCarley, September 20, 2011)