

Site Inventory Form

State Historical Society of Iowa

(November 2005)

State Inventory No. 92-00537

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 Y.M.C.A.

other names/site number Downtown Survey Map # DT- 137

2. Location

street & number 121 E. Main 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) 12 Lot(s) Lot 1 and Lot 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
—	<u>1</u> buildings
—	— sites
—	— structures
—	— objects
—	<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)

03C Social / civic / YMCA

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

03C Social / civic / Community Y

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

08: Modern

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 121 E. Main Street
City Washington

Site Number 92-00
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
1924 check if circa or estimated date
Other dates, including renovation
1966, 1973, 1983

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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Roll/slide sheet #	_____	Frame/slot #	_____	Date Taken	_____

- 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.

YMCA - 121 (117) E. Main St - State #92-00537 - Map #27 ~ 1 non-contributing building - 1924-25, 1966, 1983 - modern (1960s)

Historic information:

(1874 - 1910s - Washington Academy on site)

2-1-1925 - dedication of new Y.M.C.A. - designed by Temple & Burrows (Davenport)

1965-66 - extensive remodeling and two new additions to Y.M.C.A.

1983 - addition on top of north 1966 addition

2012 - YMCA

Architectural information:

Height: 2 story

Walls: brick veneer

Storefront: -

Windows: -

Architectural details: -

Architect/Builder: -

Modifications: Historic: 1966 - front addition completed; Non-historic: c.1973 - small addition, 1983 - addition on top of 1966 addition

7. Narrative Description

This is a three story brick building on the southwest corner of the intersection of E. Main and S. 2nd Ave. The original 1925 Classical Revival building has been surrounded by additions to the north, east, and south, with the original exterior only visible in the alley to the west. The facade (north) is composed of a 1966 two-story addition, entry vestibule to the east, and a two-story upper addition from 1983 on top of the 1966 addition. Windows on the first and second story (in the 1966 section) are tall and narrow with concrete bulkheads and vertical concrete trim at the sides. Across the north facade from left to right, the openings are as follows: a single window, two groups of three windows, a pair of windows, another group of three windows, the secondary entry within a group of three windows, and a single window. There is a concrete band between the second and third stories, at the top of the 1966 addition. The upper two stories (the 1983 addition) have one central group of four narrow rectangular windows on each story. The east side of the second story has paired windows similar to the 1966 windows on the north side, and the third and fourth stories (in the 1983 addition) have paired rectangular windows towards the south side of the elevation. The entry vestibule is one story and sits at the northeast corner of the building. It has small rectangular projected concrete panels similar to the east addition immediately to the south. Both appear to have been built in 1973. The three-story east side

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addition has a rectangular first story window within a projected vertical concrete band that extends to the roof. A low concrete "wall" extends from this point into the entry vestibule. No other openings are found on this addition. A wide concrete band acts as a cornice for this section. The three-story south addition was built in 1983. The east side has an entry with a rectangular window above it on each story in the north bay. The only other openings on this side of this addition are a group of four rectangular windows at the south end of the third story. This addition wraps around the southeast corner of the original building, covering most of the south elevation as well.

8. Narrative Statement of Significance

Due to the additions in the last 30 years, the YMCA does not retain sufficient integrity to be individually eligible nor contributing within the Washington Downtown Historic District. While the 1966 additions fall within the period of significance, the large additions on the upper portion of the front of the building and rear southeast corner have obscured design and form of the originally expanded building. The original walls are of the 1924-25 building are visible from the alley and at the southwest rear corner of the building.

The YMCA in Washington was organized in May 1877 by local businessmen. At that time, Washington Academy operated in an earlier building on this site. The property was sold to the Independent School District of Washington in June 1910, and to the Washington Hotel Company in August 1919. The Hotel Company sold the property to the YMCA in June 1923. Temple & Burrows of Davenport were hired as the architects, and construction began in spring 1924. The building was dedicated on February 1, 1925. Sanborn maps and historic images show it setback from the corner and from Main Street to the north. This location let more space to the front for later expansion than to the south. In 1965-66, an two-story addition was built on the front (north) along Main Street and along the east along N. 2nd Avenue. Architect was Charles Richardson Associates, and contractor was Frantz Construction Co. In 1973, the one story entry block was added. In 1983, the upper double-height section was added above the 1966 addition on the north side, obscuring the remainder of the original building.

Additional history:

May 17, 1877 – Washington Y.M.C.A. organized – N.W. Woodford, president; G.B. Townsend, secretary – gospel meeting, workers' training class, boys' literary society – over 300 have been members by 1887 – rooms over Washington Savings Bank in 1887 (*Portrait and Biographical Album of Washington County 1887*: 671-72)

April 26, 1913 – *Evening Journal* – 20th anniversary edition - page 29 – Community Y.M.C.A. – history and activities – formed groups in 1911-12

1921 – money left in will of James Henry Young for new Y.M.C.A. – about \$85,000 – provide that lot acquired within one year – Dr. and Mrs. E.R. Jenkins bought old Academy building lot for \$15,000 – donate to Y.M.C.A.

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– articles of incorporation for new Y.M.C.A. on May 24, 1922 – cornerstone laid on May 31, 1924 – completed building dedicated on February 1, 1925 (Fisher 1978: 133)

1924-25 - "Our Young Men's Christian Association," *Evening Journal*, April 3, 1926, 4 – Y.M.C.A. – James Henry Young – left large part of estate for building – new building – swimming pool, lobby with games and books, gymnasium – small town to have such complete Y.M.C.A. – part of building serve as community center – built on site of old Academy building – bought by Harry I. Ward – think about building commercial – also contemplate selling to hotel company – company formed and raised \$65,000 in subscriptions – start of war – impractical – then sold to Dr. Jenkins for Y.M.C.A. – start construction a few months later – around \$123,000 – designed by Temple & Burrows of Davenport – architects – A.R. Coffeen of Decorah – contractor – tile lined swimming pool, gymnasium, gallery over gymnasium and stage at one end, beautiful lobby and reading room, men's lobby, community room large enough for several hundred people, kitchen, women's club room, comfort rooms for women and girls, ladies shower bathroom, mens and boys shower bathrooms, lockers, closets, store rooms, etc. – community room set up to be divided into three with folding doors – dedicated on February 1, 1925 – 5,000 visit building during open house on January 31 – contract let on April 11, 1924 – list of people involved – continued on page 61 – photos of building and interior

May 16, 1945 – Y's Men began series of plays – service club of Y.M.C.A. – became annual event (Fisher 1978: 418)

Washington Evening Journal, 60th Anniversary Edition, February 27, 1953, 53 – "Fine YMCA Mark of City Progress" – October 10, 1921 – bequest from James H. Young – build YMCA – now have community room with kitchen facilities, gymnasium, swimming pool open to public – YWCA share portion of building

1964 – Y.M.C.A. – own \$225,000 building – quarters within it for Y.W.C.A. as well – large indoor swimming pool, gymnasium, lobbies, game rooms, and community banquet room (*Washington City Directory* 1964: 13)

1965-66 – extensive remodeling and two additions to Y.M.C.A. building (Fisher 1978: 133)

Souvenir History of Washington, Iowa 1989: 36 – Y.M.C.A. – organized in 1877 – built at present site in 1924 – swimming pool, gymnasium, locker rooms, and game rooms – addition built in 1965-66 – Senior Center, two youth rooms, restrooms, elevators, and steps

Bicentennial Edition, *Evening Journal*, July 1, 1976, 54 – "Washington proud of its YMCA" – photo – article on current programs

Souvenir History of Washington, Iowa 1989: 36 – Y.M.C.A. – 1983 – second addition – above 1966 addition – two racquetball courts, wrestling - exercise room, Women's Fitness Center

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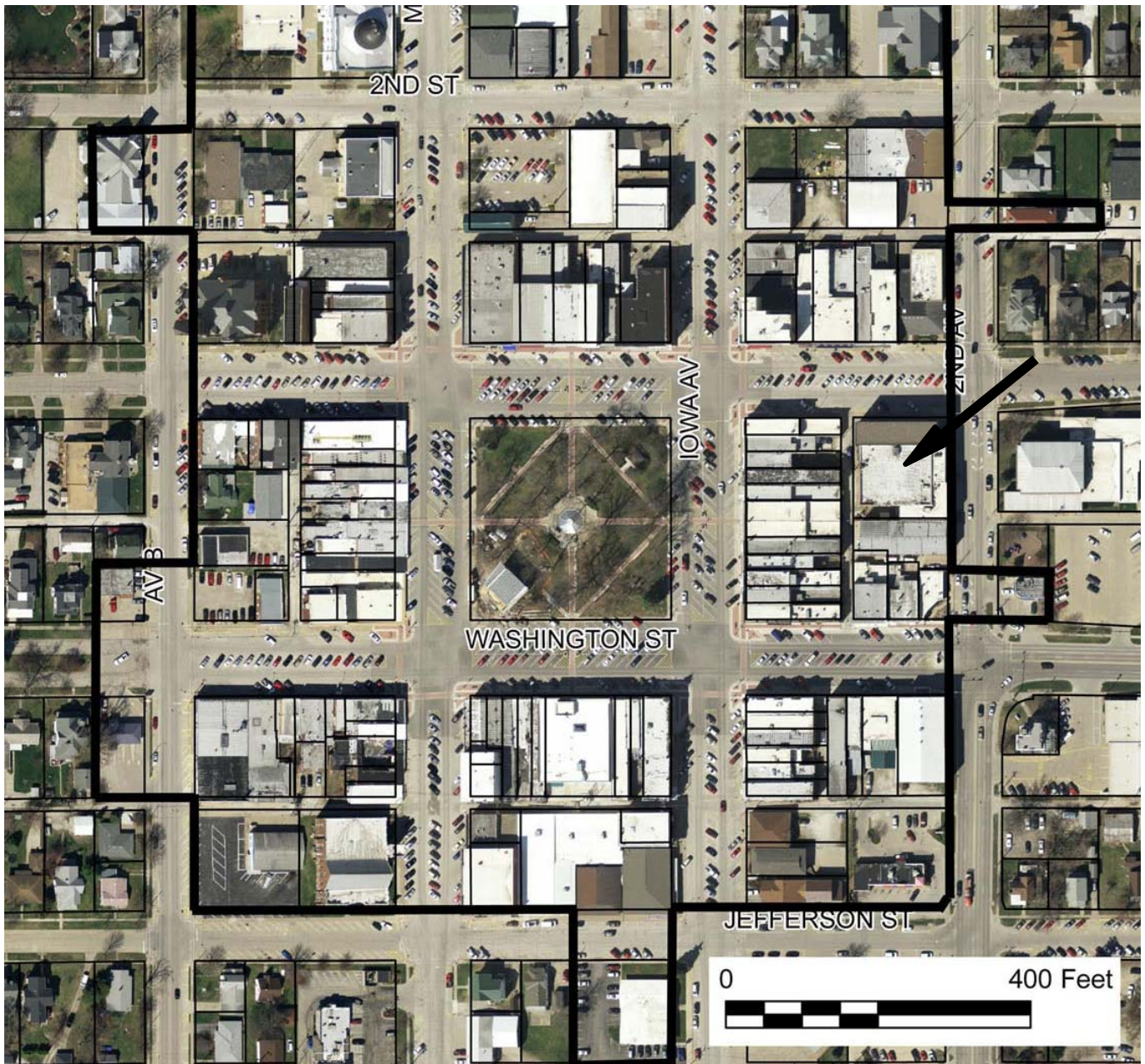
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Location map



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

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Building/site plan (from assessor's website)



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Historic images postcard view



Original 1925 building (Patterson collection)

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YMCA after 1966 front addition and 1973 side additions (*Evening Journal*, July 1, 1976, 54)

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Digital photographs



Photograph 92-00537-001 - East and north elevations, looking southwest (McCarley, September 20, 2011).

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Photograph 92-00537-002 - North elevation, looking south (McCarley, September 20, 2011).

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Photograph 92-00537-003 - West elevation, looking southeast (Patterson, October 7, 2012).

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Photograph 92-00537-004 - West elevation, looking northeast (Patterson, October 7, 2012).