

# Site Inventory Form

State Historical Society of Iowa

(November 2005)

State Inventory No. 92-00539

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 Richards Brothers Building

other names/site number North Side Cafe, Winga's Cafe, Downtown Survey Map # DT- 124

## 2. Location

street & number 106 West Main

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) 08 Lot(s) 7 E 22 ft.

## 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)

Number of Resources within Property

building(s)

district

site

structure

object

If Non-Eligible Property

Enter number of:

— buildings

— sites

— structures

— objects

— Total

If Eligible Property, enter number of:

Contributing

Noncontributing

1

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—

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1

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— 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 Hardware

70 Vacant

02G01 Restaurant - cafe

## 7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

09F05: Commercial / brick front

foundation

04: Stone

05B Italianate

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 106 West Main  
City Washington

Site Number 92-00539  
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 1872  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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**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
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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.*

**Richards Brothers Building - 106 W. Main St - State #92-00539 - Map #19 ~ 1 contributing building (A and C) - 1872 - Italianate**

Historic information:

- 7-1872 - Richards brothers (J.R. & L.C.) are excavating for their block on north side; 10-1872 - Aaron Hott – in Richard Bros fine new block on north side
- 1870s-1890s - Aaron Hott - stoves and tin shop, Hott & Son, 1897 - hardware store and tin shop
- c.1900-c.1912 - T.J. Dempsey - lunch room and billiards, c.1913-c.1928 - G.E. Cook's Café and Bakery
- 1928-1940s - North Side Café (John Winga)
- 1950s-2006 - Winga's Café (John until 1976, John Jr until 2006)
- 2012 - vacant

Architectural information:

- Height: 2 story
- Walls: brick
- Storefront: 1962 - storefront remodel by M. Cach Glass Co (Cedar Rapids) - aqua panels, large glass windows, aluminum canopy
- Windows: 1/1 windows in original arch openings
- Architectural details: window hoods, bracketed cornice
- Architect/Builder: -
- Modifications: -

## 7. Narrative Description

This two-story brick Italianate building faces W. Main Street and Central Park to the south. The storefront was remodeled per plans/permit of the M. Cach Glass Co from Cedar Rapids in 1962. It has aluminum framed windows and entry with aqua blue panels under the windows, along the sides of the entries, and across the top of the storefront. The second story has three tall arch windows, which originally had two-over-two-light double-hung sashes. Each window has a decorative stone hood with keystone and stone sill. The windows have been replaced with square windows, and the arch at the top has been infilled. The windows have non-original shutters. The building has a simple metal cornice supported by four evenly spaced brackets. The upstairs contains an apartment and the main floor is for commercial use. The north façade (facing the alley) is brick and concrete. The building has a one-story rear addition. Four windows have been infilled with concrete block. There is one door in the center.

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## 8. Narrative Statement of Significance

Richards Brothers Building appears to contribute historically and architecturally to the Washington Downtown Historic District.

M.W. Lewis owned part of this lot when transfer books started to be kept. On May 8, 1869, he sold the east 22' (106) of Lot 7 to Robert Lewis. Robert Lewis then sold this property in July 1872 to J.R. and L.C. Richards. Both were involved with the early bank history of Washington, and J.R. Richards was cashier for the Washington National Bank in 1871. The *Washington Press* notes on July 24, 1872 that the Richards brothers are excavating for their block on the north side. On October 16, 1872, the newspaper reported that Aaron Hott was in Richard Brothers' fine block on the north side. Per the *Press* on September 27, 1871, Hott had his stove in Washington for 15 years, and he also had a first class tin shop. On January 20, 1876, L.C. transferred his interest to J.R., and then J.R. sold the property in February 1876 to R.T. Wilson. The 1885 Sanborn map lists the building as housing "stoves". The 1892 map lists a tin shop at the rear of the building. Hott & Son's apparently continued to operate here through this period.

On March 15, 1894, the property was sold to Thomas Dempsey. The Demsey family continued to own it through the 1940s. In 1897, it was listed as a hardware store, with the tin shop still located at the rear, and a barber shop listed on the second floor. An ad in the newspaper on May 1, 1900 notes T.J. Dempsey's lunch counter and billiards on the north side. The 1902 Sanborn maps shows it as a lunch room, with billiards and a bowling alley in the rear. The 1910 city directory lists it as T.J. Dempsey's Lunch Room. Around 1913, G.E. Cook established his business here. The 1926 directory lists Cook's Cafe & Bakery at 106 W. Main.

John Winga Sr. opened for business as the North Side Café on April 18, 1928. North Side Cafe is listed here in the 1932, 1935, and 1941 directories. In 1935 it became Iowa's first air-conditioned restaurant. By 1943, it was Winga's North Side Café, and by 1952, it became Winga's Cafe. John Winga operated the restaurant until 1976 when it was continued by his son. John Winga Jr. continued to operate the restaurant until June 30, 2006. At that time, it was Iowa's oldest continuing family operated restaurant. The restaurant continues to operate under new owners on the north side.

*Evening Journal*, Progress Edition, October 1933 - North Side Café – John Winga – since April 19, 1928 – meals, short orders, ice cream, bakery goods, tobacco

*Evening Journal* – Centennial Celebration – August 1939 - page 71 – North Side Café – John Winga – since 1928 – 26 years ago restaurant here - G.E. Cook had restaurant – one of best for many years – then Hugh Dougall owned restaurant and maintained reputation – present owner bought in 1928 – air conditioned – private dining room for 36 – use for regular seating on Sunday lunch – new modern range

*Washington Evening Journal*, 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition, February 27, 1953, page 82 – "Washington is Served by Many Fine Restaurants" – John Winga – north side of square since 1928 – continue business of G.E. Cook in same location – air conditioned – only eating establishment on square – home of Washington Coffee Club –

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listed by Duncan Hines as recommended stop for travelers – recently new floor covering – cup of coffee just inside door

Bicentennial Edition, *Evening Journal*, July 1, 1976, page 35 – Winga’s Restaurant – north side – 48 years – photo (106 W. Main)

Bicentennial Edition, *Evening Journal*, July 1, 1976, page 126 – “Area diners enjoy much variety” – Winga’s Café – 106 W. Main – family restaurant – home cooked meals, homemade sausage, corn meal mush, pies, chicken, steaks, and shrimp – other small cafes also

*Souvenir History of Washington, Iowa* 1989: page 10 – Winga’s Restaurant – two generations – restaurant here since 1913 – John Winga, Sr. bought in 1928 – active until death in 1976 – John Winga Jr. continues

The building has been vacant since 2006.

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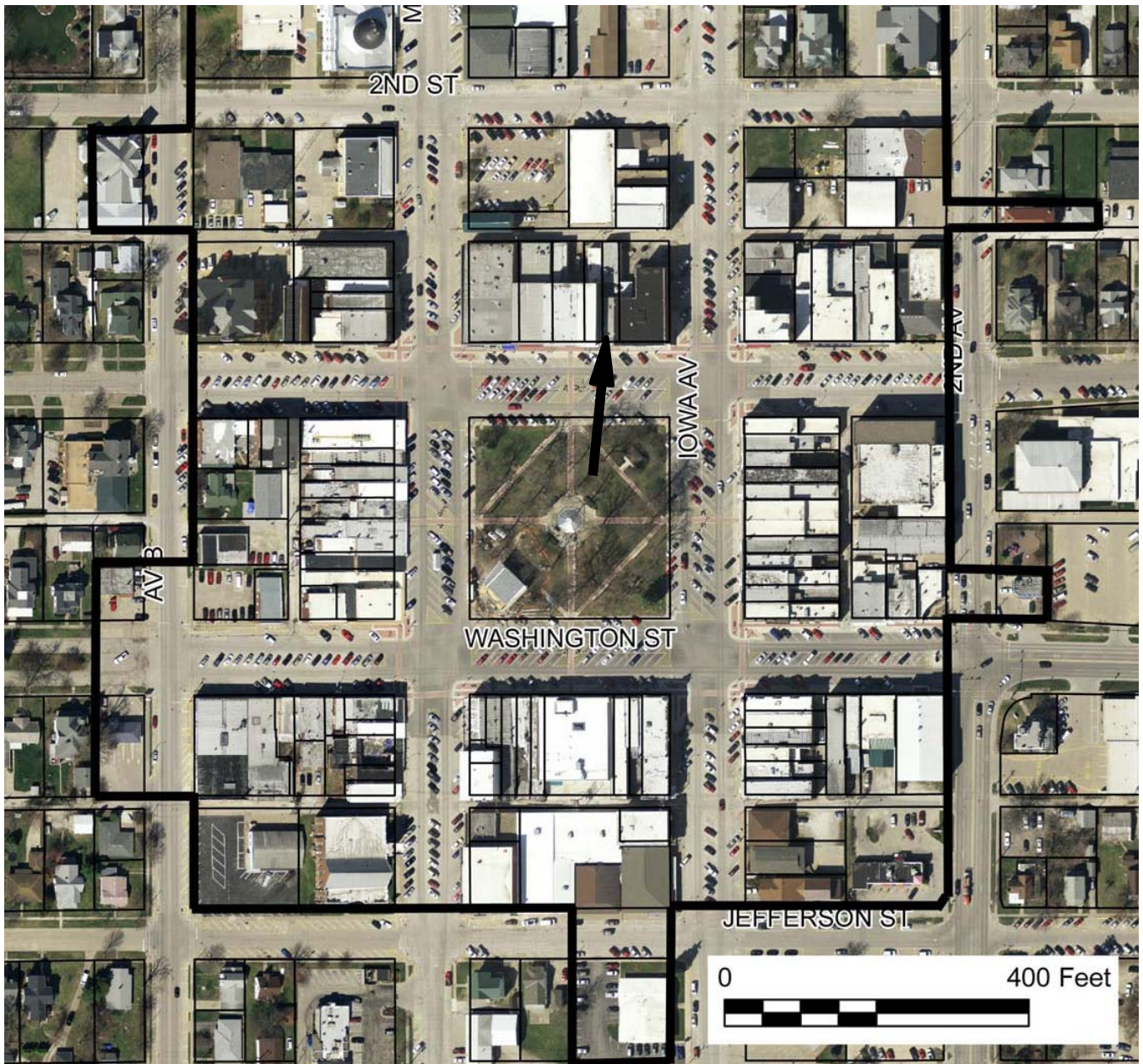
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### Location map



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

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

	ADDN 1 [1656]
	72
	23
	BLDG 1 [1380]
	60
	23
METAL CANOPY [138]	6

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## Historic images



North side of square in early 1900s (Patterson collection).



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North side of square in early 1900s (Patterson collection)

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

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Building in 1971 (Wagner 1971).

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**Digital photographs**



Photograph 92-00539-001 - South elevation, looking northeast (McCarley, September 20, 2011).

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Photograph 92-00539-002 - Detail of storefront, looking north-northeast (McCarley, September 20, 2011).