

Site Inventory Form

State Historical Society of Iowa

(November 2005)

State Inventory No. 92-00542

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 Norton Building

other names/site number Downtown Survey Map # DT- 121

2. Location

street & number 116-118 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) 06 W44 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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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)

02 Harness shop, 02E02: Bakery,

02A01 office

02E06 Jewelry, 02E05 Hardware

02F Department store, 02G01 Café

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

09F05: Commercial / brick front

foundation _____

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 116-118 West Main
City Washington

Site Number 92-00542
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

Significant Dates

Construction date 1868 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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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:

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| 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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| Name of Property | County |
| <u>116-118 West Main</u> | <u>Washington</u> |
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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.

Norton Building - 116-118 W. Main St - State #92-00542 - Map #16 ~ 1 contributing building (A) - c.1868 - Italianate

Historic information:

8-1867 - property bought by Alvin Norton - City Bakery advertised on north side by Norton in 5-1868
1885 - A. Norton - flour merchant; 1885, 1892 - photo on 2nd; 1897 - Norton died/sold building
116 (east): 1897 - jewelry, 1902 - barber, c.1903-1910s - Hobson Jewelry, 1920s-c.1936 - Stephen's Jewelry
118 (west): 1897, 1902, 1909 - bakery/restaurant, 1910 - Hill Bakery, 1926 - Blue Bird Café, 1927-1936 - Wittrig Harness Shop,
fall 1936 - 116-118 likely combined, 10-1936 - Rukgaber Hardware moved here, 1937-1948 - Rukgaber Hardware, 1948-1950s - Zelinsky Hardware
1960s-1990s - Spurgeon's
2012 - Latta, Harris, Hanon & Penningroth, CPAs

Architectural information:

Height: 2 story
Walls: brick
Storefront: remodeled with dark elements
Windows: 2/2 wood windows - replaced
Architectural details: brickwork, arch windows
Architect/Builder: -
Modifications: Historic: -; Non-historic: c.1994 - storefront remodeling, upper cornice clad

7. Narrative Description

This two-story red brick faces West Main Street and Central Park to the south. Dark metal cladding covers the former cornice and the space between the second story windows and the first floor storefront. However, original brick detail and window hoods are visible on the second story. The façade of the second story contains five arched windows with protruding brick hoods. The arch has been infilled and modern replacement two-over-over-light double-hung wood windows. Each window has a painted stone sill. Visible above the window is a row of brick "brackets" and a second row of decorative brick detail. The storefront was remodeled around 1994 to the current configuration and materials.

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8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The Norton Building appears to contribute historically to the Washington Downtown Historic District. While the partially cladding of the cornice has replaced an earlier metal cornice, the elaborate brick work, arch windows, and overall building form continue to read as the c.1868 Italianate building.

This building sits on the west 30' feet of Lot 6. This part of the lot was sold by J.D. Frebilcoch (?) to Alvin Norton on August 20, 1867. The property remained in the Norton family until 1896. A. Norton's building was noted here at the time of the March 1883 fire on the roof of Everson's Block to the west. The 1885 Sanborn map shows two narrow 15' storefronts with a center stairs in this building. It shares a balcony with Everson's Block to the west, which is known to have been built in 1868. Thus, it appears likely that this building was constructed around 1868 as well. An newspaper ad on May 6, 1868 appears for the City Bakery, north side of the square, run by Norton - dealer in confectionery, cakes, pies and lunch. The 1885 census lists Alvin Norton as a flour merchant born in Ohio. The 1885 Sanborn map shows "flour" as the use of the east half of the building, with the west portion noted as vacant but with "photo" on the second story. The "photo" remains noted on the second story on the 1892 map, with a rear addition for coffin and furniture factory constructed.

The Norton sons sold the building to Edwin Knupp on May 19, 1897. Title to him was cleared up with quit claim deeds in 1905. The 1897 Sanborn map shows bakery and restaurant in the west 15' and jewelry in the east 15'. The 1902 Sanborn map shows bakery and restaurant in the west 15' still and a barber in the east 15'. The 1909 Sanborn map shows bakery in the west 15' with the rear addition used as a bake shop and jewelry in the east 15'. These uses continued on the 1917 Sanborn map. Hobson Jewelry is listed at 116 in the 1910 city directory, followed by Stephen's Jewelry to around 1935. Bandy Transfer Company was also based here in the 1930s.

April 26, 1913 – *Evening Journal* – 20th anniversary edition - page 16 – ad – G.W. Hobson – jewelry and music store – north side of square – over 10 years of successful business

Evening Journal, April 3, 1926 – 25th anniversary edition – page 56 – Stephen's ad – for Gruen watches – jewelry store

Evening Journal – Washington County Centennial Celebration – July 1936 - page 27 – Yarn Shoppe – Mrs. Sarah Helwick – over Stephen's Jewelry Store – opened September 14, 1935

Evening Journal – Washington County Centennial Celebration – July 1936 - page 31 – Homer Stephen – north side of square – jeweler and optometrist – 30 years in Washington – closed out jewelry store a few years ago – full time optical work and jewelry repairing

Hill Bakery, run by George Hill, was listed at 118 in the 1910 directory, followed by Blue Bird Cafe in 1926. The storefront continues to be divided by a dotted line into two stores on the 1931 Sanborn map, with the rear addition used as a harness shop. Wittrig Harness Shop was listed at 118 in 1935.

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Evening Journal – Washington County Centennial Celebration – July 1936 - page 75 – Wittrig Harness Shop – north side of square – Vernon Wittrig – established in Washington in 1925 – move here in 1927 – fill needs of farmers in community – new and used harnesses and supplies – repair department

On October 2, 1936, Edwin Knupp sold the building to W.L. and Flicta Rukgaber. The 1943 map then shows the building as a single 30-foot wide store with a one-story rear addition. Rukgaber Hardware is listed at 118 in 1941, with no listing for 116. In 1943, they bought the 14-foot building to the east at 114 W. Main, providing the potential for expansion but instead using it for rental income. By 1952, Zelinsky Hardware is listed at 116, with no listing for 118. They remained here through the 1950s.

Evening Journal – Washington County Centennial Celebration – July 1936 - page 43 – Rukgaber Hardware – west side of square – move here in 1933 from Winfield – Walter Rukgaber – modern hardware store – interior photo – (started at 113 S. Marion - then moved to north side)

Evening Journal – Centennial Celebration – August 1939 - page 57 – Rukgaber Hardware – washers, ranges, cream separators, glassware, paint, general hardware

Washington Evening Journal, 60th Anniversary Edition, February 27, 1953, page 75 – hardware stores – Zelinsky Hardware – Erma Zelinsky continue after husband died – bought company from Walter Rukgaber in 1948 – former had long time store on north side of square – full line of hardware

In 1964, Spurgeon's was listed in the combined store at 116 W. Main. They moved here from the west side of the square. They continued to be located here in 1989.

Washington Evening Journal, 60th Anniversary Edition, February 27, 1953, page 128 – “Three Department Stores Serve in Washington Business District” – Spurgeons – west side of square – managed by Harold L. Johnson – opened here in August 1938 – Johnson then – women’s wear and household dry goods – main floor and basement departments

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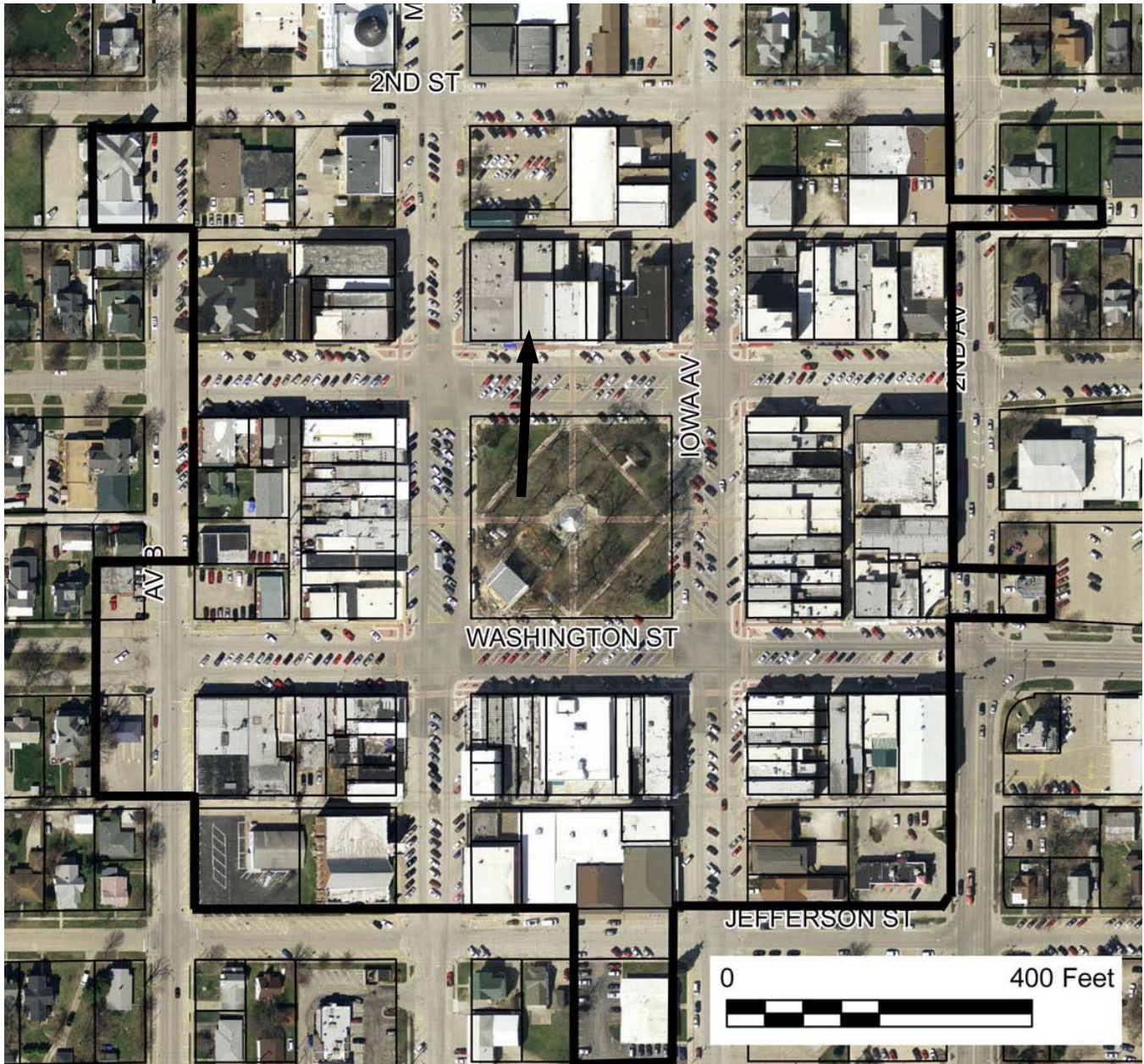
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Location map



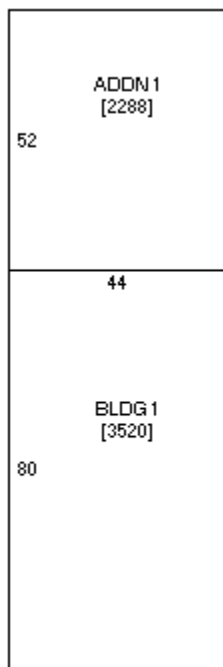
2009 aerial photograph (Washington County) – line indicates survey/research area boundary

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Building plan (from assessor's website)



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Historic images



155' N. side of Square, Washington, Ia.

International Stereograph Co., Decatur, Ill.

North side of square around 1910 (Patterson collection).



North side of square around 1918 (Patterson collection).

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North side of square in 1940s (Patterson collection).

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Building in 1971 (Wagner 1971)

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Digital photographs



Photograph 92-00542-001 - South elevation, looking north (McCarley, September 20, 2011)

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