

Site Inventory Form

State Historical Society of Iowa

(November 2005)

State Inventory No. 92-00551

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 Journal Building

other names/site number Downtown Survey Map # DT- 012

2. Location

street & number 111 (109-111) North Marion 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) 7 Lot(s) E (North 48' of lots 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:

— 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)

02A05: newspaper

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

02A05: newspaper

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

08C: Art Deco

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation

10B: poured concrete

walls (visible material)

03: brick

roof

08B: Rolled Asphalt

other

04C: Limestone decoration

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 111 (109-111) North Marion Avenue
City Washington

Site Number 92-00551
District Number 92-00349

Criteria Considerations

- A Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes. E A reconstructed building, object, or structure.
 B Removed from its original location. F A commemorative property.
 C A birthplace or grave. G Less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.
 D A cemetery

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

05: Commerce

02: Architecture

Significant Dates

Construction date

1930 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 (X 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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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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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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<u>Journal Building</u>	
Name of Property	County
<u>111 (109 – 111) North Marion Avenue</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.

Journal Building - 111 (109-111) N. Marion Avenue - State #92-00551 - Map #9 ~ 1 contributing building (A and C) - 1930 - Art Deco

Historic information:

1930 - new building constructed for Washington Evening Journal - newspaper owned by Orville Elder and R.E. Shannon

1930-2000s - Washington Evening Journal

2nd story - various offices - mostly physicians/dentists, some finance/loan companies

2012 - Washington Evening Journal

Architectural information:

Height: 2 story

Walls: brick veneer

Storefront: center entry with large office windows

Windows: 1/1 windows - replaced

Architectural details: multi-color brick, vertical/Art Deco details, stone accents

Architect/Builder: -

Modifications: Historic: -; Non-historic: 1970s - windows replaced

7. Narrative Description

This is two-story, three-bay, brick commercial building with Art Deco influence. The building has a concrete foundation. The facade is decorated with brickwork designs on embedded brick columns set between each pair of windows, and with limestone cornices and limestone caps on the columns. The facade (east) of the building has centrally located entry and one side entry at the far left hand corner, which leads to the second story. The side door is topped with a limestone pediment set into the brick wall. There are two large first story windows on either side of the main entrance, which appear to be replacement windows from the 1970s. On the far right hand side of the first floor, there is another window which is similar in size and shape to the door on the far left and appears to be an entry converted to window. The second story has large double window openings under a shared segmental arch brick lintel, with windows replaced and arch filled in.

The facade is divided into three sections by brick pilasters. There is one pilaster at either corner of the building, topped by a three course limestone cornice. The lower band of these cornices is decorated with stylized Art Deco detail. Two smaller pilasters are located on either side of the central entry, extending into the segmental arches of the second story windows. The pilasters consist of turned bricks to create a "fluted" look for the columns, with simple limestone capitals. A band of limestone roughly

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the size of two courses of bricks runs horizontally across the frieze between the corner columns and above the second floor windows/pilasters. A name plate stating "Journal" is centered on the frieze, with simple Art Deco detail at either end. The parapet is capped in limestone, with a small pinnacle near the center.

The north side of the building extends along the side alley from the front to rear of the lot. Window and door openings are cut simply into the brick with no lintel detail and simple stone sills. The first story has three double-hung windows at the east end, a small double-hung window and side entry, and eight window openings to the west, seven of which are bricked-in. The second story has three double-hung windows at the east end, a small window likely on stairs, and eight double-hung windows to the west, six of which are covered.

A one-story tile block section extends across the rear of the building. It has large doors on the north and west sides. The exposed second story has five double-hung windows, three of which are covered. A large square chimney extends up from the southwest corner of the building.

Local surveyor's note: the interior of the building is substantially unchanged from its original condition, including original layout of rooms, steel staircase and railing, and wood doors and trim.

8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The Washington Evening Journal Building appears to contribute historically and architecturally to the Washington Downtown Historic District.

This building was completed in the fall of 1930, according to a plaque on the exterior. It appears on the 1931 and 1943 Sanborn Maps. Cora L. Scofield et al sold the property to Orville Elder and R.E. Shannon on April 24, 1930. These two business men were the beginning of the *Washington Evening Journal*. Orville Elder and wife & et al sold the property to Elder & Shannon & Co. on August 8, 1931. Two major construction projects occurred within a block of each other in 1930 - the new Masonic Temple at the northwest corner of the square and the Journal Building. The combined costs of \$100,000 contributed to one of the largest construction totals in Washington ("Spend Nearly \$500,000 for Public Works," Centennial Edition, *Evening Journal*, August 1939, 74).

Much history on the newspaper is recounted in the *Washington Evening Journal*, 60th Anniversary Edition, February 27, 1953:

- page 1 – "The Journal's Story" – February 15, 1893 – *Daily Hustler* – name changed in 1894 – five newspapers being published in Washington in 1905 – *Gazette* - daily and weekly, *Democrat*, *Press*, and *Evening Journal* – G. Logan Payne sold to Orville Elder in late 1890s – bought *Daily Gazette* in 1906 – hired R.E. Shannon in 1906 – became partner on August 15, 1913 – Elder & Shannon – incorporated in 1930 as Elder, Shannon & Company – Orville died in 1940 – firm now carried on by next generation – Dave Elder and Bill Shannon – steady growth over years – staff of 30 now

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- page 1 – history of newspapers in Washington
- page 2 – photo of site of *Journal* building at 111 N. Marion before built – newspaper was on E. Main St where Willis Motor Co was in 1953
- page 2 – more on Orville Elder and history of newspaper
- page 3-7 – photos of staff and presses
- page 8 – newspaper carriers – boys

Bicentennial Edition, *Evening Journal*, July 1, 1976, page 146 – “Washington County’s Only Daily Newspaper” – Journal building – built in 1930 – photo – 1913 became Elder & Shannon – continued until 1930 – incorporated when moved to new building – Elder, Shannon & Co – currently David Elder, William Shannon, and Charles Morris – prior to 1930 located across from Y.M.C.A. – now Ashley store – moved in 1930 to 111 N. Marion – independent newspaper – one of few dailies in town size of Washington – business office, news department, advertising department, production department, circulation department, and commercial printing department – ad on page 147

The *Washington Evening Journal* continues to occupy this building.

Several offices were located on the second story of the Journal Building. The 1932 Telephone Directory lists Dr. Clow, and Osteopath, and Dr. WS Kyle, physician, with offices on the second floor. Dr. Clow advertised in a 1931 issue of the *Journal* for this same location. The 1935 City Directory lists both the “Democrat Independent Weekly” and Gambles Store Agency with offices on the second floor. Simpson Finance Company, offering small loans, was located on the second story by 1936. The 1941 City Directory lists Dr. EE Stutsman – physician, Simpson Finance, and dentist – Dr. HF Masson with offices on the second floor (111 ½). The 1952 Telephone Directory lists Dr. LB Sicher – dentist, and PL Etter – osteopathic meds, Credit Bureau of Washington, Eastland Optometry “EQ” Optometrist, and Dr. MJ Cruise – dentist with offices on the second floor (111 ½). In 1955 and advertisement in the *Journal* mentions the Gem Loan Co. - loans for personal cash, on the second floor also.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

City/Telephone Directories, Washington. Various publishers, various dates. Available at the Washington Public Library.

Deed Records, Transfer Books, Auditor's Office, Washington County Courthouse, Washington, Iowa.

Newspaper advertisements, various years/dates, on microfilm at Washington Public Library:

Washington Evening Journal

Washington Gazette

Washington Press

Sanborn Map Company. "Washington, Iowa," Sanborn fire insurance maps. Pelham, NY: Sanborn Map Company, 1885, 1892, 1897, 1902, 1909, 1917, 1931, 1943.

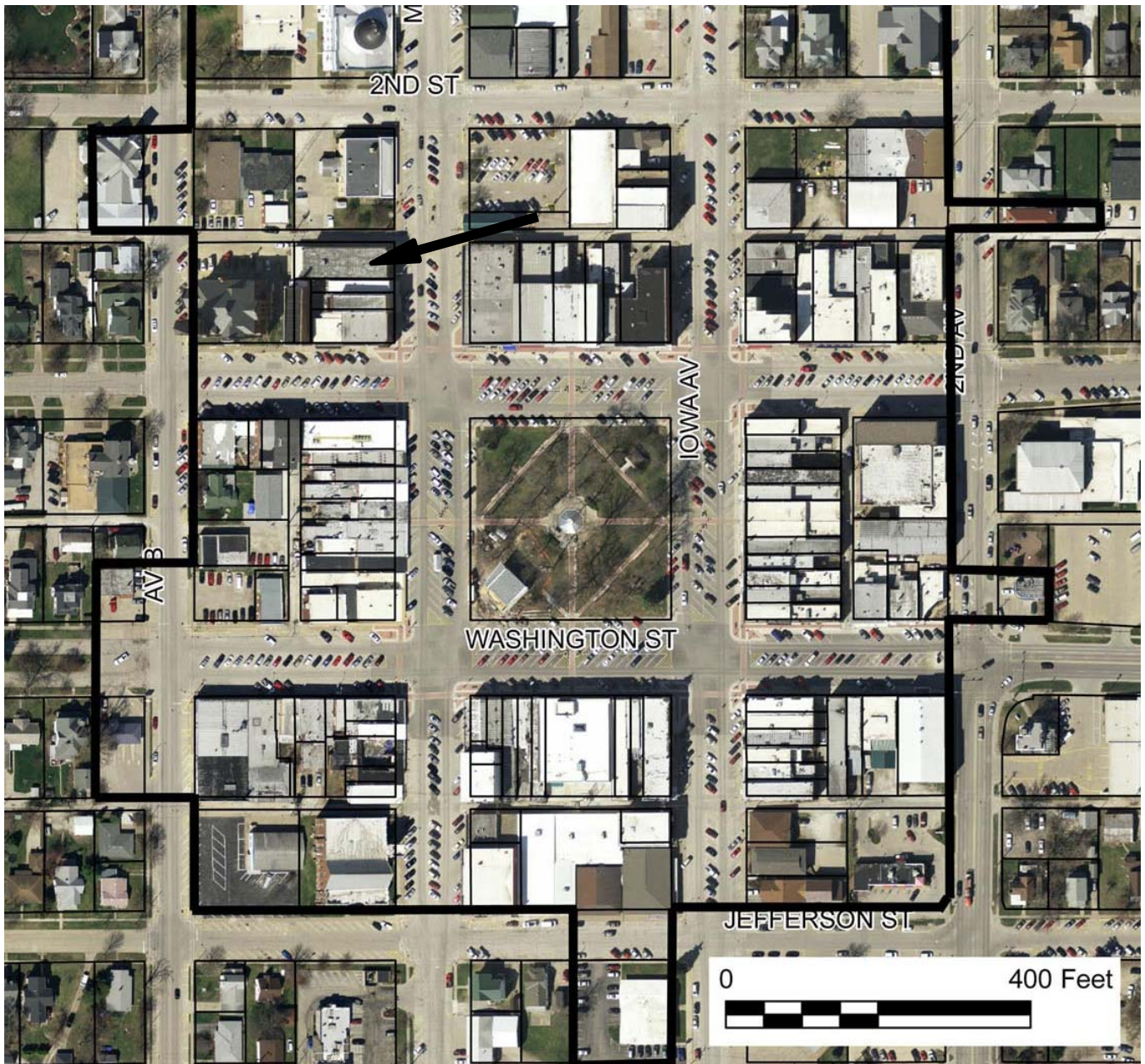
Wagner, William (Des Moines architect). Photographs taken of downtown Washington in 1971. In collection of Washington Historical Society, Washington, Iowa.

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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)

20	ADDN 1 [840]
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112	BLDG 1 [4704]

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Historic images



Collage of 1971 photographs (Wagner 1971).

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Digital photographs



Photograph 92-00551-001 - East and north elevations, looking southwest (McCarley, September 20, 2011).

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Photograph 92-00551-002 - East elevation, looking west (McCarley, September 20, 2011).

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Photograph 92-00551-003 - Detail on east elevation, looking west (McCarley, September 20, 2011).

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Photograph 92-00551-004 - Detail on east elevation, looking west (McCarley, September 20, 2011).

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Photograph 92-00551-005 - West elevation, looking southeast (McCarley, September 20, 2011).