

Site Inventory Form
State Historical Society of Iowa
 (December 1, 1999)

State Inventory No. 70-00157 New Supplemental
 Part of a district with known boundaries (enter inventory no.) _____
 Relationship: Contributing Noncontributing
 Contributes to a potential district with yet unknown boundaries
 National Register Status: (any that apply) Listed De-listed NHL DOE
 Review & Compliance No. _____
 Non-Extant (enter year) _____

1. Name of Property

historic name Commercial Building
 other names/site number Field Site #: FS-022

2. Location

street & number 124 – 126 West Second Street
 city or town Muscatine vicinity, county Muscatine
 Legal Description: (If Rural) Township Name _____ Township No. _____ Range No. _____ Section _____ Quarter of Quarter _____
 (If Urban) Subdivision Original Town Block(s) 11 Lot(s) E 18.5' N 100' Lot 10

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		
	If Non-Eligible Property	If Eligible Property, enter number of:	
	Enter number of:	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	_____ buildings	<u>1</u>	_____ buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> district	_____ sites	_____	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____ structures	_____	_____ structures
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____ objects	_____	_____ objects
<input type="checkbox"/> object	_____ Total	<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 _____

Historical and Architectural Survey and Evaluation of the Downtown Commercial District 70-013

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)	Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)
<u>02E11: Commerce / Specialty Store / Grocery</u>	<u>02E: Commerce / Specialty Store / Office Supply</u>
<u>02G01: Commerce / Restaurant / Cafe</u>	<u>01B02: Domestic / Apartments</u>
_____	<u>02B03: Commerce / Professional / Law Office</u>

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)	Materials (Enter categories from instructions)
<u>05B: Late Victorian / Italianate</u>	foundation <u>04C: Stone / Limestone</u>
_____	walls <u>03: Brick</u>
_____	roof <u>08B: Asphalt / Rolled</u>
_____	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)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> More Research Recommended	A	Property is associated with significant events.
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> More Research Recommended	B	Property is associated with the lives of significant persons.
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> More Research Recommended	C	Property has distinctive architectural characteristics.
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> More Research Recommended	D	Property yields significant information in archaeology or history.

County Muscatine Address 124-126 West Second Street Site Number 70-00157
City Muscatine District Number _____

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 _____

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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city or town Muscatine state Iowa zip code 52761

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 non-contributing 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>Commercial Building</u> Name of Property	<u>Muscatine</u> County
<u>124-126 W. Second St</u> Address	<u>Muscatine</u> City

7. Narrative Description

The building at 124-126 W. 2nd Street was constructed, along with 128 W. 2nd St. (Shamrock Hall), as a three story brick Italianate block. All three were capped with a common cornice, parapet, and brackets, of which only Shamrock Hall retains ("Second Street, looking East, Muscatine, Iowa," c. 1900). While Shamrock Hall (70-00158) is a three-bay structure, 126 W. 2nd St. is a slightly narrower three-bay structure and 124 W. 2nd St is a two-bay brick structure. Both structures retain the original arched, decorative window hoods with keystone detailing on the second and third floors. Modern, single-over-single-light, double-hung replacement windows have been inset into the original window openings without completely filling the space from sill to arch, creating various sizes of "transom" windows. The first floor storefronts on both buildings have been remodeled with aluminum framed doors and windows, exterior grade paneling and hand painted signs. The original decorative cornice has been removed on both 124 and 126 W. 2nd St..

8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The commercial building at 124-126 West Second Street does not appear to be individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A, B, or C, although it appears to be a contributing building in a potential downtown historic district. Like the adjacent Shamrock Hall (70-00158), the integrity of this structure has been somewhat compromised. While Shamrock Hall retains its cornice, this distinctive cornice line has been removed on 124-126 W. 2nd St. Additionally, the replacement of the windows and remodeled storefront detracts from the historic character of the structure. This portion of the building does retain window hoods that are trademark of the Italianate style. However, with the other alterations to the structure, this commercial building does not appear to be individually eligible under Criterion C for architectural significance. Additionally, though associated with early businesses in Muscatine, none of these businesses appear particularly significant. Thus, the building does not appear individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A, B, or C.

However, it does retain sufficient integrity to be a contributing building in a potential downtown historic district listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The overall scale and design of the historic building remains intact. It falls within one historic context identified for this district: "19th century Business and Industry." It continues to reflect the Italianate style, and it contributes architecturally and historically to this potential historic district.

In a first person accounting by Mr. Charles C. Braunwarth, the adjacent building, "Shamrock Hall" was built by John Byrne and Michael Murphy and used for their grocery business (Carlson 1989: 161). Assuming that 124, 126 and 128 W. 2nd were built as a three structure brick block as the detailing on the historic photograph suggests, these structures were also built around 1868 by Byrne and Murphy.

Early city directories identify the owner of the harness shop at 126 W. 2nd as the Hampe Brothers. In the city directory of 1866, the Hampe brothers, Charles, John and Garret were located on Chestnut St. They

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moved to the corner of Chestnut and Second by 1870. The 1883 Sanborn insurance map shows a three-story structure at this location with a harness shop at 126. The 1880s city directories list the Hampe Brothers specifically at 126. The Hampe Brothers continued to operate their harness shop here until 1903.

The 1907 city directory lists Conaway, Porter Printing Co. doing business at 126 W. 2nd St., followed by Schaefer Printing in 1913 and Woolverton Printing in 1916. Tom's printing was listed in the 1919 city directory at 124 W. 2nd, but was probably 126 W. 2nd St, since printing presses were and are large and heavy pieces of equipment and not easily moved. Changes of retail businesses at 126 W. 2nd continued to take place. Anderson-Ford soft drink parlor was located at 126 W. 2nd from 1919 until the mid 1920's, when it was replaced by the People's Café, and the Ritz Café in 1935. This location remained a café until the late 1940s, when it began being used as offices for the Muscatine Abstract Co. in 1949, then as the office of attorney Robert Peterson.

The early history of 124 W. 2nd is unknown. The 1883 Sanborn map shows a saloon in this storefront. The specific business has not been identified. The saloon at 124 W. 2nd St. became a restaurant in 1888 and then a millinery by 1892. The millinery was owned by Mrs. G. B. Brooks until around 1900. This address was not identified as a millinery in the city directories during the period from 1902 through 1909. It was called Leysen's Millinery Parlor in 1911 and 1913, then Chaney and Lucas Millinery in 1916. The city directories of 1921 and 1923-1924 list Muscatine Electric Construction Co. at this address, then in 1927 a millinery again. Wolcott Millinery is listed in 1927, followed by Zeug M & K Millinery until 1934, when it was purchased by Red Bell Grocery. It changed hands again in the late 1940s when it became Ray's Market, where it remained beyond 1959.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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"Second Street, looking East, Muscatine, Iowa," Postcard c.1900, Photographer and Publisher unknown. Peterschmidt private collection

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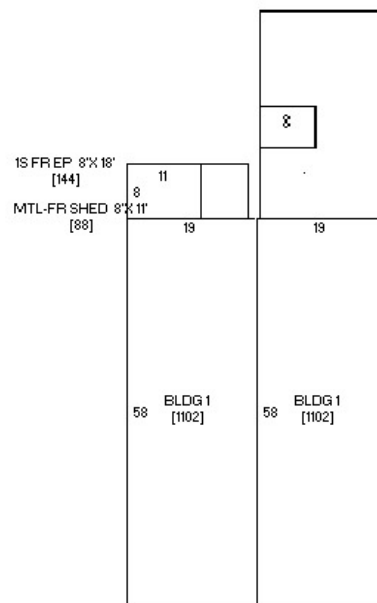
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Location Map



Plan (from assessor's office)



(2nd St.)

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Photograph of building (digital image)

