

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

State Inventory No. 70-00973  **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 Bake House and Oven  
 other names/site number Field Site #: FS-032

**2. Location**

street & number 212 Chestnut 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) 35 Lot(s) NW47'4" & Adj 12'x12' Lot 5

**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:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	_____	Contributing _____ Noncontributing _____
<input type="checkbox"/> district	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> object	_____	_____
	<u>1</u> Total	_____ buildings _____ sites _____ structures _____ objects _____ 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**

<b>Historic Functions</b> (Enter categories from instructions)	<b>Current Functions</b> (Enter categories from instructions)
<u>02E02: Commerce / bakery –oven</u>	<u>10G: Industrial / Storage</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____

**7. Description**

<b>Architectural Classification</b> (Enter categories from instructions)	<b>Materials</b> (Enter categories from instructions)
<u>01: No Style</u>	foundation _____
_____	walls <u>05F: Metal Steel</u>
_____	roof <u>05F: Metal Steel</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 type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" 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  
City Muscatine

Address 212 Chestnut

Site Number 70-00973  
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)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Significant Dates**

Construction date 1885  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

**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 \_\_\_\_\_  
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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>Bake House and Oven</u> Name of Property	<u>Muscatine</u> County
<u>212 Chestnut Street</u> Address	<u>Muscatine</u> City

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## 7. Narrative Description

This building functioned primarily as a two story bake house and oven for 201-203 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> for most of its history since around 1885. The front one-third of the building is the original brick structure, and the rear concrete block two-thirds represents an addition from around 1925 when the building ceased to serve as a bake house.

The east elevation of the building has been clad in non-historic steel siding. The façade roof line is straight across most of the building, sloping at the south side. This section likely represents a side addition to the building also clad in the metal façade, and this section has a garage door and pedestrian door. The east (front) one-third of the north elevation along the alley is brick and the west two-thirds of this elevation is concrete block. The brick portion of the wall is obviously older and has three bricked in segmental arch openings. The west opening appears to be a doorway as it runs to the ground level. The opening just to the east of the bricked in doorway appears to be a window set up high. No sill is evident. The eastern most opening is a small bricked in window or oven opening set at ground level. The north elevation has a metal door set up high with loading stoop just to the west of where the brick transitions to concrete block. The south elevation is visible from within a courtyard, and it is concrete block and has windows at the west corner of the elevation set high in the wall. The west elevation is not visible.

It is not know at this time whether there are any of the historic elements on the interior remaining from the original bake house and oven.

## 8. Narrative Statement of Significance

This commercial building does not appear individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A, B, or C. The modern installation of the metal facade has significantly altered the historic appearance of this building. Thus, it has lost the integrity need to convey its historic significance. Additionally, the rear and side additions after this building was used as a bake house further have impacted its historic integrity as a bake house. Likewise, the loss of integrity has also impacted its potential contribution to a historic district. With these extensive alterations, the building does not appear to be a contributing building in a potential downtown historic district. However, if the metal façade were to be removed, it could be reassessed for potential integrity and significance.

This building appears to have been associated with the bakery at 201 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. The 1883 Sanborn shows an earlier as a two section one-story bake house and oven. The 1888 Sanborn maps shows the new bake house and oven as a nearly square, about 30'x25' building with a small rear extension for the oven. The 1892 Sanborn map shows the same layout, and the 1899 Sanborn map shows a rear one-story addition in the space created by the "L" layout. It continues to be depicted as a bake house with oven at 212 Chestnut with this layout on the 1905 and 1912 maps. Between 1912 and 1919, the rear section was rebuilt around the oven section to enlarge this space, demolishing the earlier one-story rear addition to the south and building a smaller one-story addition on this side.

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The building at 201 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street operated as a bakery from the 1850s to around 1924. Since an oven is not indicated within 201 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> St, and this building sits as a bake house on the rear section of the original lot, it seems logically that this building served as the bake house and oven for 201 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. Also, 212 Chestnut was not listed as an address in the city directories until well after the last bakery closed. J.A. Reuling operated his bakery "J.A. Reulings Oyster Saloon and Bakery" at 201 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street from 1856 to 1875. George Koehler operated a bakery/confectionery/restaurant from 1876 to about 1896. In 1879, Koehler Brothers kept a large stock of confectionery, tobaccos and cigars. Frank Braun operated a bakery and confectionery subsequently to 1907. In 1907, Carl H. Braun operated a bakery and ice cream store from 1908 to 1913. In 1916 Gries and Reich was operating a bakery with Ed Reich taking over in 1919. In 1921 Lyon Bakery was at this location and continued operations until 1924. After this period, 201 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street sat vacant for a few years.

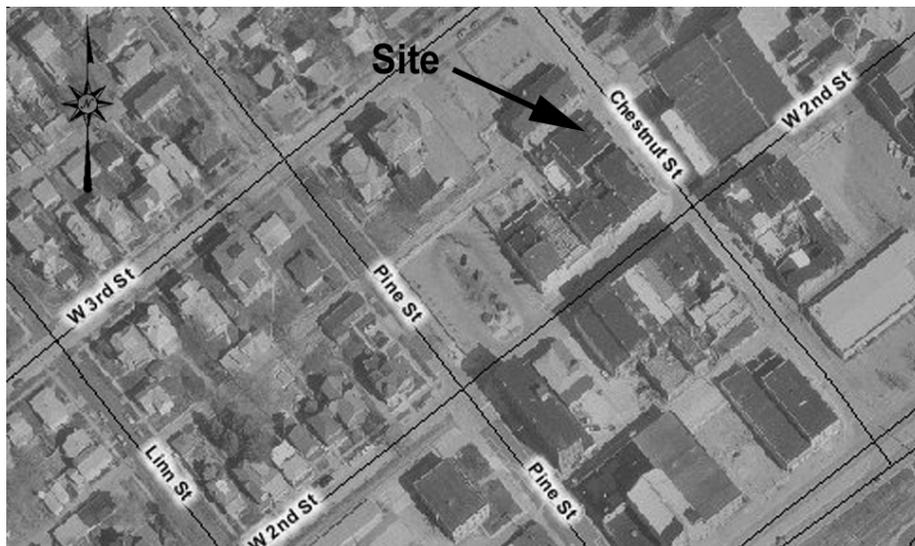
With the closure of the last bakery around 1924, the bake house became obsolete and remodeled as a storage space. The 1928 Sanborn indicates that the building was reconfigured into a shed. It also shows a larger one-story rear addition and a one-story side addition connected to a garage addition to the rear of 201 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. This layout was retained on the 1946 Sanborn, though the use was now indicated as a "store." In 1962, a city directory listing for 212 Chestnut shows it to be Norton Homer Par Pattern Works.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

City Directories, Muscatine, Various publishers, 1869-1959. Available at the Musser Public Library.

Sanborn Map Company. "Muscatine, Iowa," Sanborn fire insurance maps. Pelham, NY: Sanborn Map Company, 1883, 1888, 1892, 1899, 1907, 1912, 1919, 1928, 1946. Accessed online at: [sanborn.umi.com](http://sanborn.umi.com).

## Location Map



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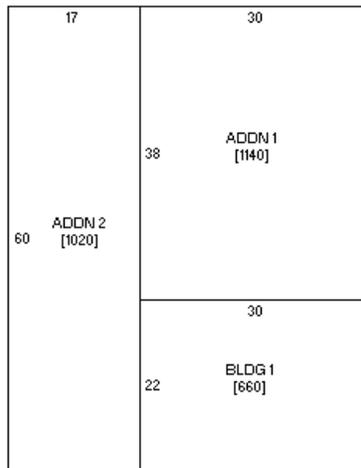
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## Plan (from assessor's office)



(front – W. 2<sup>nd</sup> St)

## Photograph of building (digital image)

