

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

State Inventory No. 70-00975  **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 Logan House  
 other names/site number Field Site #: FS-035

**2. Location**

street & number 215 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) 34 Lot(s) N1/2 S/12 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:
<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> buildings	_____ buildings
	_____ sites	_____ sites
	_____ structures	_____ structures
	_____ objects	_____ objects
	<u>1</u> Total	_____ 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>01A01: Domestic / Single Dwelling/Residence</u>	<u>01A01: Domestic / Single Dwelling/Residence</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____

**7. Description**

<b>Architectural Classification</b> (Enter categories from instructions)	<b>Materials</b> (Enter categories from instructions)
_____	foundation _____
_____	walls <u>06: Stucco</u>
_____	roof <u>08A: Asphalt Shingle</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 Address 215 Chestnut Site Number 70-00975  
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)

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

**Significant Dates**

Construction date  
1895  check if circa or estimated date  
Other dates  
c. 1920 – reconstruction or extensive remodeling

**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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city or town Muscatine state IA 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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## 7. Narrative Description

This gable-front house with a full recessed front porch has been completely clad in stucco. The foundation is also covered in stucco. The front (west) elevation has two bays and a simple gable roof line. A first floor recessed porch is raised and spans the front of the house. The porch has interesting large arched openings. The single-door entry has sidelights, and the door is non-historic. A large group of windows is set to the left of the entry, consisting of a large middle window with narrow window transom above and two narrower single-over-single-light double-hung windows on either side. The upper story windows have single-over-single-light double-hung sashes. The integrity of the windows throughout the building has been somewhat compromised by the addition of metal storm windows. The original wood frames appear to be intact.

The south elevation consists of two sections – the front two-thirds under the straight eave and the back one-third under the peak of the rear cross-gable section. The first story of the front portion contains the side arch of the recessed porch and an adjoining single-over-single-light double-hung window. The front portion has three second-story single-over-single-light double-hung windows, one over the side arch of the recessed porch and the remaining two clustered towards the rear of the front half. The second story of the back portion of the elevation contains a single-over-single-light double-hung window centered beneath the peak of the side cross-gable and an adjoining smaller single-over-single-light double-hung windows set to the west. The first story of back half is occupied by a one-story square bay window that is first depicted on the 1928 Sanborn map. This has a small single-over-single-light double-hung window set near the middle of its south elevation and a larger single-over-single-light double-hung window set in the front (west) face of this section.

The north elevation has three irregularly spaced single-over-single-light double-hung windows in both the first and second story of this elevation. The first story has two of the windows located to the back of the house and one centered between the north arch of the front porch and the back two windows. The second story has one window approximately centered above the two first story back windows and two windows forward of the front lower story window above the porch arch.

The rear (east) elevation has two second-story single-over-single-light double-hung windows and the one-story rear addition. The rear addition does not have a window in its east elevation but it does have a single-over-single-light double-hung window in its north elevation. A single-over-single-light double-hung window immediately adjoins the one-story rear addition in the east elevation of the main house. The house's brick chimney also runs up the two-story section in north corner of this elevation.

## 8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The Logan House does not appear to be individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A, B, or C. While the Logan family lived here from its construction and remodeling through 1980. they do not appear to be a particularly prominent family. No important events were found to be

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associated with this house. This home has an interesting style with the recessed porch with large arches, front door with sidelights, and large front window set. Its major alterations in between 1912 and 1928 are historic modifications. However, the building, while interesting, is unlikely to be individually eligible for the National Register under Criteria C due to its relatively common features. With the adjacent demolitions of the D.P. Johnson House and Rebecca Hoopes flats, this house remains as the lone residential survivor on this block, which is half commercial. It is not associated with the downtown commercial district, and it is separated from the West Hill neighborhood further to the west. Thus, it does not appear to be within any potential historic district boundary.

The precise construction date of this house is unclear. A two-story dwelling first appears on this site on the 1888 Sanborn map, but the first map to show the house set back from the street line is the 1928 Sanborn map. The 1892 Sanborn map shows a different footprint than the one shown in 1899, suggesting one possible construction date in the 1890s. Charles Logan, and his wife Mary, lived in this house at this time. The 1912 Sanborn map continues to show the same layout, with a two story house, south side porch along two-thirds of the way, rear side extension (bay window?), and one-story rear addition. The 1919 Sanborn map shows the south side wall as straight, with no porch or extension, and the house continues to be set at the front property/street line. According to the Sanborn maps, the house was altered between 1912 and 1919 by reworking the south wall and probably the roof line to incorporate the original south porch area into the house structure. Also, it indicates stucco as the exterior cladding. However, the footprint again changes on the 1928 Sanborn map, and appears to match the current footprint. The house is slightly set back from the property/street line, and a one-story square bay is indicated at the rear of the south side elevation. A wider one-story addition is also depicted on the rear of the house. This suggests a more probable construction, or extensive remodeling, date between 1919 and 1928. Margaret Logan, daughter of Charles and Mary, was living here in this period. The 1946 Sanborn map shows the same footprint as the 1928 map.

Charles Logan, blacksmith with Logan & O'Toole, likely built the original house on this property in 1895. He was listed at this location from 1895 to 1900. Charles was born on May 15, 1858 and died on November 27, 1899, according to St. Mary cemetery records. After Charles death, Mary Logan (widow) continued living at this location with her two daughters Margaret (born 1896) and Luminia (born 1898), and a son Charles (born 1894). She is listed as having furnished rooms at this location from 1900 to 1903, and Elmer Bishop was listed with G.M. Logan from 1904 through 1916, likely as a boarder. The 1910 census indicated Mary was a dressmaker at home. By 1920, Mary's son, Charles, had moved out of the house, Margaret was living at home and working as a teacher, and Lumina was living at home also and working as a stenographer at a hardware store. Mary transferred the house and property to Margaret in 1937 prior to her death (Shank, 2004). Mary, born on March 14, 1863, died on November 10, 1937, according to St. Mary cemetery records. Margaret Logan was listed from 1921 through 1977 at this address, with her death occurring on August 4, 1977. Lumina was listed at this location from 1977 to 1980 with her death occurring on December 20, 1980.

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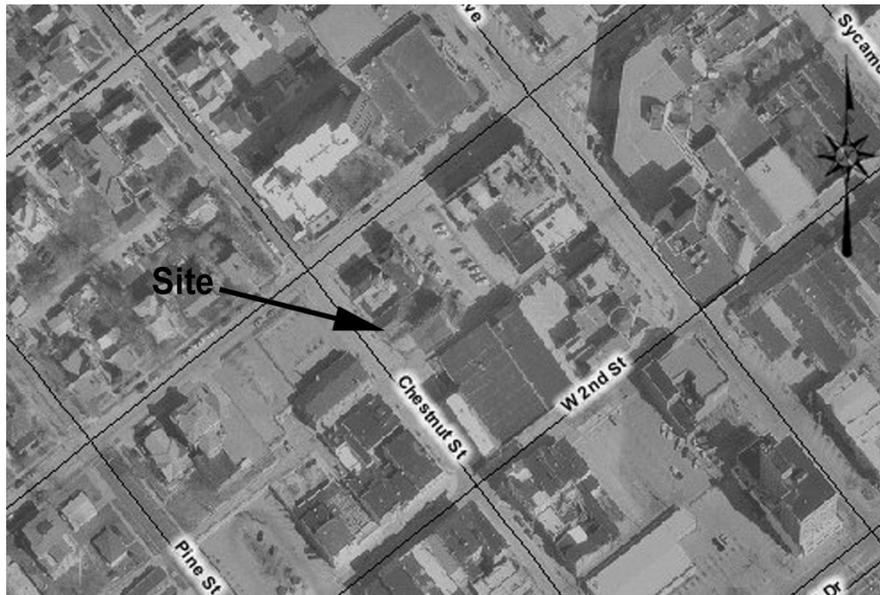
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U.S. Census Records, 1900, 1910, 1920.

## Location Map



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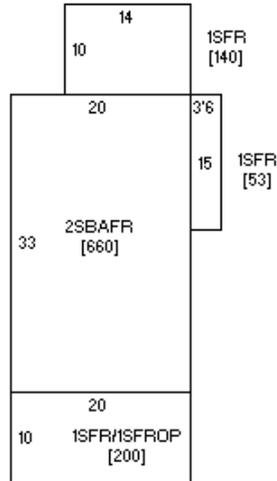
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### Plan (from assessor's office)



(front – Chestnut St)

### Photograph of building (digital image)

