

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

State Inventory No. 70-00978  **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-040

**2. Location**

street & number (216-)218 Iowa Avenue  
 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) S 60' of Lot 6 (N 20' of S 60'

**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	_____	_____
	_____ buildings	<u>1</u> buildings
	_____ sites	_____ sites
	_____ structures	_____ structures
	_____ objects	_____ objects
	_____ 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**

<b>Historic Functions</b> (Enter categories from instructions)	<b>Current Functions</b> (Enter categories from instructions)
<u>02E: Commerce/Trade/Specialty Store</u>	<u>70: Vacant/Not in Use</u>
<u>02E11: Commerce/Trade/Grocery</u>	_____
<u>02D01: Commerce/Trade/Savings &amp; Loan</u>	_____

**7. Description**

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

Address 216-218 Iowa

Site Number 70-00978  
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

1866

Other dates

check if circa or estimated date

**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 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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<u>Commercial Building</u> Name of Property	<u>Muscatine</u> County
<u>(216)-218 Iowa Avenue</u> Address	<u>Muscatine</u> City

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## 7. Narrative Description

This building is a two-story, three-bay, brick building, which is painted. Brick pilasters divide the storefront into five sections, with entries on the outer two bays. The spaces have all been reduced in size. Both entries have non-historic doors, and three modern, smaller windows have been installed in the remaining bays. The storefront lintel is wood and appears to be original. The second story window section is inset, and it has three one-over-one-light double-hung historic wood windows. They have segmental arch lintels with keystones. A photograph from c.1890 of 214-216 Iowa Avenue, which had identical storefronts to this one before it was tore down, shows the second story windows were six-over-six and double hung, so it is likely the case for the 218 storefront as well (*Muscatine Journal Semi-Centennial Edition*, January 1891, 31). Inset panels are also found on the frieze, and the cornice has brick dentils. The roof is flat and made of rolled asphalt. The other elevations are hidden by the surrounding buildings.

## 8. Narrative Statement of Significance

This commercial building at 218 Iowa Avenue does not appear to be eligible individually for the National Register of Historic Places; however, it does appear to be a contributing structure to a downtown historic district.

This building does not appear to be individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The building has not been associated with particularly prominent businesses or people. The Red Paint Store, which is probably the most prominent business that was located here, is more associated with 214-216 Iowa Avenue. There were other paint stores in Muscatine, and this one was not any more important than the others. It did operated for 116 years in the community (1880-1996). Additionally, this building does not appear important architecturally.

The integrity of the building is fairly strong, and thus appears to be a contributing structure in a potential downtown historic district. It contributes historically to the district, and it falls primarily within one historic context identified for the district: "19<sup>th</sup> century Business and Industry."

This building was built before 1867. Originally 214-216-218 were identical in appearance, and the *History of Muscatine County* shows that when the Muscatine Journal bought 214-216 in 1867 the building was already on it. As this building was exactly like the other two storefronts, they appear to have been built at the same time (Richman, 1911: Vol.1, 393).

Issac Mauck, who sold the lot next to this one to the Muscatine Journal, had moved his grocery business to the 216 storefront and possibly this one by 1869, having moved from Front Street as the 1866 city directory shows. The 1874 city directory shows that a saloon had located here operated by John Nietzel, while Issac Mauck had moved exclusively into the 216 storefront. By 1883 John Kleinfelder was operating a saloon here, and by 1886 a J.J. O'Callahan was operating a saloon here. The Sanborn Maps show this building was a saloon in 1883, 1888, and 1892.

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In 1893, Everett Brandenburg moved his Red Paint Store here, as is depicted on the 1899 Sanborn map. The Red Paint Store was founded by Everett Brandenburg in 1880, initially located at the Scott House in the 220 storefront, moving to this storefront in 1893, and staying here until 1919, when it moved next door to the c.1904 building at 214-216 Iowa Avenue, as the *Journal* moved to its new building ("The Red Paint Store," 1940).

In the years that followed, a series of grocers occupied this location. In 1921 Stradley Grocery and Fruits, by 1923 Freers Grocery, and in 1940 Webster Grocery. After World War II, the building was occupied by the Muscatine National Farm Loan Association, until 1958, when it was joined by the Davenport Credit Association, and the Federal Land Bank Association. A series of beauty shops followed by the overflow for a restaurant/bar round out the rest of the years to the present. Recently the restaurant closed and this building is currently not in use.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## Location Map



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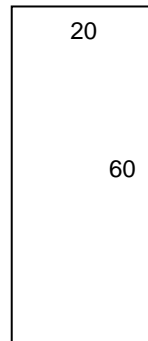
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## Plan



(front – Iowa Ave)

## Photograph of building (digital image)

