

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

State Inventory No. 70-00977 **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 Scott House Stables
 other names/site number Field Site #: FS-042

2. Location

street & number 214 1/2 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) Pt of 7;N 80' Lot6;E1/2 Lot 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) | 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>02A02: Commerce/Trade/Livestock/Livery Stable</u> | <u>10G01: Industry/Processing/Extraction/Storage</u> |
| <u>02H: Commerce/Trade/Warehouse</u> | _____ |
| <u>01C05: Commerce/Trade/Garage</u> | _____ |

7. Description

| | |
|--|---|
| Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions) | Materials (Enter categories from instructions) |
| <u>01: No Style</u> | foundation <u>03: Brick</u> |
| _____ | walls <u>03: Brick</u> |
| _____ | roof <u>08B: 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 214 1/2 Iowa Ave.

Site Number 70-00977
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 1851 check if circa or estimated date
Other dates _____

Significant Person

(Complete if National Register Criterion B is marked above)

Architect/Builder

Architect _____

Builder _____

James Latta

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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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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:

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| 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 building is a two-story, soft red brick structure. Currently, two of the four elevations are party walls with adjacent buildings. The east elevation has historically been a party wall with the rear elevation of the building at 214 Iowa. Originally, the north elevation faced a courtyard, and entries opened into this space. A shed-roof porch ran along this side for several years. This space was filled with a one-story addition to the rear of the Scott House (later Welch Apartments) between 1912 and 1919. The two remaining exposed elevations include the south elevation along the alley off of Iowa Ave and the west elevation currently facing a parking area.

There are currently three loading entrances on the first story of the south elevation. Two historic large entrances with segmental brick arch lintels are visible on this elevation. One of the current loading entries is within one of these spaces, and one entry is partially cut into this space and the adjoining wall, after the original entry was filled with brick. The third entry was cut later. The two later cut entries have I-beam lintels, and the openings may date to the 1940s. Two of the entries have garage doors. The second story on the south elevation includes two windows with segmental arch lintels that have been covered by plywood. The central opening appears to have been an entry with a segmental arch lintel, which probably served as a hay loft during its day as a stable. The frieze includes some brick corbelling, and star tie-rods are visible. The west elevation historically appears to have had four small window with segmental arches on the first story, and one window with segmental arch brick lintel on the second story. All these windows are covered with plywood or filled in with brick. The parapet appears to have been rebuilt along this elevation and currently steps down to the north. The roof is rolled asphalt.

8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The stables at 214½ Iowa Avenue, do not appear to be individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A, B, or C. Though they are certainly one of the oldest buildings in downtown Muscatine, historically they were associated with the hotel on the corner of Iowa and 3rd St, best known as the Scott House. In the mid-1910s, additions were built to the rear of the Scott House, and the stables were converted to other uses. One addition at the rear of the Welch Apartments completely covered the historic west façade of the stables, which served as the primary entry into the building from behind the old hotel. In 1923-24, the Bilkey Apartments, as they were known at the time were completely remodeled on the exterior and interior, and in 1925 the building was sold to the Welch family, and the name changed to the Welch Apartments. With these many changes, it no longer retains integrity as the Scott House. The old stables were then used for other purposes, and do not appear to be strongly associated with the Welch Apartments. Later, the openings on the elevation facing the alley were filled and two new entries cut into the façade. Thus, the stables have lost their historic association and integrity as stables, and they do not appear individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A, B, or C.

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Since the conversion of the stables in the mid-1910s, the stables have been used for various purposes, including storage, a gas company supply house, and automobile repair. This history continues their contribution to the business and industry of downtown Muscatine, continuing to serve primarily as a secondary, support building. Since the mid-1910s, the alley has served as the primary façade and entry to this structure. The new openings along the alley may have been cut in the 1930s or 1940s, perhaps for their conversion to an automobile repair shop. While the integrity of the stables has been impacted with the later adjacent additions and modifications, these changes reflect the early adaptive reuse of this downtown building that no longer served a purpose in the “modern” automobile society. Thus, the stables with their early 20th century alterations appear to potentially be a contributing building in a downtown historic district.

This building was likely built by James Latta when he built his hotel along Iowa Avenue in 1851 (Walton 1899: 104). This building was used as a stable for the hotel patrons, under its many names such as: The City Hotel, Scott House, and Nevada House. Around 1872, the hotel was remodeled into the Scott House, which is its best-known name as a hotel. The Scott House operated from 1872 until circa 1916, but with a few times where the name changed only to go back to the Scott House a little bit later, and there were also times where it was vacant. Sanborn Maps show this as a stable in 1883, with a one-story open shed running about two-thirds of the way across the north elevation, which later covered the whole north side. The stables faced a small courtyard behind the Scott House, which also included a bake house for the hotel. It appears that carriages could pull in this north elevation and exit on the south elevation on the alley. The covered space along the north of the stables appears to have been enclosed as a shed-roof addition in the mid-1890s. A slight space is depicted between the rear elevation of 214-216 Iowa and the east elevation of the stables. With the construction of the new Muscatine Journal building in 1903 at 214-216 Iowa, this space disappeared. On the 1905 and 1912 Sanborn maps, this building had a private use, maybe still as a stable.

Between the 1912 and 1919 Sanborn maps, several one-story additions were constructed at the rear of the Scott House up to the north elevation of the former stables. By this time, the building appears to be no longer used as stables, with an increase in automobile travel. Thus, at this time, the building was adaptively reused for other purposes. The 1919 Sanborn map depicts this building as a supply house for the local gas company. In circa 1918, the Muscatine Lighting Company-the local gas company, moved to 222 Iowa Avenue, in which this building lies just behind, apparently providing space for the gas appliances that they also sold at their Iowa Avenue location. In about 1928, the Muscatine Lighting Company became the Iowa Electric Company, and moved next door to 224 Iowa Avenue. In 1938 the Iowa Electric Company moved to 208 East 2nd Street, where it remained many decades after. This building likely served as storage for the gas company from about 1918 until about 1938.

The 1928 Sanborn map depicts this building as a garage (parking) on the first story and miscellaneous storage on the second story. It was in 1928 that the Ed Leu auto dealership and auto repair moved into 220-222 Iowa Avenue, and this business most likely used this building for storing vehicles. The Ed Leu business lasted until about 1940, when the Welch Brothers, had an auto dealership, and repair shop, but this lasted only a couple of years, meanwhile Ed Leu’s business had moved to 810 East 2nd Street. By 1946 it was used for automobile repair on the first story and storage still on the second, according to the

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Sanborn map. However, the city directory does not give any address listing for any garage here or nearby, so it would require additional research to determine who was operated here in this period. This building has since been primarily used for storage.

This building was never listed in city directories, and can be mistakenly associated with the building that is directly to the east and facing Iowa Avenue.

Current plans for the rehabilitation of the Welch Apartments call for the stables to be torn down for parking behind the complex.

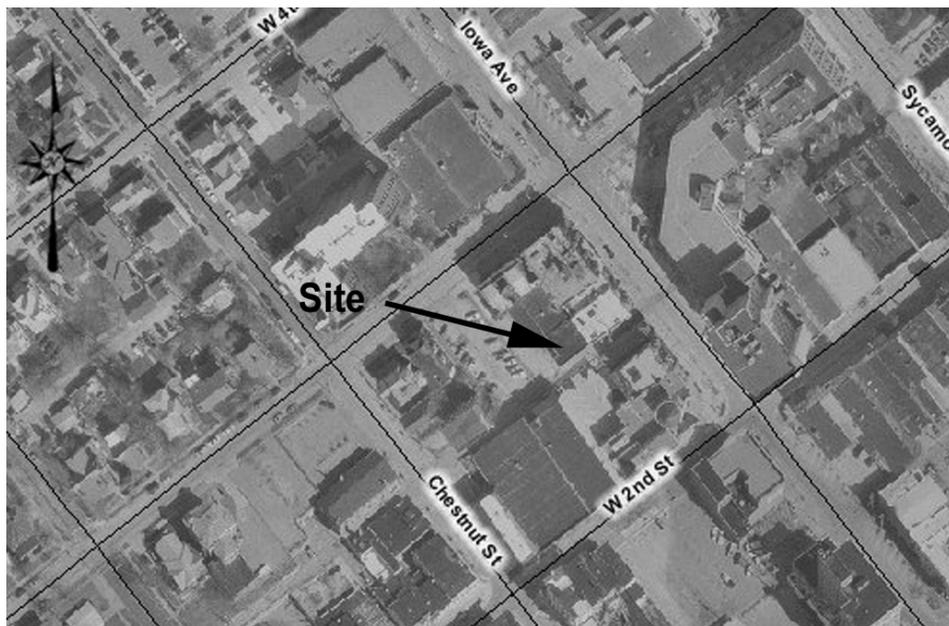
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Location Map



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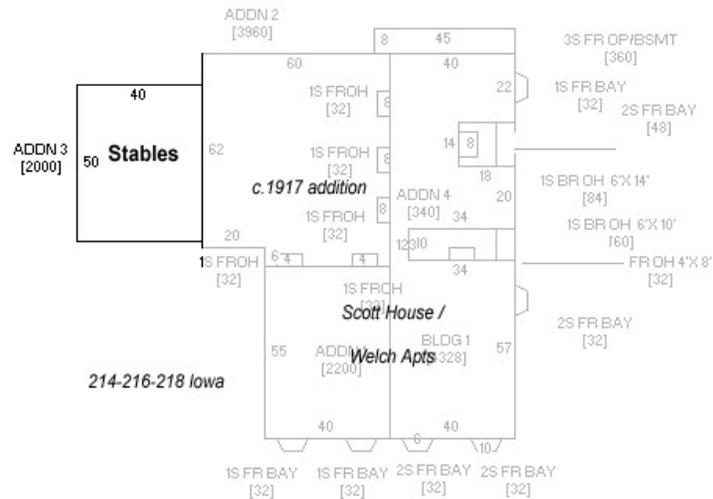
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Plan (from assessor's office)



(Iowa Ave)

Photograph of building (digital image)

