

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

State Inventory No. 70-00980 **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 Henderson Chevrolet-Oldsmobile
 other names/site number Krieger Building; Field Site #: FS-048

2. Location

street & number 119 E. Mississippi Drive
 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) 12 Lot(s) 3, 4, 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:	
	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>02E01: Commerce/Trade/Auto Showroom</u>	<u>14C: Transportation/Water Related</u>
<u>14D09: Transportation / auto service or repair</u>	<u>14D09: Transportation / auto service or repair</u>

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)	Materials (Enter categories from instructions)
<u>09F05: Commercial / brick front</u>	foundation <u>10B: poured concrete</u>
<u>09D01: flat roof</u>	walls <u>10A: concrete block; 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 119 Mississippi Drive East

Site Number 70-00980
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 1952 check if circa or estimated date
Other dates _____

Significant Person

(Complete if National Register Criterion B is marked above)

Architect/Builder

Architect _____
Builder Marvin Kreiger- designer

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>Henderson Chevrolet-Oldsmobile</u>	<u>Muscatine</u>
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7. Narrative Description

This is a one-story, concrete block and brick structure built around 1952 as an automobile showroom and repair shop (Marvin Krieger interview). The foundation is poured concrete. Most of the original, highly visible walls are faced in brick. The parapet cap is concrete, and the flat roof is asphalt and gravel. There is a single chimney at the center of the east wall. The southern one-third of the structure was the automobile showroom, and the northern two-thirds was used for automobile and truck repair. This was all built at the same time.

The building is set on the southeast corner of the block with a parking lot to the west. The south elevation of 6:1 common bond brick has four rows of inset bricks along the upper portion of the façade. This elevation is dominated by large single pane, metal, "showroom" windows. The south elevation (façade), has four sets of storefront windows. There are two center windows and two larger wrap-around windows on the southwest and southeast corners. A photograph from April 1965 shows that the original windows had large glass windows. At the west edge of the southeast wraparound window is a single-door entry with a transom. Some concrete block is found over the southwest corner window and one of the center windows.

The storefront cornice located on the south elevation originally had a thin metal awning with the businesses name "Henderson's" and the names Oldsmobile and Chevrolet flanking each side (Muscatine Journal, April 26, 1965; 18). The storefront was changed after Krieger Motors moved here in 1972. The storefront above the windows had a false front of cedar shingles added. These were subsequently removed when Napa Auto Parts moved in 1992, and the front of the building was painted blue to match the company's logo color.

The west elevation, facing the parking lot, is of running bond brick. Three sets of steel columns supporting projecting overhead steel beams run along the southern one-third of this elevation, which is painted blue. A canopy spans two of these beams above the glass double-door entry with a transom and flanking metal windows. Two large storefront windows wrap around the southwest corner from the south elevation to the south of the entry. Directly to the north of the entry is a garage door. On the cutaway north concrete block wall is a single door entry. The remaining west wall is exposed concrete block with four four-over-four-light double-hung windows with concrete sills. The parapet on this elevation is stepped and is capped by glazed concrete tiles.

The north elevation is constructed of concrete block that is painted grey. There are four sets of four-over-four-light double-hung wood windows. A fifth group of windows has had a vent placed in them, and sixth one has been filled-in with unpainted concrete block and a modern entry added. A wall of brick located on the roof is visible from this elevation, and is apparently the division between the auto repair business in the rear and east elevations and the showroom business.

The east elevation, facing Mulberry Street, is of 6:1 common bond brick. The original tan brick is exposed, except the storefront section of this elevation, which is painted blue. This elevation has four sets of three windows that have two-over-two-over two-light triple-hung sashes. There is also a service

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entry for the auto repair business, and a modern entry. There are two small windows with one-over-one-light double-hung wood sashes, which have been filled with glazed glass. These two windows are located between the service entry and the storefront windows, and they appear to be original. The storefront windows on this elevation have one large window flanked by one window on either side that is half the size of the larger.

8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The Henderson Chevrolet-Oldsmobile Building may be individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A, but not B or C. However, additional contextual research on the automotive industry in Muscatine is needed to assess this significance. It does, however, appear to be a contributing building in a downtown district.

This building represents the only extant historic building in the downtown and surrounding area that was constructed for an auto dealer prior to 1960. This is apparently the only building in this potential district that was expressly built for an auto dealership. There are two other buildings that are extant that housed auto dealerships during this general time period: Klein Auto that was located at 511 East 2nd Street (built originally as an auto garage) and Connell Auto, which was at 408 East 2nd Street (adapted old building previously used for a newspaper and Baker Hospital No. 2). Thus, this is the only extant building that was expressly built as an auto dealership. This history appears to indicate that it will be significant within the historic context of the automotive industry in Muscatine. There has been little change to the building over the years except the storefront windows, and that is a relatively minor change. With the development of this historic context, the significance of this building should be further assessed.

Finally, this building appears to be a contributing building in a potential downtown historic district. It falls primarily within one historic context for the district: 20th century Business and Industry." Its contribution to downtown as an auto dealership represents a new building type of this period, which is reflected in the large windows and overall design of the building. Additionally, this building appears to be only one of two buildings built in the 1950's as a new building in this potential district, reflecting this late history of the district.

This c.1952 building was designed by Muscatine native, Marvin Krieger, and built by first time owner, Charlie Henderson for the express use as an automotive showroom and repair shop (Marvin Krieger Interview). The northwest section of the building was reinforced with steel H beam strong enough to support a roof parking lot or upper stories in the original design, but this was never constructed. Henderson Chevrolet-Oldsmobile was here from 1953 to 1971. While they are not yet listed here in the 1952 city directory, the building is visible in a photograph of a downtown flood in April 1952, perhaps still under construction or newly finished (*Muscatine Journal*, April 24, 1952, 11). In 1972 Krieger Motors located here and stayed until 1988. They were at 115 W. Mississippi Drive prior to moving to this location. During the years that Henderson's and Krieger's were there, the layout of the building remained the same with the south and parts of the west elevations being used for the showroom and the east elevation being used for the repair business. This northwest section of the building was used to repair

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trucks while the northeast section was used to repair cars (John Meerdink interview). The showroom windows face south on Mississippi Drive, but the facade faces west onto a parking lot.

In 1992 Napa Auto Parts moved in, followed by a couple of second hand stores, and in 2005 Lange's Marina. The current auto repair business is Auto-Tech LLC. Both Kreigers and Napa Auto Parts have moved to the Highway 61 Bypass.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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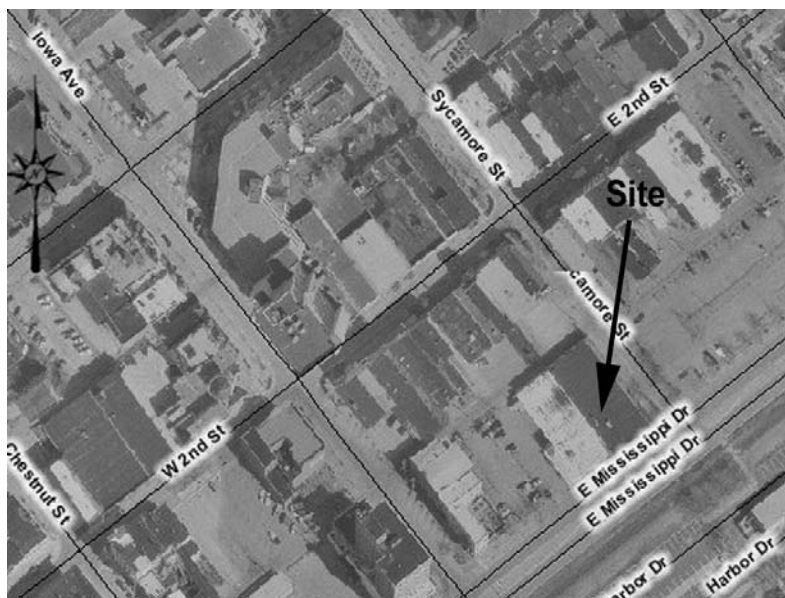
Meerdink, John, owner of Auto-Tech Service Center, LLC, 119 E Mississippi. Interview by Penny Gordy August 13, 2004, Muscatine, IA.

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Location Map



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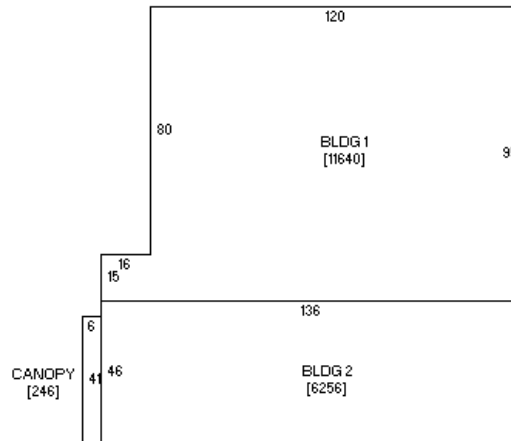
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Plan (from assessor's office)



(front - Mississippi)

Photograph of building (digital image)

