

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

State Inventory No. 70-00945  **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-058a

**2. Location**

street & number 129 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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) 33 Lot(s) E 1/2 W 2/3 of 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 _____	buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> district	_____	Noncontributing _____	sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____		structures
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____		objects
<input type="checkbox"/> object	_____		Total
	<u>1</u>		

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>11D01: Health Care/Medical Business/ Pharmacy</u>	<u>02E03: Commerce/Trade/Specialty Store/Dry Goods</u>
<u>02E03: Commerce/Trade/Specialty Store/Dry Goods</u>	_____
_____	_____

**7. Description**

<b>Architectural Classification</b> (Enter categories from instructions)	<b>Materials</b> (Enter categories from instructions)
<u>05B: Italianate</u>	foundation _____
_____	walls <u>03: Brick</u>
_____	roof <u>15C: Rubber</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 129 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Site Number 70-00945  
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 1866  check if circa or estimated date  
Other dates 1964

**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>Commercial Building</u>	<u>Muscatine</u>
Name of Property	County
<u>129 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street</u>	<u>Muscatine</u>
Address	City

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## 7. Narrative Description

Despite a shared non-historic metal façade with 131 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, the two-story structure located at 129 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street is actually a separate building, as historic photographs and other documentation show (“Street Scene, 9/10/07,” Randleman Collection; Muscatine City Directories).

The historic photos show a two-story structure with a single row of three-over-three-light double-hung windows in the second story. Each window crown sweeps to a small medial peak. The sill appears to be stone. The cornice appears to be supported by small vertical brackets, with a row of dentils running below the brackets along the entire façade. Below the second-story windows a light-colored, canvas awning extends over the sidewalk in front of the building. No photos are available to describe the storefront (“Street Scene, 9/10/07,” Randleman Collection).

The current condition of the building reflects various alterations that have been completed on the building. The major alteration has been the installation of metal cladding in common with 131 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. This work was completed in 1964, when the owners of the property at 129 E. Second acquired the corner store. Both storefronts were then remodeled to create the single storefront (“Barton’s Announce Major Store Expansion Project,” December 30, 1963, Page 7). The cladding stretches across the entire second floor of both buildings and runs for a short distance on the east side of 131 E. 2<sup>nd</sup>. A short metal awning runs below the cladding. This gives the impression that the two buildings are one structure. The historic photos, however, clearly show 129 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> to be an individual structure. The current storefront is basically glass, with storefront windows along the west side of a recessed entryway. The entry door is a glass unit. Original windows that have been covered by the façade cladding are still present behind the cladding. A large addition to the rear of the building appears to have been added around 1959.

## 8. Narrative Statement of Significance

This building does not appear individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A, B, or C; and it does not appear to be a contributing building in a potential downtown historic district. The remodeled storefront and metal clad second story are non-historic, giving this building a completely non-historic appearance. Thus, this building does not retain the integrity to convey its significance either individual or as a contributing building in a historic district. If the metal cladding were removed, this building should be re-evaluated to determine if it is a contributing building, based on the intact historic features behind this cladding.

S.A. Foucke began operating his drugstore at 129 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street sometime prior to 1866. The location continued to serve as a drugstore for various owners until 1931, when Elmer C. Quandt and Nellie Lucas converted it to a dry goods store with art goods and millinery. A women’s clothing store eventually began operating out of the first floor storefront until 1989. City directories then indicate a business supply store began operating out of both 129 and 131 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. That business continued to operate from the site until 1999 when a flower shop opened in 131 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> and a women’s clothing outlet opened in 129 E. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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In addition to these historic uses, the upper floor of 129 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street also provided offices for several of the health professionals who practiced in the community from just prior to the Civil War to the early 1930s.

Although the exterior cladding that has been installed on the two buildings hides its original storefront, an inspection indicates much of the original fenestration and other details of the old buildings remain. The current appearance limits the historical integrity of the buildings, but since most of the original detailing has been preserved, that integrity could be restored if the cladding was removed.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

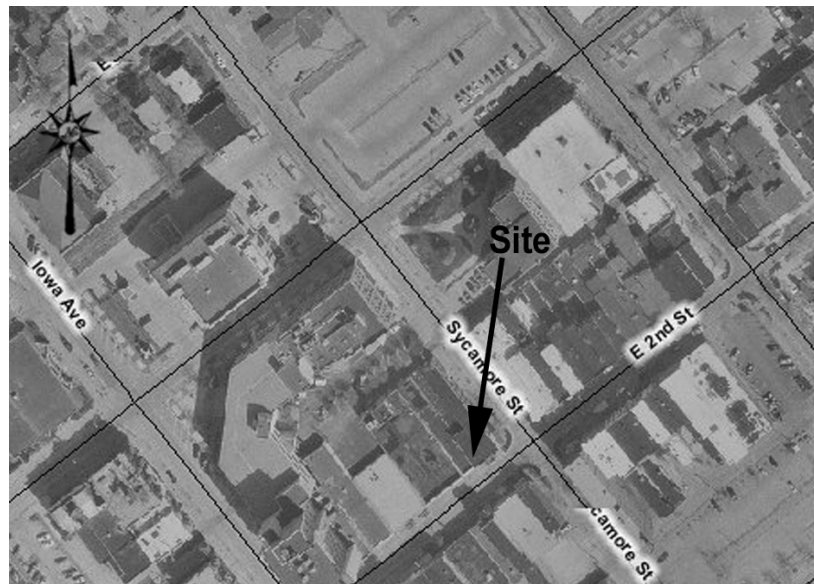
"Barton's Announce Major Store Expansion Project," Muscatine Journal Year-end Edition, December 30, 1963, Page 7.

City Directories, Muscatine. Various publishers, 1856-present. Available at the Musser Public Library.

Sanborn Map Company, New York. Maps of the City of Muscatine dated September 1883, August 1888, October 1892, August 1899, December 1905, February 1912, July 1919, March 1928 and June 1946.

"Street Scene, 9/10/07," Historic postcard, Doug Randleman Collection (loose and bound collection), Musser Public Library, Muscatine, Iowa.

## Location Map



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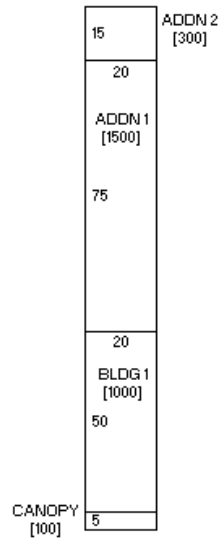
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## Plan (from assessor's office)



(front – 2<sup>nd</sup> St)

## Photograph of building (digital image)

