

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

State Inventory No. 70-00946 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 Houdek Block
 other names/site number Field Site #: FS-059

2. Location

street & number 130 E. 2nd 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) 12 Lot(s) N 64' E 1/3 of Lot 6

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 Enter number of:	If Eligible Property, 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>02D02: Commerce/Trade/Financial Institution/Bank</u>	<u>02E: Commerce/Trade/Specialty Store/ (shoe store)</u>
<u>02E11: Commerce/Trade / Specialty Store/Grocery</u>	_____
_____	_____

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)	Materials (Enter categories from instructions)
<u>04F05: Commercial/Brick Front</u>	foundation <u>04C: Stone/Limestone</u>
_____	walls <u>03: Brick</u>
_____	roof _____
_____	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 Address 130 E. 2nd Street Site Number 70-00946
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)

05: Commerce

Significant Dates

Construction date 1899 check if circa or estimated date
Other dates 1957 remodeling

Significant Person

(Complete if National Register Criterion B is marked above)

Architect/Builder

Architect _____
Builder Selden Mathias Houdek

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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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

The structure at 130 E. 2nd Street is a former three-story building that was constructed in 1899. The top stories of the building have been razed and a new brick veneer installed on the façade and east elevation. This veneer was married with the original wall in the back. Since a building permit for remodeling the storefront was issued on February 27, 1957 to Dr. W.W. Daut, it is assumed the work was completed soon after this time. The remodeling cost was set at \$2,000, which appears excessive for a simple renovation of the storefront, making it likely the top floor of the building was also removed at this time and brick veneer installed (*Muscatine Journal* Year-end Edition, December 30, 1957, Section 2, Page 10). Additionally, 1956 is the last year that tenants are listed on the second and third stories, so it appears that in 1957 the upper stories were removed and brick veneer installed with the storefront remodeling.

Various historic photos and other documentation provide a good picture of how the original structure appeared. The 1899 Sanborn map shows a three-story building with round turret on the corner of the building and bay windows on the Sycamore (east) side. Earlier Sanborn maps showed a three-story building on the site that was equal in depth to its neighboring structure at 128 E. 2nd. However, the 1899 building appears shorter than its neighbor at 128 E. 2nd. A picture and article in "History of Muscatine" shows the Houdek Building at 130 E. 2nd. The article states the building was constructed principally for the use of the German-American Bank and was established July 1, 1899. The historic appearance of the building at 130 E. 2nd Street is dominated by the building's two-tiered, round corner turret and set of two-ranked bay windows on the east elevation. Decorative brackets and dentils embellish the light color galvanized cornice. A pediment with two finials crowns the turret and the name Houdek is printed across the pediment's front. The front entrance is recessed under the round turret. When it was constructed, the building was the first in Muscatine to use plate glass in all its windows. The original interior included a yellow pine trim pattern and all modern conveniences (Carlson 1990: 90).

The current structure was significantly remodeled in 1957. The top two stories were removed, and new façade brick was installed over the remaining walls covering most of the early fenestration. The existing front corner entry and one in the southeast corner of the building appear to still use the original openings. A glass door provides access and sets below a decorative ceiling that appears to be part of the original structure. The glass door is flanked by two narrow plate glass windows and a transom. The existing storefront includes a set of plate glass panels that face 2nd Street and a recessed corner entrance that is similar to the original building. The brick veneer on east side of the building includes a simple brick rectangular detail, outlined by inset bricks and two rolls of soldier courses. The old brick of the Houdek Building is visible on the rear elevation, with the new façade brick connected to the old wall. The old safe associated with the bank remains in the basement of the structure.

8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The Houdek Building does not appear individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A, B, or C. The original appearance of the 1899 three-story building has been compromised, and the building retains little if any integrity from this period. The 1957 remodeling

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demonstrates a typical downtown commercial effort to update older buildings, and some earlier features appear to have been retained. This building retains integrity from this period of remodeling, but it does not appear to have particular individual significance under Criteria A, B, or C from this period. Thus, it does not appear eligible for the National Register of Historic Places individually.

However, the period of remodeling reflects the evolution of this downtown building, which occurred nearly 50 years ago. It falls within one historic context identified for this potential downtown district: "20th century Business and Industry." The current end date for the potential downtown historic district is c.1960, and this remodeling falls within this period of significance for the district. Thus, it may be a contributing structure in a potential downtown historic district if the period of significance extends through the remodeling of this building, as is currently proposed.

The bank was originally constructed during one of the community's growing periods at the turn of the century. The construction of a bank building in the heart of the community's downtown clearly demonstrated the confidence local businesses had in the community at that time. What is especially interesting about the Houdek Building and its association with the German-American Bank is that the bank only stayed in this new building for less than 10 years. By 1908 it was constructing another new building just across the street. Whether this reflected dissatisfaction with its "old" facility or simply outgrew it has not been determined. Henderson Drug operated here from 1911 to 1921, with physicians and residents on the upper stories. Grimm Drug moved here, or took over the previous pharmacy, around 1922, and it is listed here from 1923 through the early 1960s.

Dr. W. W. Daut, who had his office at 111 Cedar Street, obtained a building permit in 1957 to renovate the building at 130 E. Second Street (*Muscatine Journal* Year-end Edition, December 30, 1957, Section 2, Page 10). Since Dr. Daut was neither a contractor nor a tenant at this address, he was apparently issued the permit as the property owner. Tenants during the early- to mid-1950s were the Grimm Drug Company on the first floor and Dr. Harold Byers, dentist, on the second floor. Robert K. Stohr, lawyer and city attorney, also had an office on the second floor from 1952 to 1954. Edward Brandt had an apartment on the third floor during this time. No tenants are listed on either the second or third floors after 1956.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Carlson, Jo Ann, ed. *Historical Information on Muscatine*, Musser Public Library: Muscatine, Iowa, 1990.

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

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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.

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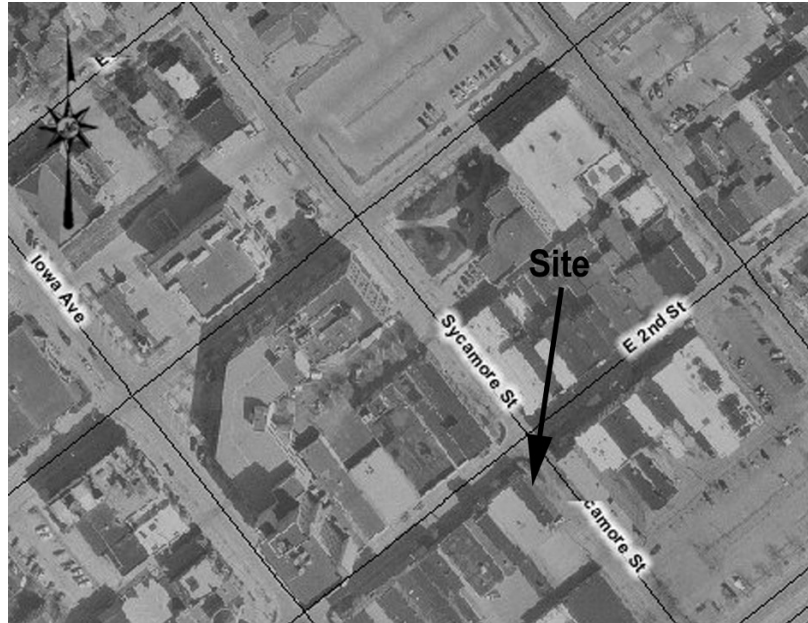
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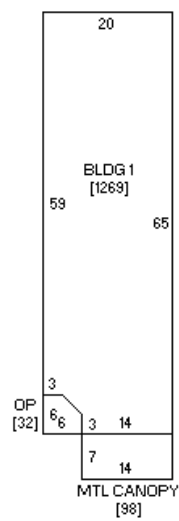
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Location Map



Plan (from assessor's office)



(front – 2nd St.)

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Photograph of building (digital image)

