

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

State Inventory No. 70-00123 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-064

2. Location

street & number 204 E. 2nd St
 city or town Muscatine, Iowa vicinity, county _____
 Legal Description: (If Rural) Township Name _____ Township No. _____ Range No. _____ Section _____ Quarter of Quarter _____
 (If Urban) Subdivision Original Town Block(s) 13 Lot(s) E 16 1/2 W 45' Lot 10

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>10E02: Industrial / Communications/Printing</u>	<u>02E03: Commerce / Notions</u>
<u>02E03: Commerce / Dry Goods -Millinery</u>	_____
_____	_____

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)	Materials (Enter categories from instructions)
<u>06B: Victorian/Italianate</u>	foundation _____
_____	walls <u>03: Brick</u>
_____	roof <u>08B: Asphalt Rolled</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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input 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 204 E. 2nd St Site Number 70-00123
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)

02: Architecture

Significant Dates

Construction date 1883 check if circa or estimated date
Other dates _____

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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7. Narrative Description

This building is a c.1883 three-story, three-bay, late Italianate commercial building that has had some modification to the original building features. This nice three bay brick building features a prominent and decorative parapet with pediment, third story arch windows with decorative hoods, and a relatively intact historic storefront.

The storefront features an upper story entry door at the extreme east of the elevation. The recessed store entry is centered in the remaining space. The upper story entry consists of a wood door with half window, two inset panels, and mail drop slot. The door has a single-light wood transom window. The store entry consists of a historic wood door with glass almost full length of the door. The door has a single light transom above that matches the two adjoining glass transoms above the sidelights. The storefront has large wood storefront windows that occupy about 3/4 of the vertical storefront height. The windows rest on framed and vertical paneled kneewall clad with painted metal. Metal cladding appears to be older styling. The kneewalls rest on foundation with cast iron caps. The recessed entryway has a stamped metal ceiling. The storefront is framed by the two outer walls forming brick pilasters and has a non-original slanted fabric awning. A slender steel lintel spans the storefront. The second story contains three rectangular windows set in one large opening with brick sill and steel beam lintel. The center window is a larger window with transom window and the side windows have single-over-single-light double-hung sashes. The third story windows are arch single-over-single-light double-hung windows with arch window hoods with center keystone motif and hood cornice. There are no brick pilasters at the outer walls. The roof parapet is decorative cast iron with four brackets, the two interior brackets being smaller. The center pediment is arched with elaborate cornice and the date "1883" inscribed under its arch.

The east and west elevations are party walls with the adjoining buildings. The visible rear elevation has a frame third story with five windows and a door at the far east of the elevation. The door has a large window with three horizontal inset panels under it. The windows are four-over-single-light double-hung windows. A deck is being replaced on the second story. The first story level is brick with three bays. The west bay contains a non-original steel door with single light transom above. The center and east bays are occupied by two eight-light windows. The ground elevation is ramped down from the alley to the basement. The basement has OSB sheeting for siding and a metal garage door with ventilation louver located to the west of the garage door.

8. Narrative Statement of Significance

This c. 1883 commercial building appears individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C as an excellent example of late Italianate architecture. Additionally, the building appears to be a contributing building in a downtown historic district.

The building is a fine example of late Italianate architecture with an elaborate bracketed cornice with arched pediment with date "1883". The upper story windows have intricately detailed window hoods. The recessed entry storefront is one of the few original wood storefronts remaining in Muscatine. Thus,

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this building appears to be eligible for the National Register under Criterion C. The building does not appear to be individually eligible under Criteria A or B. While the building has a long commercial history, most businesses occupied this storefront for short spans of time and were not significant contributors to the overall growth of Muscatine in either the 19th century or 20th century.

Additionally, fine late Italianate architecture and long commercial history makes it is a strong contributing structure in a potential downtown historic district. It falls within two historic contexts identified for the historic district: "19th century Business and Industry" and "20th century Business and Industry." The series of businesses contribute to the overall business history and commercial use of the downtown area. Additionally, the overall design of the building contributes architecturally to the district.

This building has seen a variety of commercial uses. A vacant three-story building is depicted on the 1883 Sanborn map, probably indicating the recent, or current, construction. The photographic record through 1879 does not show this building. The 1886-1887 city directory lists Fred Bowman Printers in the basement and Ady Albert, Physician, in the first story. The 1888 Sanborn map indicates "jewelry" and "painting" in this building.

By 1891 Neidig & Conway Printing and J.A. Kleinfelder & Brothers Fish & Oyster Market were at this location. The 1892 Sanborn map indicates "tobacco" as the first story use and "printing" in the basement. According to the 1893-94 city directory listing, Neidig & Conway Printing continued to operate in the basement and Reinert Brothers merchant tailors were retailing at the first story. In the 1897 city directoy, Anna Markmann, Millinery appears and shares the space with Conway Printing through 1900. The 1899 Sanborn map indicates "millinery" on the first story and "printing" in the basement.

The 1905 and 1912 Sanborn map continued to show "millinery" at this location. From 1904 to 1909, Anna Markmann shared the space with Dr. T.H. Beveridge, according to the city directories. In 1911, Meyers & Gettert Undertakers and Furniture Repairers were located here. From 1913 to 1916, R.E. Bauer Cigars, and from 1919 to 1924 Evans News Stand was at this location. The 1919 Sanborn maps show "news" in this building. Evans News Stand was established in 1910 by George Evans. Following the death of George Evans in 1929, the business was taken over by his widow ("Evans Newstand," May 31, 1940, p. 115, Section 4, p. 26-27).

Hanley & Hanley Attorneys opened their second story office in 1927 and would continue through 1959. In 1927 Askins Clothing moved from 215 Iowa Avenue to 204 E. 2nd and stayed through 1929. Kaybees Womens Clothing was at 204 E. 2nd from 1931 to 1940. Kings Clothing Store operated here from 1941 through 1959. These three clothing stores were all related. Charles Askins started Askins Clothing in 1919 at 215 Iowa Avenue and moved to 204 E. 2nd in 1927. In 1930, Askins sold to Kaybee Stores, Inc. In 1940, Kaybee Stores, Inc. sold to King's Stores company ("King's Stores," May 31, 1940, P. 115).

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Location Map



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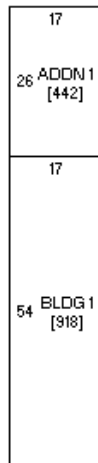
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Plan (from assessor's office)



(front – 2nd St)

Photograph of building (digital image)

