

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

State Inventory No. 70-00132  **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 Block  
 other names/site number Field Site #: FS-067

**2. Location**

street & number 214-216-218-220 East Second 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) 13 Lot(s) 8 (part)

**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 _____ Noncontributing _____
<input type="checkbox"/> district	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> object	_____	_____
	<u>1</u> Total	_____ buildings _____ sites _____ structures _____ objects _____ 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>02E11: Commerce / Grocery (214)</u>	<u>02G04: Commerce / Tavern (214)</u>
<u>02E12: Commerce / Butcher (216)</u>	<u>02E08: Commerce / Beauty Shop (216)</u>
<u>02E05: Commerce / Hardware Store (218-220)</u>	<u>02E05: Commerce / Hardware Store (218-220)</u>

**7. Description**

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)	Materials (Enter categories from instructions)
<u>05B: Late Victorian / Italianate (214-216-218-220)</u>	foundation <u>03: Brick</u>
_____	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 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 214-216-218-220 East Second Street Site Number 70-00132  
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 1865  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 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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## 7. Narrative Description

The four stores located at 214-216-218-220 East Second Street are three-story, brick buildings and appears to have been constructed as a commercial block. While 214-216 remain identical in window detail, historic photographs and visual evidence show that 218-220 were originally also identical. Individually, they are Italianate in style with pilasters separating each store in the block. A common cornice extends across all four sections of the block. The decorative cornice is tin covered and projects approximately 18 inches from the building façade. A single, tin covered, decorative bracket is located atop the common walls between buildings.

The section at 214 East Second Street (far right) shows a single, recessed entry on the right side. A single entry to second and third floor apartments is on the far right. Plate glass display windows are framed in steel and mounted from the entry to the east wall. A bulkhead is covered with wood paneling and painted. Above the display windows is mounted a flat, aluminum awning, supported by diagonal braces to the building. A permit to construct a canopy at 214-216 was issued in 1957, and it appears that this canopy dates to this period. In the space above the display windows, where transom windows might be found, is painted wood paneling. The second story has paired one-over-one-light, double-hung arch windows, with stone high arch hoods and keystone. These windows are set close together and centered in the width of the building, so that the hoods share a center leg. The arch part of the window is a separate light, creating a transom effect. The third story also has two paired one-over-one-light, double-hung windows. There is a single arch window hood above these windows, centered on them. The hood diameter is about the same as the hoods on the second floor and the legs of the hood appear to rest on a short ledge that is a part of the window lintel. A keystone on the top is like the second floor hoods.

The storefront at 216 East Second Street is nearly a mirror image of 214 East 2<sup>nd</sup> St., with a single, recessed entry on the left side, a brick faced bulkhead, and steel framed display windows. A single entry to the upstairs apartments is on the far left. A fixed, modern awning is mounted full width of the building. The upper portion of the north elevation is identical to 214 East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, except that the arch portion of the third-story window is covered with paneling.

The entire storefront of 218-220 East Second Street from sidewalk to top of transom has been covered painted, exterior grade wood siding panels. The windows and hoods on the upper stories of the façade, as described for 214 East Second Street, have been removed. A single 4' x 7' space, filled with translucent glass block, has been located where two historic windows were located before. The outline of the original windows and hoods can be seen where the remainder of the two window space has been filled with brick. The cornice on both 218 and 220 East 2<sup>nd</sup> St. is intact. This remodeling appears to have occurred around 1972 when this portion of the block was incorporated into the business of the adjacent storefront.

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## 8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The block of buildings at 214-216-218-220 East Second Street does not appear to be individually eligible under Criteria A, B, or C for the National Register of Historic Places. However, they appear to be contributors to a potential downtown historic district.

Hardware stores have a unique place in the history of Muscatine and the nation. They have been the suppliers of material and tools to build homes and businesses. The continuum of hardware stores for 140 years at 218-220 is significant, unfortunately this section of the block does not retain the integrity needed to convey this significance. The remaining history associated with the rest of the block does not appear particularly significant. Overall, this commercial block does not appear significant for its architectural design due to the modifications to 218-220. Thus, this commercial block does not appear to be individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A, B, or C.

Finally, it does appear to be a contributing building in a potential downtown historic district. It falls within two contexts identified for the district: "19<sup>th</sup> century Business and Industry" and "20<sup>th</sup> century Business and Industry." The history of this building is significant over the span of the four storefronts and its long history as a commercial building. The building retains its overall three-story design and scale, cornice, window designs on 214-216, and four section configuration. Thus, it appears to retain sufficient integrity to convey its significance as a contributing building in a potential downtown district.

The architecture of 214-216-218-220 East Second Street indicates that the buildings were constructed as a block, probably around in the 1860s. Each of the four sections are nearly identical in appearance. The block at the location of the H.W. Moore Store, and later, the L.C. Barry Hardware Co. was called the Green and Waters Block (Carlson 1991: 41). However, this reference is not noted in local city directories. At this time, additional information on Green and Waters is not known. All of the Sanborn maps from 1883 to 1946 show essentially the same outline for these four buildings.

The city directories show Hoehl & Dietrich, tailor, at the future 214 East 2<sup>nd</sup> St. in 1866 and Mrs. H. White, milliner, in 1869. The 1883 Sanborn map shows a saloon at 214 East 2<sup>nd</sup> St., which would have been the William Hueper, sample room. A jeweler, Isidor Nierel is listed here from 1883 through 1904. In 1886-87, he is one of five watch makers and jewelers. By 1899, his listing is I. Nierel & Son, carrying jewelry, silver and plated ware, and watches. He is one of six watchmakers and jewelers in this directory. The 1900 census lists Isadore Nierel as a jeweler, as well as his son Norbert. From 1907 to 1910, it was occupied by M.N. Bond, a land broker, who was joined in 1908-09 by Chase Land Company. From 1913 to 1921, Samuels Candy Store was here, and in 1923-24 Bill's Sweet Shop was listed. A&P Tea Company opened here by 1927, and continued here through 1934. The present occupant, Hubbles Cigar Shop, tavern and general store, can trace its beginning to 1936, as The Hub.

John Knopp, Grocer is listed in the city directory at 203 (later 216) East Second St. in 1866. According to a biography for Martin Havercamp John Knopp and Martin Havercamp were partners in a grocery from 1859 until Mr. Knopp retired in 1868. Mr. Havercamp continued the grocery until his death in 1878

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(*History of Muscatine County, Iowa* 1879: 605). The 1883 Sanborn map shows a flour and feed store at 216 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, with a dressmaker on the second floor. The 1888 Sanborn map shows a bowling alley here. One could not be identified in the city directories. The 1892 and 1899 Sanborn maps show a meat market at this location. In 1891-92, Schroeder & Zoller Meat Market is listed at this location and continues until 1908, when it was renamed Zoller's Market and continued through 1941. The store was vacant during World War II. From 1946 until 1960, a lunch counter, a refrigeration shop, then a craft shop were occupying 216 East 2<sup>nd</sup> St.

City directories show an unbroken string of hardware stores at 218-220 East Second Street from H.W. Moore around 1865 to 1893; J.A. Bartemeier from 1893 to 1911; Fuller & Hiller from 1913 to 1929; Barry & Althaus from 1931 to 1946; L.C. Barry Hardware from 1946 to 1972; Downtown Drug and Ace Hardware is the current owner. Between 1892 and 1899, the Sanborn maps show that the wall was removed on the first story between 218 and 220 leaving only iron columns, perhaps when Bartemeier began operations in 1893.

Henry Moore was a business owner, developer, and financier of enterprises in Muscatine. Henry Waterman Moore was born in Massachusetts in 1818. In 1838, he set out for the Mississippi River area, where his brother, Ebenezer, was mayor of Quincy, Illinois. He moved upriver to Burlington, Iowa, which was, at that time, a part of the Territory of Wisconsin. In 1845, he moved upriver to Wapello, Iowa for a time before moving to Muscatine in 1848. He began his hardware business, at age 30, shortly after he moved to Muscatine. By 1852 he had repaid money loaned to him by a friend, Lyman Cook of the First National Bank of Burlington, Iowa, to start his business. In 1852, he became a promoter in the building of the Trinity Episcopal Church, and he and Ellen Stone became the first couple married here in 1853. She was the sister of Charles Stone, who was a developer, along with Henry, of business properties in the downtown (Richman 1911, Vol 2: 5-9). The city directory of 1859-1860 indicates that his store was on the north side of Second Street on that date. Also, in that city directory, his home at 716 West Third Street was listed, which indicates that he was prosperous and stable in his hardware business venture. In 1866 and 1869, he is listed at 205-207 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. By 1876-77, the address is listed as 53-55 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, which became 218-220 by 1883. This suggests that the block was built between 1860 and 1866, likely around 1865 at the end of the Civil War when Muscatine saw a large building boom. He continued to be listed here until 1893, when he sold the business to Bartemeier and Fulliam. He died on February 26, 1894 (Richman 1911, Vol 2: 5-9, 763).

Richman wrote in 1911 about Moore: "The names of some are indelibly written upon the pages of Muscatine's history, but none shine with brighter lustre than that of Henry Waterman Moore, who in every relation of life measured up to the highest standards of manhood and citizenship." In addition to being a successful businessman, he was president of the Muscatine Insurance Company from 1852 to 1860; became an organizer of the Merchants Exchange Bank in 1866 and was a member of the board of directors and vice president; treasurer of the Iowa Construction Company, which built the Muscatine Western Railway in 1873-1874; stockholder and treasurer of the Muscatine Waterworks Company in 1875; stockholder and director of the Hershey Lumber Company in 1875; organizer of the Muscatine Oat Meal Company in 1879; organizer and director of the Muscatine Island Canning Company and, in 1892, he was an organizer of Muscatine Pearl Button Company. Following its organization in 1880, Henry was

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president of the Muscatine Savings Bank and from 1892 to 1894, he was president of the First National Bank, as well. Henry served in a civic capacity, also. He was elected to the city council in 1865 for a two year term and appointed to the school board in 1864, also for two years (Richman 1911, Vol 2: 5-9).

John A. Bartemeier & Dr. Ed B. Fulliam bought the hardware business from Moore in 1893. By 1899, John A. Bartemeier is solely listed, which continued through 1911. John A. Bartemeier was born in Davenport, Iowa on February 6, 1865 to John and Elizabeth Bartemeier. After receiving his education in Davenport and taking a course of one year in the Davenport Business College, J. A. Bartemeier farmed in Minnesota for five years and married Catherine Schwab, of Buffalo Prairie, Illinois in 1887. He then moved to Muscatine, where he associated with his father-in-law in farming for three years. He is listed as a farmer in the 1893 city directory. Also, in 1893, he partnered with Dr. Ed B. Fulliam and entered the hardware business, in which he remained until 1911. Richman noted in 1911 that Bartemeier has continued working in this business "with growing success, having gained a liberal patronage not only from the people of the city but from a wide region in this section." Additionally, he was a member of the board of directors of the German-American Bank and also vice-president of the Muscatine Pearl Novelty Company (Richman 1911, Vol 2: 763).

According to city directories, John J. Fuller & Henry C. Hiller purchased the business and operated the store from 1913 to 1929. The next hardware store at this location shows up in the 1931 city directory. It is owned and operated by Leo C. Barry, president, and Ralph A. Althaus, vice president of the company. They remained in business together until 1946, when the business name changed to L.C. Barry Hardware Co. and was operated by Barry until 1972. Leo Charles Barry, or L.C., was a son of Nicholas Barry, Jr. and grandson of Nicholas Barry, who was a pioneer industrialist and founder of Barry Manufacturing Co. of Muscatine. In 1972, the L.C. Barry Hardware Co. building was sold to an expanding Stiles Drugstore at 216, who needed the space to add hardware to their wares. The substantial remodeling to 218-220 East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street took place shortly thereafter.

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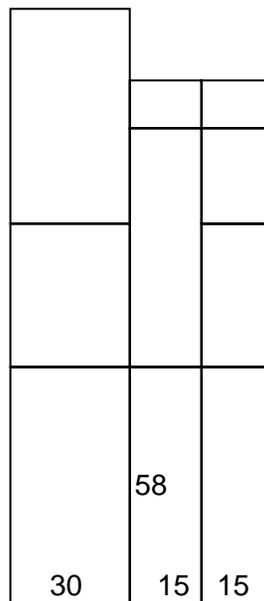
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## Location Map



## Plan



(220-218 216 214 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> St.)

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## Photograph of building (digital image)

