

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

State Inventory No. 70-00121 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-069

2. Location

street & number 201 East 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) 32 Lot(s) 1

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>02E03: Commerce/Trade / Dry Goods</u>	<u>02E03: Commerce/Trade / Dry Goods</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)	Materials (Enter categories from instructions)
<u>05D: Late Victorian / Queen Anne</u>	foundation <u>03: Brick</u>
_____	walls <u>03: Brick</u>
_____	roof <u>08B: Rolled Asphalt</u>
_____	other <u>04A: Granite? Bottom of storefront</u>

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
City Muscatine

Address 201 East 2nd Street

Site Number 70-00121
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

02: Architecture

Significant Dates

Construction date

1896

Other dates _____

check if circa or estimated date

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

The building at 201 East 2nd is a two story two bay wide brick building. The building was probably built in 1896, just after the Papoose Creek was put underground via a sewer line in 1895. The creek bed ran right up against the West elevation of an older three story building on this site. This two-story building is a deeper structure than the earlier building, and the 1899 Sanborn map shows the corner turret and the iron 2nd story facade (Sanborn Maps; 1892, 1899).

The most significant features of this corner building are the corner tower, iron second story façade, and iron cornice/frieze. The storefront has been altered with modern windows and bulkheads. Though the corner turret suggests a corner entry historically, there is no proof that a corner entry ever existed. There is metal cladding on the corners of the storefront windows, and a modern canopy stretches above the storefront windows. The iron corner turret on the second story is decorative with pilasters with decorative capitals, lower ornaments, and bulls-eyes. Similar pilasters accentuate either side of the two second story windows and end of the façade. These windows have been covered. The pilaster at the east end of the façade continues across the frieze and cornice with additional ornamentation, ending in a vase at the top of the building. The frieze and cornice extend across the second story façade and turret. They are decorative with linear and circular detailing and small brackets. Photographs from the "Pearl City" and Randleman in the early 20th century show no corner entrance, and the picture from "Pearl City" shows the windows that have since been filled in on the second story façade (Randleman 1981: 91; *Muscatine, Iowa: The Pearl City* 1914: 23).

The west elevation includes a number of window changes. The first story has two openings with segmented arch lintels, possibly entries, that have been filled by brick. At least four other segmental arch windows have been filled in with brick, and there is a modern entry with a metal canopy. The second story has eight segmental arch window openings; one completely filled in with brick, and others variously filled in with brick or modified from original. The oriel window has been clad with wood siding and has three windows. The West elevation parapet is stepped and has clay tile lining the top.

The north (rear) elevation has two entries, one modern and one historic, both with segmented arch lintels. There are also two segmental arch windows partially filled with brick and with smaller glass block windows. The second story has three segmental arch windows filled in with brick.

8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The building at 201 East 2nd Street does not appear to be individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A, B, or C, but it does appear to contribute to a potential historic district.

This building appears to be only one of two or possibly three buildings in this potential district that reflects Queen Anne architecture. This building is also only one of two buildings that have tin facades. Though this significant architectural feature remains intact, the storefront has been remodeled, upper story windows covered, and some windows on the west elevation filled in. With these alterations, this building

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does not appear to retain sufficient integrity to be individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C. Additionally, it does not appear individually eligible under Criteria A or B for association with a significant event, business, or person.

However, this Queen Anne commercial building appears to be a contributing building in a potential downtown historic district. It falls within the end of one context identified for the district: "19th century Business and Industry" as well as the context of "20th century Business and Industry." Though it does not appear to retain the integrity for individual listing, the significant iron façade with the turret remains a distinctive and significant feature of this building, as well as the downtown. Its construction, also, coincided with the burying of Papoose Creek in downtown, a significant civic improvement for the downtown area. A number of dry goods business operated here over the first few decades, reflecting the contribution of this building to the commercial history of the downtown. Thus, this building appears to contribute historically and architecturally to the potential downtown historic district.

The building was probably built in 1896, just after the Papoose Creek was put underground via a sewer line in 1895. The creek bed ran right up against the west elevation of an older three story building on this site. This two-story building is a deeper structure than the earlier building, and the 1899 Sanborn map shows the corner turret and the iron 2nd story façade. The first business listed here after the burying of Papoose Creek in 1895 was Schaper Clothing, which was listed in the city directory in 1897. In 1900, Toben and Malone and Company, a dry goods business, were here, and the 1899 Sanborn also shows a dry goods business. They were one of a number of dry goods stores operating in town at this time. This business stayed here at least through 1909. In 1911, E.J. Zeidler, who also had a dry goods business, moved in and stayed until about 1927, according to the city directories. E.J. Zeidler was one of many persons involved in the dry goods business in Muscatine at that time.

The Hoaglin Department store briefly operated here from about 1929 to 1932. In 1933, the Wagner Cigar Store moved in for a longer period of time. Alfred Wagner entered the cigar business in 1902 with Frank Koeckeritz, and in 1905 it became known as Wagner Brothers as his brother Arthur joined the business. They sold the business to a Mr. Weber and then rejoined the business in the 1910s before Alfred Wagner founded the Wagner Cigar Company in 1923 at 213-215 East 3rd Street. The store moved to this location in 1933, and continued to operate here until 1952 (Muscatine Journal Centennial Edition 1940:102; City Directories). This is one of several cigar retailers and manufacturers in this potential district, thus this is not a particularly important business.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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

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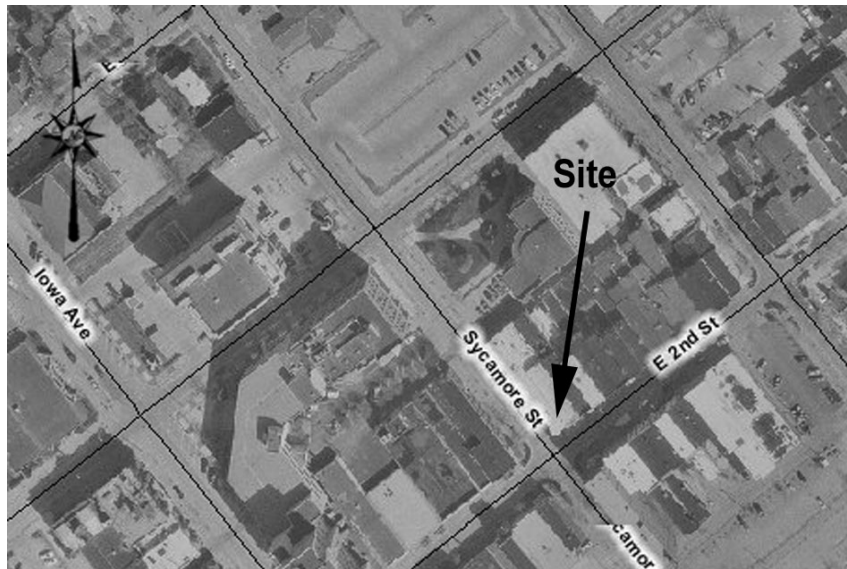
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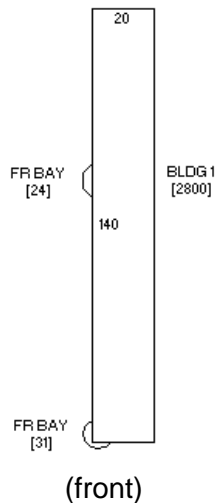
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Location Map



Plan (from assessor's office)



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Photograph of building (digital image)

