

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

State Inventory No. 70-00122 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 C. Giesenhaus Building
 other names/site number Field Site #: FS-070

2. Location

street & number 203 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	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>02E06: Commerce/Trade / Jewelry Store</u>	<u>70: Vacant/Not in use</u>
<u>02E03: Commerce/Trade / Dry Goods (Drug Store)</u>	_____
_____	_____

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)	Materials (Enter categories from instructions)
<u>05B: Late Victorian / Italianate</u>	foundation <u>03: Brick</u>
_____	walls <u>03: Brick</u>
_____	roof <u>08B: Rolled Asphalt</u>
_____	other <u>13: Glass- Storefront Frieze</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 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 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 203 East 2nd Street

Site Number 70-00122
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

05: Commerce

Significant Dates

Construction date

1882 check if circa or estimated date

Other dates _____

Significant Person

(Complete if National Register Criterion B is marked above)

Architect/Builder

Architect

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 C. Giesenhaus Building at 203 East 2nd Street is a three-story, four-bay building constructed of running bond brick. The storefront appears to have been remodeled at least twice. The first, likely dating to the 1920s or 1930s (perhaps as late as c.1940), included the addition of the black and white vitrolite panels across the storefront frieze, now visible behind the removed non-historic awning. The metal storefront windows and door date to a more recent remodeling. There is also a historic entry to the right side of the storefront to access the upper stories. The second and third stories have historic single-over-single-light double-hung windows with segmental arch lintels with keystone detail with decorative star medallions. A continuous sill runs under both sets of windows. The decorative frieze/cornice with brackets extends across the façade between the decorative capitals of the brick pilasters. The name of the original owner, C. Giesenhaus, is centered on the frieze, and a triangular pediment above the name notes the construction date of 1882.



Portion of GR178 with 203 E. 2nd St as the first full building on the left. Courtesy of the Musser Public Library.

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This building has strong integrity with little change to its appearance, except for the storefront. A photograph from July 4, 1888, shows how little the building has changed. It retains its elaborate cornice, unlike many other buildings in the block. The photograph shows a canvass awning above the storefront, a store sign between the second and third story along with a painted business sign on the West elevation. A clock hangs from pilaster at second story. The windows themselves are hard to see, but it appears that there have one-over-one-light double-hung sashes and there are shutters on the second and third story windows (GR178).

The north (rear) elevation on the first story includes two historic entries with segmental arch lintels. There is also one segmental arch window filled-in with brick. The second story has three historic segmental arch windows with modern sashes.

8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The C. Giesenhaus Block appears to be individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A and C. It also is a contributing building in a potential downtown historic district.

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The C. Giesenhaus Building appears to be individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A and C. It was built for a significant late 19th century business, C. Giesenhaus Jewelry. The Havercamp Pharmacy, a prominent late 19th and early 20th century business, also operated here from 1889 to 1940. It was likely in this period that the first storefront remodeling occurred, adding the vitrolite panels. Both these businesses were significant within the local commercial history. Additionally, the C. Giesenhaus Building also appears to be eligible under Criterion C as a significant local example of commercial architecture. It retains several features of the late Italianate style, including the window detailing and elaborate cornice. It also is one of four downtown buildings that feature the original name and date historically.

Finally, it also appears to be a contributing building in a potential downtown historic district. It falls within two contexts identified for the district: “19th century Business and Industry” and “20th century Business and Industry.” Both its history and architecture contribute to the significance of the potential district.

The building was constructed in 1882 for Charles Giesenhaus, who was a jeweler. His brother Frederick was the actual owner of this building along with 216-218 East 2nd Street where he was involved in the grocery business. The 1889 biography of Frederick notes that he owned this building, “the first floor of which is occupied by his brother, Charles Giesenhaus, who carries a fine stock of jewelry. The second floor is used for a commercial school, while the third floor is a tenement” (*Portrait and Biographical Album of Muscatine County* 1889: 63). Charles Giesenhaus did not operate here much longer, moving to 120 West 2nd Street, and in 1893 to 224 Iowa.

The Havercamp Pharmacy was established at this address on December 14, 1889. The store was managed by John J. Havercamp and later assisted by his two sons. The business lasted just over fifty years at this location. John J. Havercamp initially went to work for Graham Drug store in 1879 (Richman 1911, Vol. 2: 171; Muscatine Journal Centennial Edition 1940: 63). It is likely during this period that the original storefront remodeling took place, adding the vitrolite panels. It is also possible that this occurred around 1940 with the conversion to Nietzel Drug.

In 1940, Havercamp Pharmacy was bought by Nietzel Drug, which used this location as their second location in the community. The Nietzel Drug Company started on Mulberry Avenue in August of 1933 when A.I. Nietzel bought out G.A Reimke. Nietzel had added a fountain after buying out the Walgreen agency in 1936 for their Mulberry location (Muscatine Journal Centennial Edition 1940: 63, 179). In 1940, they bought the Havercamp Pharmacy and opened a second store in this location. It operated here only for a few years.

By 1943, the Chocolate Shop moved into this store. The Chocolate Shop was founded in 1915 by Harry Sickman and William Ahlf, initially located in the 300 block of East 2nd Street. It operated here until about 1950. There have been a number of different businesses at the Second Street location since the 1950's.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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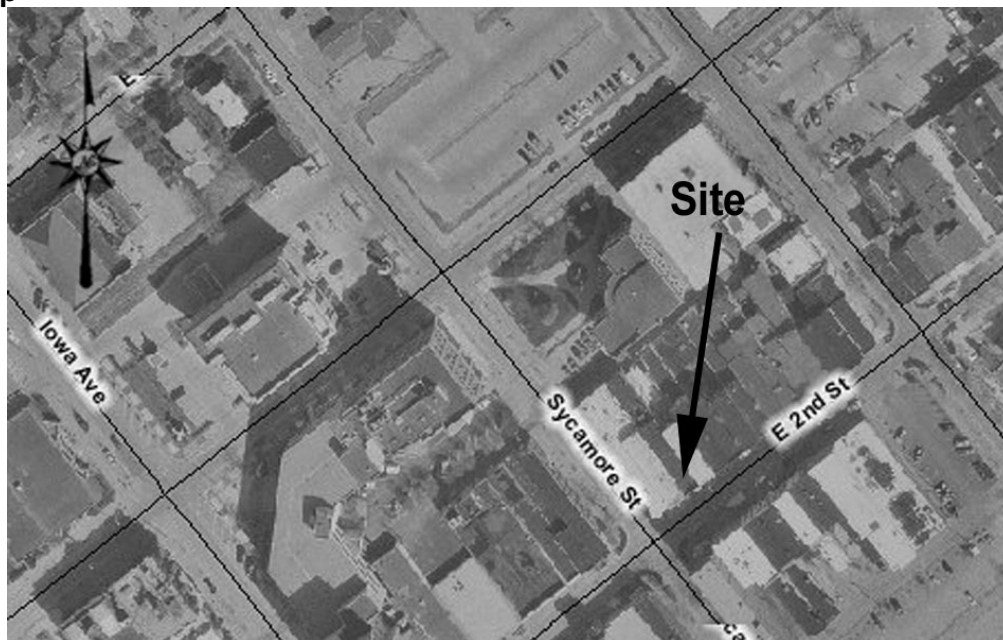
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Location Map



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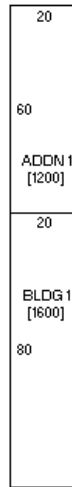
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Plan (from assessor's office)



(front – 2nd St)

Photograph of building (digital image)

