

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

State Inventory No. 70-00124  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-071

**2. Location**

street & number 205 East 2<sup>nd</sup> 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:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	_____	Contributing _____ Noncontributing _____
<input type="checkbox"/> district	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> object	_____	_____
	_____ buildings	<u>1</u> _____ buildings
	_____ sites	_____ sites
	_____ structures	_____ structures
	_____ objects	_____ objects
	_____ 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**

<b>Historic Functions</b> (Enter categories from instructions)	<b>Current Functions</b> (Enter categories from instructions)
<u>02E03: Commerce/Trade / Dry Goods</u>	<u>06A01: Religious Facility / Church</u>
<u>11D03: Healthcare/Doctors Office</u>	_____
<u>02E: Commerce/Trade/Specialty Store</u>	_____

**7. Description**

<b>Architectural Classification</b> (Enter categories from instructions)	<b>Materials</b> (Enter categories from instructions)
<u>05D: Victorian / Queen Anne</u>	foundation <u>03: Brick</u>
_____	walls <u>03: Brick</u>
_____	roof <u>08: Rolled Asphalt</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  
City Muscatine

Address 205 East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street

Site Number 70-00124  
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

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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**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 205 East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street is a three-story, two-bay, brick building. A building mentioned by Peter Jackson in 1890 as being in this location in 1845 is apparently a different building (Carlson 1991: 16). Changes in the Sanborn Maps show the new building larger than the first having expanded back toward the alley. Photos from this time period show a change in appearance between 1888 and 1910 (GR178;OG59A). Another building two doors down (201 East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street), was apparently built at the same time, as well the building next door was expanded toward the alley at the same time. The reason these buildings were expanded or rebuilt at this time seems to be that Papoose Creek was put underground via a sewer allowing the buildings to expand toward the alley.

The storefront is recessed with a tile entry and a tin ceiling. The storefront window configuration appears quite old. The storefront cornice has metal cladding. An upper story entry with transom is found to the left of the storefront. The second and third floor windows on the left are paired, one-over-one-light double-hung windows with a shared stone lintel and sill. A two-story metal oriel window has been added on the right side. The cornice has brick dentils, and the parapet is symmetrically stepped. The rear elevation includes two sets of paired one-over-one-light double-hung windows with segmental arch lintels. The window frames are wood. There is a segmental arch lintel entry with a wood door. The 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the rear elevation has one one-over-one-light double-hung segmental arch window. There is also a set of three windows.

The integrity of the building appears strong. The 1910 photograph does show two minor changes since this time: a change in the parapet from flat to a zig-zag design, and the oriel has had its decorative top removed (OG59A).

## 8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The building at 205 East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street does not appear to be eligible individually for the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A, B, or C. However, it does appear to be contributing to a potential downtown historic district.

Over the years, a number of businesses have been associated with this building. None of the businesses or the people appear to be particularly significant for their association with this building. Though E.B. Fulliam is associated with this building, he is better associated with his home, which still stands at 309 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. Additionally, while the architecture is typical of the turn-of-the-century, it does not stand out as outstanding in Muscatine. The building exhibits some Queen Anne style but there are other buildings that exhibit better characteristics, of this style within this potential district. Thus, it appears this building is not eligible individually for the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A, B, or C.

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This building, however, does appear to be contributing to a potential downtown historic district. It primarily falls within one historic context identified for the district: "20<sup>th</sup> century Business and Industry." Since its construction around 1896, it has consistently served the residents of Muscatine with a series of clothing and general merchandise stores, contributing to the goods historically offered in the downtown. It is also one of a few wired brick buildings in this potential district. It appears to retain good historic integrity, with an older storefront.

The previous building on this site had been the home of Dr. George Fulliam since 1869. In 1879 his son E.B. Fulliam joined his father at the old building, after he graduated from Bennett Medical College in. E.B. is listed as a druggist in the 1883 city directory at this address (which is now 194 Second Street due to the Giesenhaus building being constructed in 1882). E.B. stayed at this address until 1896 when he moved his practice to 309 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, which is where he also resided (City Directory, *A Stroll through old Muscatine* 1998: 4). This was apparently in response to this building being rebuilt at this time, and he returned to this address the following year. Dr. Fulliam, moved back to the third floor, where he been in the old building since 1892, when Otto Grocery had occupied the first floor. In addition to being a prominent doctor and pharmacist, E.B. was quite accomplished in other areas as well: President of the company that brought the Muscatine North and South Railroad to Muscatine; President of the Muscatine Electric Light and Power Company; and mayor of Muscatine for five terms, during which produced the first brick paved streets and sewer lines. He was also a State Representative, a city health physician for two years, and a county physician for one term (Richman 1911, v.2: 27-28).

The first business on the first floor of the new building was George Fisch's copper, tin and sheet iron works, beginning in 1897. The metal business lasted until about 1904. After this business left, there were a number of clothing, and general merchandise stores such as the Muscatine Bargain Store, Garfields, Franks Dress Shop, and Lane's Dress Shop. In 1943 Rosa's Style Shop opened by William and Margarette Wendlandt and stayed open until 1980. None of these businesses appear to be particularly significant within the community.

The building is now used by a Spanish speaking Pentacostal church.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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GR "178" E.L. Graham collection. Prepared for the P.M. Musser Public Library by E.L. Graham in 1908-1910, historic photographs with captions collected by, not photographed by, E.L. Graham.

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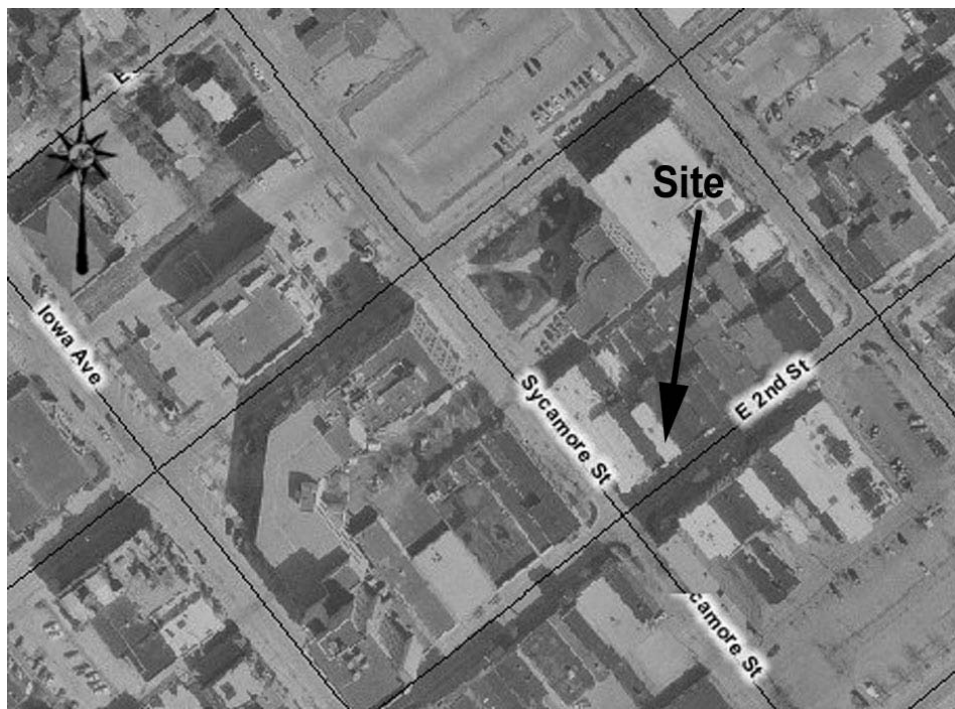
OG "59A" Grossheim, Oscar glass plate negatives 1886-1954.

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## Location Map



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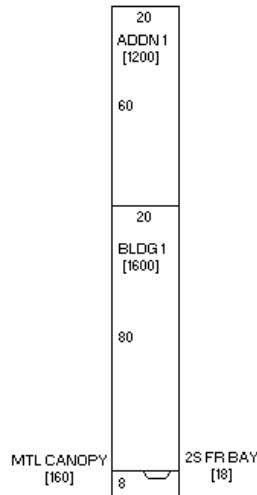
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## Plan



(front – 2<sup>nd</sup> Street)

## Photograph of structure (digital image)

