

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

State Inventory No. 70-00965 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-086

2. Location

street & number 311 East Third 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) 58 Lot(s) E1/3 Lot 3

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)	Enter number of:	Contributing Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>1</u> buildings	_____ buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____ sites	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____ structures	_____ structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object	_____ objects	_____ objects
	<u>1</u> Total	_____ 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>02E08: Commerce / Specialty Store / Barber Shop</u>	<u>02E08: Commerce / Specialty Store / Beauty Shop</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)	Materials (Enter categories from instructions)
<u>09F05: Commercial / Brick Front</u>	foundation <u>03: Brick</u>
_____	walls <u>03: Brick</u>
_____	roof <u>08A: Asphalt / Shingle</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 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 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 311 East Third Street

Site Number 70-00965
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)

Significant Dates

Construction date
1880 check if circa or estimated date
Other dates
1980s

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

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Maryrose and John Peterschmidt (Member and Volunteer) (R.L. McCarley, consultant)

organization Muscatine Historic Preservation Commission date February 27, 2005

street & number 215 Sycamore Street telephone 563-264-1550

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 _____
Roll/slide sheet # _____ Frame/slot # _____ Date Taken _____
Roll/slide sheet # _____ Frame/slot # _____ Date Taken _____

- 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: _____

Iowa Site Inventory Form Continuation Sheet

Page 3

<u>Commercial Building</u> Name of Property	<u>Muscatine</u> County
<u>311 E. 3rd St</u> Address	<u>Muscatine</u> City

7. Narrative Description

311 East Third Street is a narrow two-story brick structure. It is approximately 20' wide and 140' long. The front, or south facing elevation reveals a single entry on the right with its threshold at a stoop two steps above grade. A single, large display window with smaller sidelights is to the left of the entry. The second floor window is a one by one sliding window that is centered in the second floor façade. The brick front façade is a modification to the original structure. The original residential structure was a wood frame with a gable end facing the street, as seen on the Sanborn maps and in a c.1900 photograph ("Broom Factory Float in Labor Day Parade," September 8, 1965: 8). The brick front façade that was added was laid in running bond from grade to a stepped parapet. The current owner added the front façade in the early 1980's.

The side elevations are 140' long and shows that the building has five distinctive segments. At the south end of the elevations is the original two-story brick structure. The brick wall on the first floor has been faced with thinset concrete stucco. The brick wall on the second floor has been faced with faux brick asphalt siding. There is a single one-over-one-light double-hung window and evidence of another that has been filled in. Two windows are also found on this section on the east elevation, one filled in with plywood.

The 1883 Sanborn maps show the two-story front section with a rear one-story section. On the 1888 Sanborn map it is noted to be a "tailor and dwelling" with the same configuration. A larger one-story rear section is shown on the 1892 map, replaced by a new, longer one-story rear section on the 1899 Sanborn map. The map also had clarified the front section as 1½ stories. It returned to commercial by the 1912 Sanborn map, with a wider one-story rear section. The 1928 Sanborn map shows that a concrete block addition has been constructed behind the one-story addition. The front section is also once again noted as two-stories. A garage is at the rear alley. The 1946 Sanborn map shows the same configuration as the 1928 map. The second rear section continues to be depicted as one-story, and there continues to be a space between the third rear concrete block section and the garage along the alley.

The second segment is similar to the first, except that the gabled roof is slightly lower. This might be the same addition as showing on the 1912 map, with the addition of the second story. Stucco and asphalt siding covers the exterior wall faces, as in the first segment. Three one-over-one-light double-hung windows are located in the second floor wall. There is evidence of an exterior access stair in the center of the second segment. A tall, brick chimney rises above the second segment. On the east elevation a wooden stair rises to a narrow, wooden deck on the second segment, where two single entries are found. Between the entries there are two window spaces. One window is infilled with plywood. The other is a one-over-one-light double-hung window.

The remaining three segments are constructed of concrete block. The first portion dates to the 1920s, with the rear two sections dating to after 1946. The block rises to a parapet that is capped. The parapet is stepped and rises above a roof that is sloped, and forms a high point at the second brick segment to a low point at the north façade of the fifth segment. The east elevation has a large two light, horizontal

Iowa Site Inventory Form Continuation Sheet

Page 4

<u>Commercial Building</u>	<u>Muscatine</u>
Name of Property	County
<u>311 E. 3rd St</u>	<u>Muscatine</u>
Address	City

track window and a smaller, one-over-one-light double-hung window on the second floor. The first floor is windowless, as is the remainder of the east elevation to the north.

The north elevation reveals an auto entry and a single entry beneath two single pane windows set into a block wall covered with corrugated metal sheets. This is possibly the earlier garage modified in a later remodel.

8. Narrative Statement of Significance

This building does not appear individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A, B or C and has little to contribute to a potential downtown historic district. The original structure at 311 East 3rd Street was a two-story gable-front frame Late Victorian residence. It sat among a cluster of similar homes on East Third Street, which were converted to commercial uses around the turn of the century and gradually demolished for new structures or parking, leaving this one as the only survivor on the block. With the addition of the brick façade and rear additions, its architectural integrity has been severely compromised. Thus, it does not appear to be individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A, B, or C. Additionally, since the substantial alteration of the new brick façade was made in c.1980, this building does not appear to be a contributing structure in a potential downtown district either.

This structure can be found as early as the 1883 Sanborn Map. Its use is noted as "Saw Filing, Furnace." At this time, it consisted of a two-story front section with a rear one-story section. On the 1888 Sanborn map it is noted to be a "Tailor and dwelling." The 1892 Sanborn map indicates a "parlor and dwelling." A larger one-story section has been constructed by this date. In the 1890s, a new, longer one-story rear section was constructed in the place of the earlier rear section, as shown on the 1899 Sanborn map. The map also had clarified the front section as 1½ stories. It continues to be used as a dwelling on the 1905 Sanborn map, with the same configuration. According to the 1908 City Directory, John Freyermuth operated a harness shop at this address. Also, a harness shop is shown in a c.1900 photograph, found in the Muscatine Journal ("Broom Factory Float in Labor Day Parade," September 8, 1965: 8).

On the 1912 Sanborn map, a harness shop was identified at this location, with a wider one-story rear section, and in 1919 a print shop is shown here. The 1928 Sanborn map shows that a concrete block addition has been constructed behind the early one-story addition. In 1921, Nolan's Barber Shop is listed at this address and remained in business at 311 East 3rd Street until after 1931. Shortly after, the Pittsburg Paint Store, operated by F.O. Schmitt, was opened there and remained at that address until after the Second World War. The Gordon Upholstery Shop was then an occupant for a few years. The 1946 Sanborn map shows the same configuration as the 1928 map, with a garage at the rear alley. The Ramseyer Plumbing & Heating Shop opened at 311 East 3rd Street about 1949 and continued there through the 1950's.

The original structure at 311 East 3rd Street was a two-story gable-front frame Late Victorian residence. It sat among a cluster of similar homes on East Third Street. At the time of its construction, Muscatine's

Iowa Site Inventory Form Continuation Sheet

Page 5

<u>Commercial Building</u> Name of Property	<u>Muscatine</u> County
<u>311 E. 3rd St</u> Address	<u>Muscatine</u> City

primary commercial areas were on Front, Second and their cross streets, such as Iowa, Chestnut and Sycamore. Late in the nineteenth century, more commercial buildings were added to Third Street and around the courthouse area. This building was transformed from residential to commercial at that time and, over time, its immediate neighbor homes were demolished to make way for the new Masonic Lodge and for parking. So it sits exposed, showing evidence of the many remodels and additions perpetrated upon it over time.

9. Major Bibliographical References

“Broom Factory Float in Labor Day Parade,” Muscatine Journal 125th Anniversary Edition. September 28, 1965. Page 8.

City Directories, Muscatine. Various Publishers, 1859 – 1959. Available at the Musser Public Library.

Sanborn Map Company. “Muscatine, Iowa”, Sanborn fire insurance maps. Pelham, NY: Sanborn Map Company, 1883, 1888, 1892, 1899, 1905, 1912, 1919, 1928, 1946. Accessed online at: sanborn.umi.com

Location Map



Iowa Site Inventory Form Continuation Sheet

Page 6

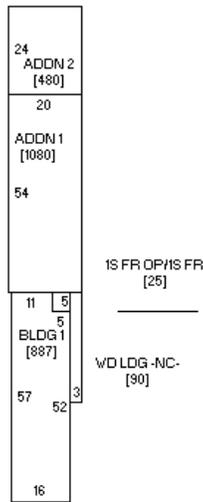
Commercial Building
Name of Property

Muscatine
County

311 E. 3rd St
Address

Muscatine
City

Plan (from assessor's office)



(front – 3rd St)

Photograph of building (digital image)

