

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

State Inventory No. 70-00948 **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 Graham Drug Store
 other names/site number Field Site #: FS-088

2. Location

street & number 301 E. 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) 31 Lot(s) W 1/3 of Lot 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

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)	Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)
<u>11D01: Health Care/Medical Business/Pharmacy</u>	<u>02B03: Commerce/Trade/Professional/Law Office</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)	Materials (Enter categories from instructions)
<u>04F05: Commercial/Brick Front</u>	foundation _____
_____	walls <u>03: Brick</u>
_____	roof _____
_____	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 301 E. 2nd Street Site Number 70-00948
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 1860 check if circa or estimated date
Other dates _____

Significant Person

(Complete if National Register Criterion B is marked above)

Architect/Builder

Architect _____

Builder _____

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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 three-story brick structure at 301 E. 2nd Street was constructed sometime prior to 1860. It measures 20' wide by 75' long, with a 12' x 20' addition to its back. The 1883 Sanborn maps shows the back addition present, indicating it was probably added shortly after the building was constructed. It may have provided a small apartment for a store employee. The Sanborn map shows stairs in this section, on the 1883 map indicates a separate address along Cedar St.

The only historic photograph of the building that has been found is one taken by Oscar Grossheim in 1928 that shows the storefront window for Graham's Drug Store (Grossheim 1928). The window display includes advertising for Ferry's seeds and a variety of jars containing seeds. The large, square, storefront window appears to cover most of the front of the store and also reveals an interior of shelves and cabinets supported by ornate columns. On the extreme left side of the photo is a small portion of the diagonal entry, which is still present. The bulkhead under the windows includes three panels of wood or metal lattice. No part of the building above the windows is visible.

The present appearance of the storefront is substantially different from the 1928 image. The storefront was remodeled in 1953, under a permit issued on September 10 ("Building Permits," Dec. 30, 1953, Section 4, 19). The window opening is still about the same width, but appears to only be about half of its height. The first story entrance is still cut diagonally at the corner. The current entrance door is a glass unit. A metal awning stretches across the width of the front and extends around the side for about 12'. There is additional cladding above the awning that covers the rest of the original first story.

The façade brick appears to date to the early 20th century, representing an updating and refacing of the older building. The overall simple appearance, soldier brick lintels, and basketweave frieze panel are typical of this period. Both the second and third stories contains a row of three windows. Both sets have non-historic sashes. The third-story windows are six-over-six-light double-hung in style, while the second-story windows are one-over-one, double-hung windows.

The west elevation reflects the older brick from the original construction of the building. This elevation is divided into four bays by brick pilasters. One window is found in each bay on each story. Most of the windows have non-historic nine-over-nine-light double-hung sashes. There are no decorative moldings or trim around the windows. A plain beltcourse that divides the first and second stories is also present. The roofline is stepped on the west elevation.

The north (rear) elevation includes a small, one-story, brick, lean-to addition that appears to be currently used as an apartment. This possibly might have been the office location for Dr. Graham's medical practice, although no documentation for this has been located. The brick style and condition appear to date from the mid-19th century. The addition contains an entry on its west elevation, and to the left of the entry, is a non-historic one-over-one-light, double-hung window. A six-over-six-light, double-hung wood window is located on the original building's north wall, immediately to the west of the addition. A open, wooden stairway extends along the back of the addition before making a right-angle turn and running up

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to a second-floor apartment door in the original building's northeast corner. A six-over-six, double-hung window is located to the right of this door. The third-floor fenestration includes two, six-over-six-light, double-hung windows that are located directly above the second-floor openings. A wood gutter - supported by narrow, non-descript, metal brackets - hangs just below the roofline. It extends across most of the building's width. The brick forming the northwest corner of the original building appears newer and has a slightly different color and appearance than the original brick, indicating some repair work was done in the past.

8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The Graham Drug Store does not appear individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A, B, or C. However, it appears to be a contributing building in a potential downtown historic district.

Although plain appearing, Graham Drug Store at 301 E. Second holds special significance for both Muscatine and the State of Iowa as the oldest continuous drug store in Muscatine from 1867 to 1967. The building served both an economic and social function for the early settlement. Dr. I.L. Graham was the only physician/pharmacist to operate in Muscatine in the mid-19th century. After the Graham brothers died, I.L.'s son Edward continued the business until 1932. Under other owners, Graham Drug continued to operate at this location through 1967. Though Dr. I.L. Graham was a prominent local resident, the current building does not retain the integrity from the period that he operated here due to the 20th century alterations, so it does not convey this significance. Most of the alterations to the building occurred during its tenure as Graham Drug, including the early 20th century new brick veneer façade and the 1953 storefront remodeling. The double-hung windows have been more recently replaced.

The Graham Drug Store does appear to contribute to a downtown historic district. It is strongly associated with two historic contexts identified for the district: "19th century Business and Industry" and "20th century Business and Industry." As a site for a business that spans both centuries, the building offers a unique opportunity to view the growth and development of business operations in Muscatine. The Graham Drug Store was a landmark business on this corner of downtown for a full century.

Israel Lewis Graham moved to Muscatine in 1855 to join his brother James. The two brothers had been born in Connecticut. I.L. Graham had studied medicine with his uncle in Connecticut and followed that training with additional coursework and education at institutions in New York. He graduated from the University of the City of New York in 1847. He then practiced medicine for several years in Connecticut before traveling west. He first settled in Ohio, where he practiced medicine, and then eventually moved to Muscatine (Richman 1911: 10). The two brothers began operating a drug store in a two-story frame building on Second Street that soon became too cramped. They purchased their corner building in 1865, but delayed moving their stock and business to the new site until 1868 (Richman 1911, 10). The business continued to operate at this site until 1967, making it Muscatine's longest operating drug store.

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Dr. Israel Lewis Graham, the only practicing physician in the community to also operate a drug store, located both his practice and his business at this site. Dr. Graham is listed as a physician in the 1866 city directory, which also includes Graham Brothers under the druggists' category. Richman also described him as a "successful physician, (although) more closely identified with business interests." (Richman 1911: 10). An examination of the 1859, 1866 and later city directories indicate Graham was the only physician-druggist to operate in the community. Graham's influence extended beyond his own business and medical fields. Richman (1911) reports he was a director of the Merchants Exchange Bank (now the First National Bank), when it first organized in 1865. He was also named a director of the Muscatine Savings Bank when it organized in 1880. Graham held both of those positions throughout his life. He served on the Muscatine City Council in 1872 and 1873; the school board from 1875 to 1877 and the county board of supervisors from 1876 to 1878. He delivered lectures and manuscripts on a variety of subjects to various groups, including the Washington Lyceum, Oak Grove Lyceum, the Literary Institute and the Muscatine Academy of Science. His memberships included the First Congregational Church, the Masonic order and the Old Settlers' Society (Richman 1911: 10).

The firm of Graham Brothers dissolved in 1872. The Muscatine store continued to be operated by Dr. I.L. Graham, along with his medical practice. James. E. Graham moved from Muscatine to Kalamazoo, Michigan and later to Woodstock, Illinois, where he died in 1894. Randall also reports that Dr. Graham was active in his profession. He delivered lectures on both literary and scientific subjects to the Scientific Club of Muscatine, which later became the Muscatine Academy of Science (Randall 1980: 67). He also continued to study the literature for new research to use in his medical and drug practice. Randall reports an old account book that Dr. Graham used to record prescriptions and drug formulas includes a report on the use of salicylate sodium in Germany to treat headaches. This entry refers to an article describing the new treatment, which Dr. Graham apparently read in *Scientific American*.

Dr. Graham's unusually fine medical training and his pleasant personality apparently attracted many calls for his services from local residents. He also appeared to use that training to develop many of his own medicines. Druggists who continued to work at the store after Dr. Graham reported old customers coming in to request his special cures. Randall reported many of the formulas for these treatments were listed in the account book, including one called Dr. Graham's Help for Pain. Customers would often request it by name, claiming it would cure any kind of pain, and would appear offended when asked to specify what kind of pain troubled them. In addition to supplying treatments to the living, Graham apparently also helped care for the dead. Included in the old account book was a formula labeled "Embalming Fluid for Mark & Wittich," one of the community's early mortuaries (Randall 1980, 69).

Dr. Graham died in 1886, but his son Edward, who had trained at the Chicago College of Pharmacy, continued to operate the business until 1932 when his health began to fail. Eventually the store passed to David Bauerbach, who continued to operate it as Graham's Drug Store until 1967 (Randall 1980, 69).

9. Major Bibliographical References

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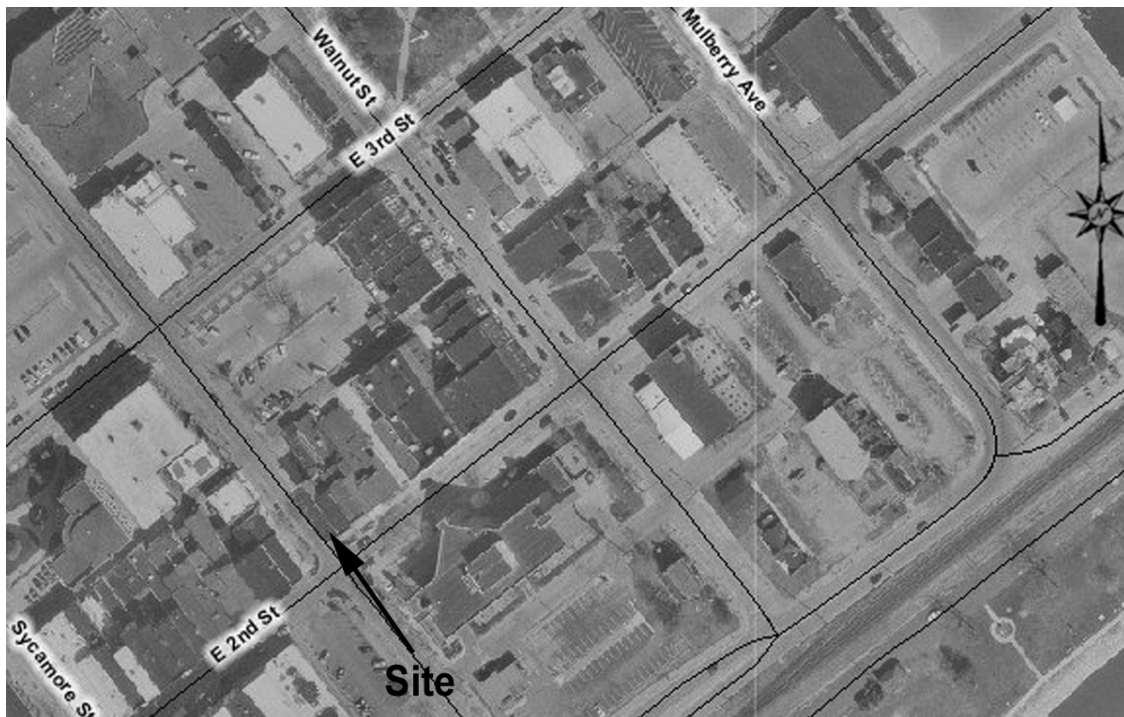
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Location Map



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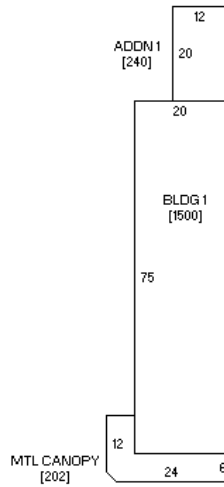
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Plan (from assessor's office)



(front – E. 2nd St)

Photograph of building (digital image)

