

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

State Inventory No. 70-00951 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 Iowa Employment Agency
 other names/site number Field Site #: FS-092

2. Location

street & number 313 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) E 20' of Lot 2

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>02G04: Commerce/Trade/Restaurant/Restaurant/Tavern</u>	<u>02G02: Commerce/Trade/Restaurant/Restaurant/Bar</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)	Materials (Enter categories from instructions)
_____	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 313 E. 2nd Street Site Number 70-00951
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

1880 check if circa or estimated date

Other dates

New front installed 1960; add'l. remodeling in 1984

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)

2. 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 appearance of this one-story building dates to a remodel in 1960 when a new front was installed. A 1960 description of the new front appears to be similar to the current appearance ("Employment Office," December 30, 1960, Section 3, p. 12). A photo of that remodel, in the same issue of the newspaper, appears to show the top two floors of the building also removed by this time, probably in conjunction with the new front. The 1961 city directory also lists only 313 E. Second. Prior directories, including 1959, had included 313-1/2 E. Second and listed various apartment tenants. This indicates that the current, remodeled appearance dates to 1960. The storefront consists of a non-historic entry to the right of two large storefront windows. The recessed storefront is angled diagonally back to the entry. The entry has a modern glass door with metal frame and a modern transom window. The two large storefront windows are plate glass with a tall bulkhead clad in brick veneer. A non-historic arch canopy extends across the building. The upper portion of the building is clad in metal panels.

8. Narrative Statement of Significance

This commercial building does not appear to be individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A, B, or C. The current appearance and integrity of this building date to the 1960 remodel, which removed the upper stories, remodeled the storefront, and remodeled the façade. Though within the period of inclusion for this architectural survey, this is outside the 50-year criterion for eligibility to the National Register of Historic Places. The building was remodeled for the Iowa State Employment Agency. The development of a new storefront not only appears to have been an owner's effort to adapt a storefront to more current designs and needs, but perhaps an effort to improve the image of a state agency.

This building may be a contributing building to the potential downtown historic district, depending on the period of significance for this district. The remodel of this building falls within a strong period of storefront remodels in the mid and late 1950s in downtown Muscatine as owners strove to update their buildings. The alterations are clearly an effort by the building owners to adapt to changing economic trends during the 20th Century and as an example of those adaptations, appear to potentially be a contributing building to a potential downtown historic district.

Prior to the 1960 remodel, this building had a strong historical association with the downtown as a three-story building. The three-story building was constructed by 1883, as the 1883 Sanborn map depicts a three-story structure that is about half the depth of the lot. A sewing machine business was identified as operating from the building. The 1888 Sanborn contained the same footprint, identifying a saloon here. The saloon, which apparently was operated by Crippen & Haifleigh, continued to operate from the building until 1904, when G.H. Weise began using it for a bakery/confectionary. Sometime between 1899 and 1905 the rear stairway was removed from the building and a one-story rear addition added. The confectionary was replaced by 1913 by the Goodyear Shoe Repair. By 1923, J.J. Cavanaugh was operating a men furnishings store from the building. A series of businesses operated here in the 1930s,

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including Consumers Wholesale Supply, Schmidt Paint and John Callahan Electric. Between 1943 and 1949, the Lincoln Café was in the building. That business was followed by the B.F. Goodrich Tire Store, which stayed at that site until around 1957. The last Sanborn map for Muscatine, in 1946, continues to show a three-story building at this location.

After standing vacant for about one year, the Iowa Employment Agency located there in 1959. Extensive remodeling was done on this building in 1960, removing the top stories and installed a new front ("Employment Office," December 30, 1960, Section 3, p. 12). Surprisingly, after the extensive remodeling that was done, the state agency only stayed in the building for one year. The Big Dollar Redemption Center opened there in 1962 and remained there until 1967.

A gift shop and other businesses operated there in later years, with the present restaurant and pizza business opening there around 1994.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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

"Employment Office," *Muscatine Journal Year-End Review*, December 30, 1960, Section 3, p. 12.

Sanborn Map Company, New York. Maps of the City of Muscatine dated September 1883, August 1888, October 1892, August 1899, December 1905, February 1912, July 1919, March 1928 and June 1946.

Location Map



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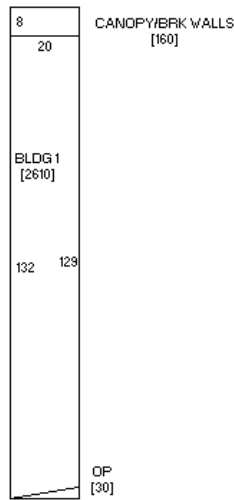
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Plan (from assessor's office)



(front – 2nd St)

Photograph of building (digital image)

