

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

State Inventory No. 70-00618 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-101

2. Location

street & number 216 Walnut 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) 7

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	_____ buildings	<u>1</u> _____ buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____ sites	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____ structures	_____ structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object	_____ 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>02E12: Commerce / Butcher shop</u>	<u>02G04: Commerce / Restaurant/tavern</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)	Materials (Enter categories from instructions)
<u>09F05: 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 216 Walnut Site Number 70-00618
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 1890 check if circa or estimated date
Other dates _____

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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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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<u>Commercial Building</u> Name of Property	<u>Muscatine</u> County
<u>216 Walnut</u> Address	<u>Muscatine</u> City

7. Narrative Description

This is a three-story, one-bay, brick commercial building. The storefront entry is recessed at the left side of the storefront. It has a historic wood door with a window and a transom window that has an air conditioning unit inserted into it. An entry to the upper stories is located to the right of the large storefront window. This door also appears historic, with three lower panels and an upper window. Vertical wood paneling painted blue clads the lower and upper portions of the storefront. The storefront was remodeled at the same time as the neighboring 218 Walnut, and share the same design and detailing. The paired windows on the second and third stories are centered on the building. The paired windows have non-historic double-hung sashes. A wood mullion separates the windows, and carved detail is found in the segmental arch portion of the top of the window frame. Segmental brick arch lintels with shoulders span each set of paired windows. The frieze is defined by courses of slightly projected brick along alternating projected rowlock bricks on the top and bottom of the frieze. The rear of the building has been clad in vinyl siding. A two-story rear addition is also clad in vinyl siding. A balcony provides direct access to the second story.

8. Narrative Statement of Significance

214 Walnut Street 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. None of the business or people associated with 216 Walnut appear to be particularly significant. Several meat markets operated in Muscatine in the 1890s and early 1900s, and this market does not appear to be particularly prominent. The architecture is typical of the 1890s in Muscatine, without particular distinction. Thus, it does not appear to be individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A, B, and C.

However, this commercial building does appear to be a strong contributing building in a potential downtown historic district. It falls within two historic contexts identified for the district: "19th Century Business and Industry" and "20th Century Business and Industry." Its use as a meat market represents a needed business in downtown Muscatine to serve its residents and it contributes historically to the potential downtown district.

This commercial building was constructed around 1890. The 1888 Sanborn map depicts a vacant lot here, but the 1892 Sanborn map shows a narrow three-story building. Tobacco is depicted as the use at this time, though its association with a specific business could not be identified. The 1895-96 city directory lists the Mohnsen & Kreiger meat market at this address. Hans Mohnsen lived above 220 Walnut, where he previously operated a restaurant. Amos Kreiger lived above 216 Walnut. Hans Mohnsen continued to operate a butcher shop here according to the 1897-98 city directory, while also using the 220 Walnut storefront as a liquor store. Mark Quinn, a clerk for B.E. Lilly, lived above 216 Walnut in the late 1890s and early 1900s.

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In 1900, August Unkel's meat market was listed at 216 Walnut. By 1907, he and his wife had moved into the upper stories. This meat market is one of 14 listed in the 1923-24 city directory. By the late 1920s, Carl P. Rauch worked as a meat cutter for Unkel. When Unkel retired or died, he continued the business, and the 1934 city directory lists Carl P. Rauch – meats, at this location. The upper stories were rented out at this time, and tenants continued to turn over through the 1940s. In the 1938-39, Rauch is listed as offering groceries and meat. He apparently continued this business until around 1950.

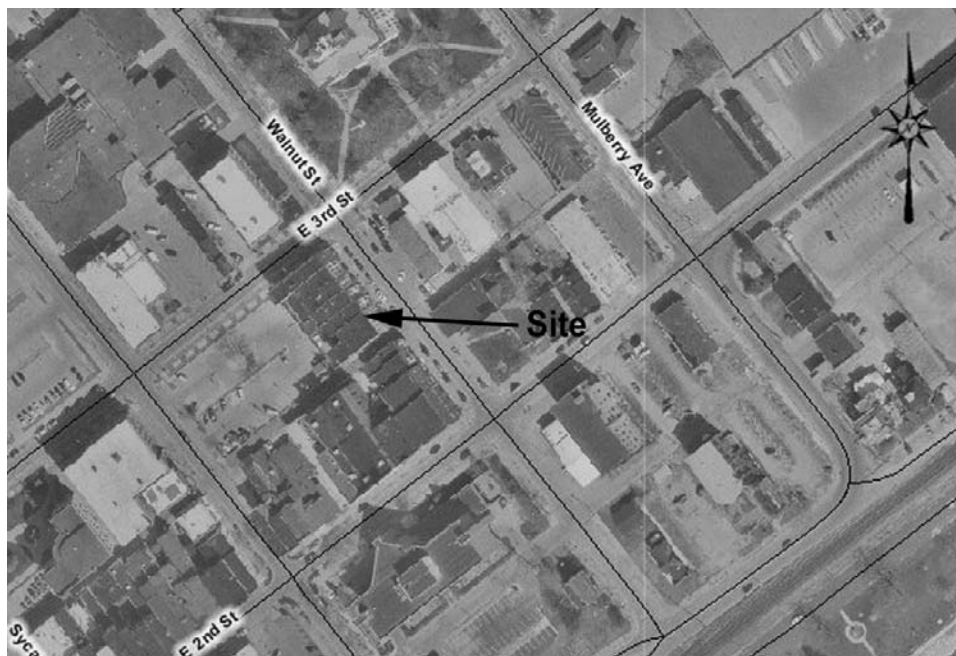
The 1952 city directory lists 216 Walnut as vacant. Mabel's Photo and Novelty Shop was here briefly in 1954, and The Quilting Shop was here briefly in 1958. In 1965, Price's Floor Covering at 214 Walnut was using 216 as storage space. It is currently associated with Willy's Pool Hall at 218 Walnut.

9. Major Bibliographical References

City Directories, Muscatine, Various publishers, 1869-1959. Available at the Musser Public Library.

Sanborn Map Company. "Muscatine, Iowa," Sanborn fire insurance maps. Pelham, NY: Sanborn Map Company, 1883, 1888, 1892, 1899, 1907, 1912, 1919, 1928, 1946. Accessed online at: sanborn.umi.com.

Location Map



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Related District Number _____

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Muscatine
County

216 Walnut
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Muscatine
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Plan (from assessor's office)

WD DECK [140]	4	
	10	ADDN 1 [350]
	50	BLDG 1 [1750]

(216 Walnut - 218 Walnut)

Photograph of building (digital image)

