

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

State Inventory No. 70-00982 **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 Ina Mae's Restaurant
 other names/site number Field Site #: FS-127

2. Location

street & number 401 West Mississippi Drive
 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) 8 Lot(s) 5

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 | _____ | _____ |
| | <u>1</u> buildings | _____ buildings |
| | _____ sites | _____ sites |
| | _____ structures | _____ structures |
| | _____ 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>02G: Commerce / Restaurant</u> | <u>02E: Commerce / specialty store</u> |
| <u>02G: Commerce / Restaurant/Tavern</u> | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |

7. Description

| | |
|--|---|
| Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions) | Materials (Enter categories from instructions) |
| <u>09G: Commercial</u> | foundation <u>03: Brick</u> |
| _____ | walls <u>03: Brick</u> |
| _____ | roof <u>08B: Rolled Asphalt, 08A: Shingle (back)</u> |
| _____ | other <u>13A: Glass Block</u> |

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 401 West Mississippi Drive

Site Number 70-00982
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 1931 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:

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| 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>Ina Mae's Restaurant</u> | <u>Muscatine</u> |
| Name of Property | County |
| <u>401 West Mississippi Drive</u> | <u>Muscatine</u> |
| Address | City |

7. Narrative Description

The building at 401 W. Mississippi Drive is a one-story, glazed yellow block structure, with no particular style, built in 1931. The 1946 Sanborn map shows that the original structure was about 54 feet wide by 24 feet deep with a front section that extended from the west side of the façade south towards the river. This section has been removed, probably in the late 1950s. This portion of the façade has been filled in with glass block and a single-door entry. In the remaining portion of the façade, there is single-door entry, window filled with glass block, and a large garage door. The top of the building includes a vertically clad steel siding cornice. The front part of the roof is covered in rolled asphalt. Smaller windows on each side of the building have also been filled in with glass block. The side elevations of the original structure have been clad in vertical metal siding.

An addition has been built on the rear of the structure, probably in the late 1950s, which has doubled the depth and overall size of the structure. This addition has a pyramidal roof layered with asphalt shingles. Both sides of the building are clad in vertical metal siding, with a single-door entry on the east side of the building. The rear of the building is also clad in vertical metal siding, and it has a single-door entry.

8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The building at 401 West Mississippi Drive was built in 1931, as Ina Mae's restaurant, and remained so until 1999. Ina's Mae's was established in April 1931 by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thayer. The café, as it was referred to then was named for Mrs. Thayer. Prior to starting the café they operated a sandwich shop for a year in a small building just east of the café. In 1936 their son George took over the business, and operated it for two years, then sold it to Alfred Curly Clark (*Muscatine Journal*, May 31, 1940, 163).

This building does not appear to be individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A, B, or C. Though Ina Mae's may be somewhat locally significant, the original appearance of the building has been obscured through the removal of the front section, construction of a rear addition equal to the size of the original building, and replacement/covering of original materials with vertical metal siding and glass block. All these changes appear to have occurred in the last 50 years. Thus, it does not retain the integrity need to convey its significance as an individual structure.

However, it has traditionally operated as a 20th century commercial building on this western transportation corridor leading to downtown, and it may be a contributing structure to a downtown commercial district, depending on the final boundary. At this time, it appears that this building will fall outside the recommended boundary for the district, with vacant lots located between this building and the nearest contributing building. Additionally, the alterations to the building may be outside the period of significance for the district, and thus the building may be non-contributing to the district.

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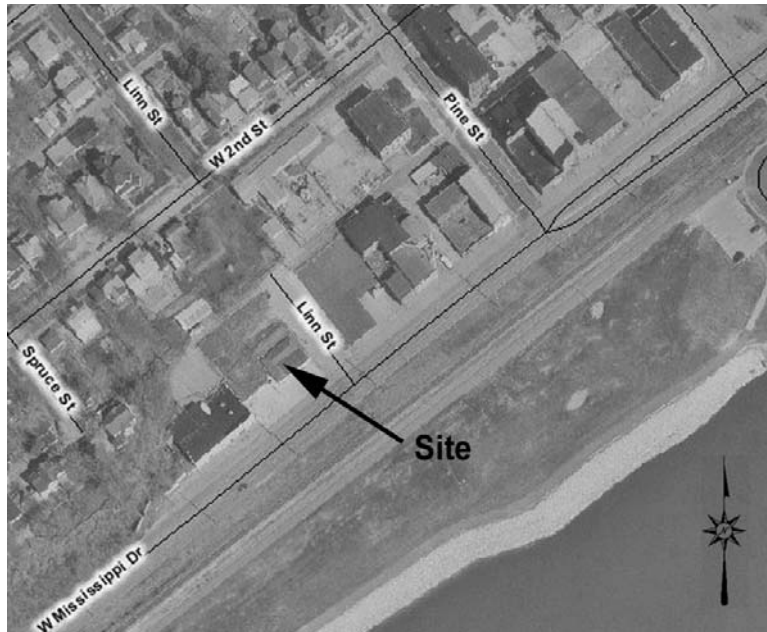
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Sanborn Map Company. "Muscatine, Iowa," Sanborn fire insurance maps. Pelham, N.Y: Sanborn Map Company, 1928,1946. Accessed online at: sanborn.umi.com

Location Map



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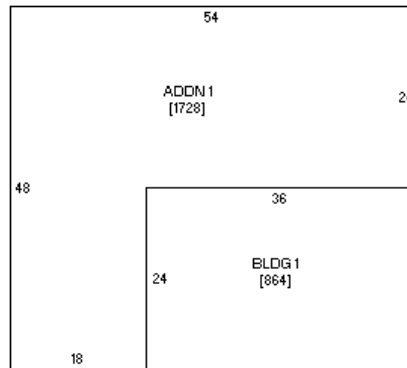
Ina Mae's Restaurant
Name of Property

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County

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Plan (from assessor's office)



(front – W. Mississippi)

Photograph of building (digital image)

