

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

State Inventory No. 70-00943  **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-128

**2. Location**

street & number 126-130 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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) \_\_\_\_\_ Lot(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**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**

<b>Historic Functions</b> (Enter categories from instructions)	<b>Current Functions</b> (Enter categories from instructions)
<u>02E03: Commerce/Trade/Specialty Store/Dry Good</u>	<u>03C01: Social/Civic/Public Service</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____

**7. Description**

<b>Architectural Classification</b> (Enter categories from instructions)	<b>Materials</b> (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 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 Address 126-130 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Site Number 70-00943  
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)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Significant Dates**

Construction date  
1899  check if circa or estimated date  
Other dates  
1997, 1999, 2002 remodeling

**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)
- 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

This c.1899 building was originally a three-story structure that has been extensively remodeled. Much of the original remodel probably occurred in 1960. A permit was issued on May 31, 1960 for remodel work on 126 E. Second ("Building and Remodeling Permits, *Muscatine Journal Year-End Review*, December 30, 1960, Section 2, p. 23). A second permit was issued later that year for remodel work at 128 E. Second ("Building and Remodeling Permits," *Muscatine Journal Year-End Review*, December 30, 1960, Section 4, p. 17). There were also building permits issued in 1997, 1999 and 2002 for work on the building. The current appearance likely dates to the late 1990s or 2002, though the top two stories may have been removed much earlier.

The current building is a one-story structure. The brick storefront is recessed. Double-door entries with sidelights are found on either end of the storefront. The center portion contains a large multi-light window with pilasters that is offset to the right. Vertical wood paneling clads the storefront frieze, and dentils line the slight cornice. The upper portion of the façade is clad in cement panels and the parapet wall is capped with metal.

The rear elevation contains the original brick wall, which indicates the building was constructed with common bond. A portion of this wall has been parged, but there is no indication of any historic openings. There are currently no openings in this wall. The building extends past its neighboring structure, which is located on the corner to the east. The east wall of this extension contains three historic openings, including two that have both been altered. The larger opening is located towards the back of the addition and was historically a larger entry, possibly for loading purposes. It has been framed down and now contains a single steel door. A set of non-historic wood steps lead up to the door. The second opening was to the right of the entry and appears to have been a window. It has been bricked over and an exhaust vent installed. The remaining opening is the original basement entry.

## 8. Narrative Statement of Significance

This commercial building does not appear individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A, B, or C. The remodeling in the late 1990s, and perhaps earlier, has significantly altered the historic appearance of this building. Thus, it has lost the integrity need to convey its historic significance. Likewise, the loss of integrity has also impacted its potential contribution to a historic district. With these extensive alterations, the building does not appear to be a contributing building in a potential downtown historic district.

126 E. Second and 128 E. Second may have originally been separate buildings that sometime around 1899 were either demolished and rebuilt or remodeled to be physically joined. The 1892 Sanborn map shows a solid wall on the first story, while the 1899 Sanborn map shows only iron posts on the first story with clothing now occupying both storefronts. This later is as a dashed line with iron posts noted on the

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1912 Sanborn. By 1928 Sanborn, the wall is gone, with iron posts noted. Throughout the entire period, a clothing store continued to operate in the building.

Anson Clothing Company (as Anson & Company) was listed at 126-128 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in 1899. Apparently a separate business, Alice Anson & Company in the 1890s and 1900 at 104 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, with the note of Alice Anson (married to Mark), Mary E. Anson and Alice Anson (widow of Micheal). The business relationship between this company and Alice Anson & Company is unknown at this point (see 70-00117, 102-104 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, for further discussion). P. Frank Anson, son of Michael and Alice (Murphy) Anson, was president of the Anson Clothing Company of Muscatine. His first experience in the mercantile line was as clerk in the clothing store of Bach & Friedman, being identified with this firm from 1878 to 1882. He next entered the employ of the S. & L. Cohn Clothing Company, and he married Alice E. Barry, daughter of Nicholas and Alice Barry, in 1888. In 1896, with Paul Steinmetz, he incorporated the Anson Clothing Company, beginning in a small space at 122 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. "By good management, the business grew rapidly and in 1899 the company removed to its present commodious quarters (126-128 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street), consisting of a double store and basement, where one of the largest and best stocks of clothing is displayed that may be seen in the state of Iowa" (Richman 1911, Vol 2: 593). The building at 126-130 was likely remodeled in 1898 or 1899 as the Anson Clothing Company took up operations here. The 1900 census lists Frank (49, clothing) and Alice (39) Anson living with their in-laws Nicholas and Alice Barry. Frank appears to be the son of the elder Alice (widow of Michael). The Anson Clothing Company was listed at 126-128 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street at least into the late 1920s.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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

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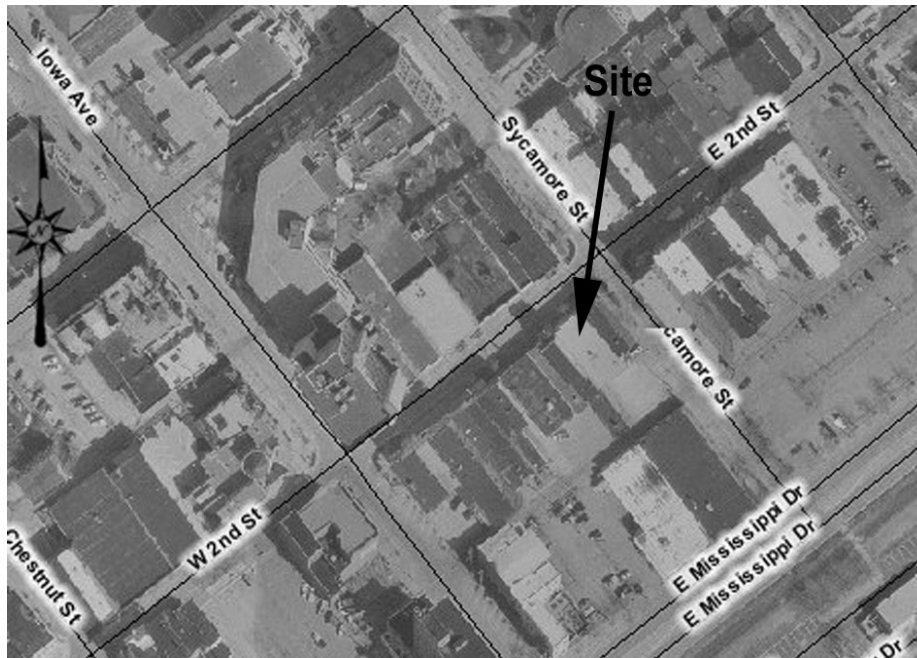
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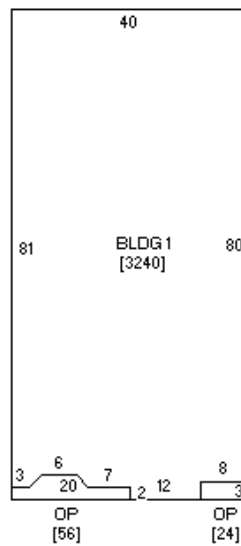
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## Location map



## Plan (from assessor's office)



(front – 2<sup>nd</sup> Street)

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## Photograph of building (digital image)

