

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

State Inventory No. 70-00942 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-129

2. Location

street & number 122 East Second 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) 12 Lot(s) E 1/2 W 2/3 LOT 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)	_____	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>02E06: Commerce / Jewelry Store (1907-1931)</u>	<u>02B03: Commerce / Professional / Law Office</u>
<u>02A: Commerce / Florist (1934-1960)</u>	_____
_____	_____

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)	Materials (Enter categories from instructions)
<u>09F: Commercial</u>	foundation <u>03: Brick</u>
_____	walls <u>03: Brick</u>
_____	roof <u>08B: Asphalt / Rolled</u>
_____	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
City Muscatine

Address 122 East Second Street

Site Number 70-00942
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
1880 check if circa or estimated date
Other dates
1967 remodel

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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<u>Commercial Building</u> Name of Property	<u>Muscatine</u> County
<u>122 E. Second Street</u> Address	<u>Muscatine</u> City

7. Narrative Description

The commercial remodel to 122 East 2nd Street that took place after the furniture store fire in 1966 is made up of four simple components. Three large plate glass display windows are framed in dark bronze, anodized aluminum. Its bulkhead is face brick, light in color. A single entry on the right is also glass plate framed in aluminum. Above the door and windows is a flat, full width band of precast concrete panel, approximately three feet high. Above the concrete paneling is an even higher band of vertical vinyl siding in an off-white color. It rises about five feet to match the parapet height of the adjacent store. The vinyl band appears to be supported by the east and west walls, which are brick.

All Sanborn maps, from 1883 to 1946, show the same footprint for this building. 122 East Second Street was originally a three story brick building in the Italianate style. Its north façade was very similar to the adjacent building at 124 East Second Street, which is now a restored building housing a book store. The second and third floors were three bays wide, with rather simple, squared stone lintels on the second floor windows and pronounced, high arched brows on the third floor windows (Randleman 1981: 114). A rather plain cornice without brackets or other decorative elements topped the north façade.

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, nor does it appear to be a contributing building in a potential downtown commercial district. The architectural integrity of this building has been severely compromised due to the removal of the upper floors and façade remodel after the 1966 fire. Thus, this building has lost the integrity needed to convey its historic significance and appearance. This remodel was done after the projected period of significance for this potential historic district, well within the last 50 year time period, and it does not appear to contribute to a potential downtown district.

In the early history of this building, prior to 1907, the occupants were in a variety of businesses, including clothing and gent's furnishings, as well as used furniture sales and insurance sales. In 1907, the city directories show the occupant to be Fitch W. Swan, a long time Muscatine jeweler, who had moved to 122 East 2nd St. from West Second Street. Sometime after he moved to this location, Mr. Swan found himself in a heated rivalry with another Muscatine jeweler, George Volger, who had been Mr. Swan's apprentice. Mr. Volger quit Swan Jewelers in 1911 to begin his own establishment at 110 East Second Street. In the ensuing years, the relationship between the two men, who were more than thirty years apart in age, began to deteriorate. Accusations of illegal trade practices were made between the two. In the summer of 1921, Mr. Swan invited Mr. Volger to his shop, with the stated purpose of healing the rift between them. Fitch Swan shot and killed George Volger with a single shot to the head. Mr. Swan then took his own life by taking poison ("City Shocked By Tragedy," August 1, 1921, 1). During the next ten years, a jewelry store, owned by J.L. Ewing, remained at 122 East Second Street.

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In the early thirties, George Kranz & Son Florist moved to this address and remained until the late 1950's. When the fire next door at 118-120 occurred in 1966, Carlson's Florist Shop was at 122 East Second Street. On September 27, 1966, a devastating fire at the furniture store at 118-120 East Second Street claimed the upper two floors of 122 East Second Street ("Disastrous Blaze Hits Stores," September 27, 1966, 1). A commercial storefront was added after the fire, concealing the remains of the old brick building.

9. Major Bibliographical References

City Directories, Muscatine. Various Publishers, 1859 – 1959. Available at the Musser Public Library

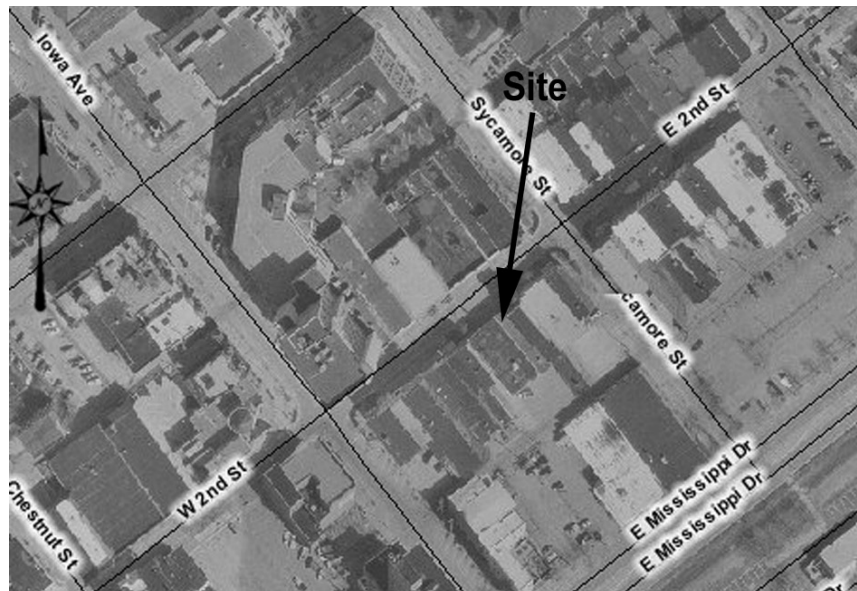
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Location Map



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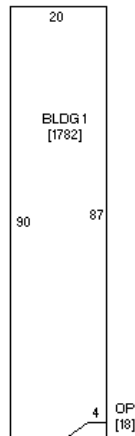
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Plan (from assessor's office)



(front – Second St.)

Photograph of building (digital image)

