

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

State Inventory No. 70-01008 **New** **Supplemental**
 Part of a district with known boundaries (enter inventory no.) 70-01005
 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 David B. and Mary Mackenzie House
 other names/site number Field Site #: WH-010

2. Location

street & number 407 W. 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) 37 Lot(s) W35' Lot 4

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 Enter number of:	If Eligible Property, enter number of:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	_____	_____	buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> district	_____	_____	sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____	_____	structures
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____	_____	objects
<input type="checkbox"/> object	_____	_____	Total
	_____	<u>2</u>	
	_____	<u>2</u>	

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 _____

A Historical and Architectural Survey of the "West Hill" neighborhood, Muscatine, Iowa 70-016

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)	Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)
<u>01A01: Domestic / Single residence</u>	<u>01A01: Domestic / Single residence</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)	Materials (Enter categories from instructions)
<u>07A- Early 20th Century Movements / Prairie School</u>	foundation <u>03-Brick</u>
_____	walls <u>02-Wood</u>
_____	roof <u>08A-Asphalt Shingles</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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> More Research Recommended	B Property is associated with the lives of significant persons.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input 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 407 W. 2nd St

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District Number 70-01005

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)

31: Other – Neighborhood Development

Significant Dates

Construction date 1909 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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7. Narrative Description

This is a two-story, two-bay, Prairie School, asymmetrical house built around 1910. The house sits on a brick foundation. The walls are frame, with first story clad in wood clapboard and the second story in wood shingle. The hip roof is clad in asphalt shingles and has wide eaves typical of the Prairie School style. The house chimney is a large double brick chimney that extends above the hip roof peak and is located in the northeast quadrant of the roof. The house has little change since its construction. Historic photos from 1909 and 1914 show the house essentially as it is today (OG-12864, Grossheim Collection, 1909; *Muscatine, IA, The Pearl City* 1914: 43).

The front (south) elevation has a hip-roof porch entry porch on the recessed east portion. A series of concrete steps lead to the porch. The porch features a large brick column support with boxed rectangular column on each side of the porch supporting the hip roof. The porch has been screened in, with a screen door on the south side at the top of the concrete steps. The four-panel screen door has a screened door transom above and a full height screen panel on each side. The porch roof eave has exposed rafter tails. The entry within the porch has the original wood door with a six-light window. The door is framed with wood rectangular columns. A nine-light-over-single-light double-hung window faces east onto the porch. An original wood deck porch sits in front of the west portion of the south elevation of the house. The original x-pattern rail shown in the early 1900s has been replaced with the present simple vertical wood rail. The first story of the west portion features three window set with wood frames. Each window has a smaller nine-light upper sash over a larger single light sash. The second story of this portion has an oriel window with a six-over-single-light double-hung window in each of the three sides. The east portion of the second story is recessed back from the front and has a six-over-single-light double-hung window. Wood shingle siding clads the second story. The roof eave is plain and has a fairly wide eave.

The east side elevation consists of a wood clapboard siding cladding the first story and wood shingle siding cladding the first story. Two windows are located in the first story in front of a one-story rectangular section that protrudes from the first story towards the back. The first window is boarded over. The second is a six-light-over-single-light double hung window. The one-story rectangular protruding section contains a narrow four-over-single-light double-hung window on the south side and three nine-over-single-light double-hung windows facing east. The second story has two equally spaced six-over-single-light double-hung windows.

The west side elevation consists of irregularly spaced six-over-single-light double-hung windows on both stories. A large second story rectangular oriel window is located approximately two-thirds of the way back from the front that extends down into part of the first story. The window has a three by six eighteen light window. The oriel window is clad in wood shingles.

The rear elevation has nine-over-single-light double-hung windows on the first story and six-over-single-light double-hung windows on the first second story. The west portion of the rear elevation projects out

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from the east portion. A rear entry is located in the one-story, unenclosed back porch that extends across the projected section. The porch roof is supported by two simple, slender, rectangular posts.

The garage is brick with two one-car garage doors. The doors each have overhead twelve panel (four rows high, three panels wide) wood doors and wood frames. The east door has two single light windows located in the third row of panels. Large wood lintels and door panel are above each door. A single light window with wood frame and security bars is located to the east of each door. The roof is gable with brick parapets cover the gable ends located at the east and west ends. The garage from 403 W. 2nd abuts the east wall of the garage. A two-story carriage house was here according to the 1919 Sanborn Map. This one-story garage was shown in 1928.

8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The David B. and Mary McKenzie House appears to be individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria B. The David B. McKenzie House does appear to be a contributing building in a potential "West Hill" neighborhood historic district.

The home has very good historic integrity. However, the architecture is somewhat common and would likely not be individually eligible for architecture. The house is significant for its social history, primarily for the relationship to the historic Muscatine Lumber industry and link to the Clinton, Iowa Lumber Industry. David B. McKenzie came from the Curtis Company at Clinton to Muscatine in 1889 to become foreman of the cabinet department of the Muscatine Sash and Door Co., later the Roach and Musser Co. He built this house around 1909, and it likely utilized several of the company's products. He rose to mill superintendent serving until his retirement in 1938. Mr. McKenzie invented and patented several woodworking machines and labor saving devices. He was one of the pioneers of the sash and door industry. Mr. Mackenzie also was on the Muscatine board of education from 1903 to 1914 and on the city council from 1924 to 1925. Therefore, the David B. and Mary McKenzie House appears to be individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion B.

The David B. and Mary McKenzie House does appear to be a contributing building in a potential "West Hill" neighborhood historic district. The house illustrates the progression of housing styles in the neighborhood and is exemplary status home of a higher level factory foreman/manager. The home is a practical, functional home with nice composition that shies away from the grandeur and largeness of surrounding homes built in the late 19th century.

There is no 407 W. 2nd listed in the 1908 city directory, and the 1905 Sanborn doesn't show the house. David MacKenzie bought W 35' lot 4 block37, from Arthur Hoffman et ux. on October 17, 1908 (Lots Book 41: 525). It appears that he likely built this house in 1909. The 1910 Census lists David B. and wife Mary McKenzie at 407 W. 2nd Streets, as does the 1911 City Directory, and the 1912 Sanborn shows this house. Mackenzie was born in Brechin, Scotland, Jan 12 1856, the son of Ninian and Margaret Morton Mackenzie. He attended the Watt Institute at Edinburgh, Scotland, and came to the

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United States in 1882. He was first employed as a stair builder for the Curtis Co. at Clinton and came to Muscatine in 1889 to become foreman of the cabinet department of the Muscatine Sash and Door Co., later the Roach and Musser Co. David B. Mackenzie married Mary Rohrbach in Muscatine on December 28, 1893. David B. (and Mary) Mackenzie was listed at 910 George St in 1900, and he was the superintendent of Muscatine Sash & Door Company. By 1902-03 they had moved to 207 W. 5th where they would reside through 1909. They moved from 207 W. 5th Street to 407 W. 2nd Street by 1910. Mackenzie served on the Muscatine board of education from 1903 to 1914. The 1910 census lists David B. MacKenzie, Sr. (53), wife Mary (55), 3 sons – Merrill (15), Bruce (11), Kenneth (7), and 3 daughters – Miriam (13), Mildred (9), and Jean (3) living at 407 W. 2nd Street. The 1910 census also lists David B. Mackenzie, jr. (26) as carpenter and roomer up the street at 319 W. 3rd Street with Catherine Mackenzie (27, wife?) rooming at same location as David B. Mackenzie, jr. (“D.B. Mackenzie, 93, Dies After Extended Illness,” *Muscatine Journal*, September 15, 1949, 1).

City directories list David B. and Mary McKenzie here from 1911 to 1949. David was listed as superintendent of Roach & Musser Sash & Door from 1911 until he retired in 1938. The 1920 census list David B. Mackenzie, Sr. (63, Supt, Sash & Door Co.) with wife Mary (45), sons Morrill (25, Civil Engineer), Bruce (23, no occupation), Kenneth (17, no occupation), and daughters – Miriam (23, Bacteriologist), Mildred (19, no occupation) and Jean (13, no occupation) at 407 W. 2nd Street. He also served on the city council from 1924 to 1925. While at the Roach and Musser Company, Mr. Mackenzie invented and patented several woodworking machines and labor saving devices. He was one of the pioneers of the sash and door industry increasing productivity with his inventions. He served as mill superintendent until his retirement in 1938. He was well known amateur astronomer. David continued living at 407 W. 2nd until his death on September 15, 1949 at the age of 93 (“D.B. Mackenzie, 93, Dies After Extended Illness,” *Muscatine Journal*, September 15, 1949, 1).

Upon his death, his widow Mary U continued to live here until her death on November 6, 1964. Her daughter, Jean, lived with her until her death. Jean was living at the house during and after her college education. Jean was a bookkeeper at Puritan Ice Co., in 1934 becoming office secretary at Grain Processing Corporation by 1952. She was a manager at Muscatine County Hospital from 1954 to 1965. Jean is not listed in Muscatine after 1965.

Robert T. Pape, Pape’s Office Supply, is listed at 407 W. 2nd in 1966.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Census Records, United States Census Bureau, 1900, 1910, 1920.

City Directories, Muscatine. Various publishers, 1856-1959. Available as the Musser Public Library.

“D.B. Mackenzie, 93, Dies After Extended Illness,” Obituary, *Muscatine Journal*, September 15, 1949, P 1.

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Deed/Abstract Records, Recorder's Office, Muscatine County Courthouse, Muscatine, Iowa.

"Home of D.B. Mackenzie" photo - *Muscatine, IA, Pearl City*, 1914, P. 43.

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Location Map



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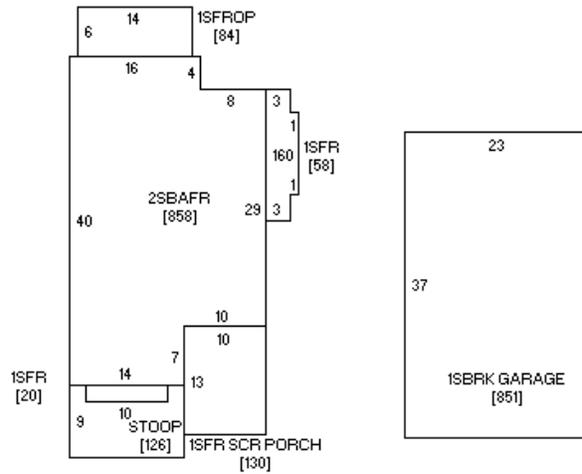
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Plans of buildings on site (from assessor's office)



(front – W. 2nd Street)

Photograph of building (digital image)

