

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

State Inventory No. 70-01011 **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 Jehring House
 other names/site number Field Site #: WH-022

2. Location

street & number 502 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) 7 Lot(s) Lot 6

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>2</u>	_____ buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____ sites	_____	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____ structures	_____	_____ structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object	_____ objects	_____	_____ objects
	_____ Total	<u>2</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 _____

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>09: Other – 2 story, side gable, 2 rooms deep</u>	foundation <u>03 Brick</u>
_____	walls <u>03 Brick/15B Vinyl</u>
_____	roof <u>08A – Asphalt Shingle</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 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
City Muscatine

Address 502 W. 2nd Street

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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

1942

check if circa or estimated date

Other dates

Significant Person

(Complete if National Register Criterion B is marked above)

Architect/Builder

Architect

Builder

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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 is a two-story, three-bay frame house with some basic Colonial Revival features. The house was remodeled around 1942, changing the orientation from 4th Street to Spruce Street. The 1928 Sanborn map shows roughly the same footprint for a gable-front house with a small one-story rear section. Currently, with the re-orientation, the house is a side-gable house with a small side one-story section. The wrap around porch seen in 1928 was removed by 1946. With the similarities in footprints, it is unknown if the house was rebuilt on an earlier foundation or significantly remodeled around 1942. Either way, its integrity dates to this period. Since this time, vinyl siding has been added to the second story, and the windows have been replaced. The house sits on a brick foundation. The walls of the first story are clad in brick veneer, as also noted on the 1946 Sanborn map, and the second story is clad in vinyl siding. The gable roof is clad in asphalt shingles.

The current front elevation faces Spruce Street to the east. The center door entry is non-descript six-section door. The entry is framed with rectangular columns capped by a large arched panel with arched cornice. The first story has a 30-light window with faux decorative plastic shutters in each of the other two bays. The second story has two eight-light-over-eight-light double hung windows, one in each of the outer bays. The single story side addition to the south has a three window set with a 20-light center window with a six-over-six-light double-hung window on each side. The three window set has faux decorative plastic shutters. The roof is flat.

The current side elevation, facing 2nd Street to the north, has four single-over-single-light double-hung windows with faux decorative plastic shutters on each side. The windows are uniformly placed with the two second story windows vertically aligned with the two first story windows. The front gable has a rectangular louvered vent opening set in the middle of the gable.

The south side elevation, formerly the rear, has the one-story section projecting on the first story, and the exposed second story elevation of the main portion of the house. The south side addition has a side-by-side patio doors with a narrow four-light-over-four-light double-hung window on each side. The main house has a six-light-over-six-light double-hung window to the east of the south side addition. The second story has a six-light-over-six-light double-hung window in the east bay and two adjoining four-light-over-four-light double-hung windows. The gable end contains a rectangular louvered vent. A wood trellis canopies over the patio south of the side addition.

The west (rear) elevation has a side entry with a sloped metal awning. Four single-over-single-light double-hung windows flank the door and are vertically aligned with two of the windows in the second story and two in the first story. The most prominent feature of this elevation is a large brick chimney that runs from the first floor to approximately the same level as the roof peak.

The house has a large brick and concrete block garage. The north two bays of the east elevation are occupied by a two-car wide garage door. Two garage doors are located in the south two bays on the

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east elevation. The south elevation is concrete block with an eight-block glass block window set high in the east portion and a twelve-block glass block window set high in the west portion. The west and north elevations are sheltered by earth. The garage roof is a flat concrete roof.

A low brick retaining wall with capstone runs behind the sidewalk along Spruce Street. The brick retaining wall ends with a slightly higher column where it ties into the garage retaining wall. The garage retaining wall consists of concrete block with five courses of decorative face block set on top. A brick retaining wall with capstone also runs along 2nd Street with several brick columns. A retaining wall also runs along the west elevation to retain the hillside.

8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The Jehring House does not appear to be individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A, B, or C. However, it does appear to be a contributing building in a potential "West Hill" neighborhood historic district.

The house is plain with a non-descript styling and its associated social history is common without particular significance. The house does not retain good historic integrity from its earlier period when the Clapp family was owners, prior to the 1942 remodel (or possible reconstruction). The appearance of the house reflects this 1940s period. Additionally, more recent window replacements and vinyl siding have impacted the integrity of this period. However, it retains the overall form and design from the 1940s. Though George Jehring owned a well-known local business, he does not appear to have significantly impacted the history of Muscatine. Thus, the Jehring House does not appear to be individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A, B, or C.

However, the Jehring House does appear to be a contributing building in a potential "West Hill" neighborhood historic district as an example of neighborhood evolution from the late 19th Century and early 20th Century architectural styles in the neighborhood to this house's mid-20th Century "modern" styling. The house was remodeled around 1942, and it reflects good integrity from this period.

The Clapp family lived in the earlier version of the house on this lot from 1877 to 1942. William C. Clapp, tinner, lived at 502 W. 2nd from 1877 to 1907. He retired from his trade by 1889. The 1900 census lists William Clapp, 85 (1814) born NY, wife Martha, 84 (1815) born MA, son George S., 50 (1849) born GA hardware dealer, daughter, Emma, 46 (1853) born OH. After his death, his widow, Martha, lived at 502 W. 2nd from 1908 through 1913. Emma L. appears to have lived her adult life with her father and mother continuing to live with her mother after William's death and then her brother. She died in June 1933. George S. also continued to live here after their mother's death, residing at 502 W. 2nd until his death in 1940. George clerked for Clapp & Fisch prior to starting his own hardware store at 131 E. 2nd in 1883 after his father William had retired. He appears to have lived his adult life with his father and mother continuing to live with his mother after William's death. George died in September 1940.

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George and Etta Jehring lived purchased the house on April 7, 1942 from Martha Clapp, et al, who appear to the George's heirs (Transfer Book). They lived with their son Robert B., student, at 304 E. 5th Street in 1941 prior to moving to this house at 502 W. 2nd Street by the 1943 city directory. It was likely in 1942, after they purchased the property, that the house was rebuilt or significantly remodeled. George was the proprietor of the Red Paint Store at 214-216 Iowa Avenue for 45 years. George Louis Jehring was born on December 3, 1889 at Davenport. He came to Muscatine and purchased the Red Paint Store in 1911. He married Etta Marie Washburn on December 10, 1913 at Waterloo, Iowa, and they had one son – Robert B. Jehring (Obituary, 1956). The 1943 city directory lists George L. Jehring and wife Etta M at 502 W. 2nd St. He was the owner of the Red Paint Store, 214-216 Iowa Avenue. Robert B. is not listed. George and Etta continued to live at 502 W. 2nd until George's death in 1956 (City Directories). The Red Paint Store was founded by Everett Brandenburg in 1880. Brandenburg originally worked as a painter, but eventually dropped that occupation in 1908 to concentrate on running the store. The business was first located at 220 Iowa, followed by the 218 address, and then the 214-216 Iowa Avenue location by 1921. George Jehring took it over in 1912 and ran it until 1928, when John Damron assumed control. Damron ran it only one year before Jehring resumed management. City directories indicate there was no separation of wholesale or retail paint suppliers before 1929. However, in the 1929 directory, the Red Paint Store is the first store specifically identified as a wholesale paint supply outlet. In addition, during this time most of the other stores sold paint as a sideline, not their only business. Jehring apparently continued to own the store, and it was managed by Damron until 1949, when Howard Hill and John Tiedemann joined him. They ran it together through 1956. George Jehring sold the Red Paint Store in June 1955. He died on January 7, 1956 at the age of 66 ("G.L. Jehring Dies at 66 Services Set," January 7, 1956, 1, "Red Paint Store," Muscatine Journal Centennial Edition, May 31, 1940, 30).

Mrs. Etta M. Jehring (George's widow) lived in the house after George's death until her death on April 23, 1963 at the age of 70. George and Etta's son, Robert, USN, is listed at 502 W. 2nd in 1946. By 1949, Robert was married to Helen, living at 118 E. 8th and working as a lawyer. Mrs. Jehring was well-known resident of Muscatine for 50 years. She was born June 16, 1892 at Wonewok, WI. She was a member of St. Mathias Church and the Altar and Rosary Society ("Mrs. George L. Jehring," April 23, 1963, 12).

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Location Map



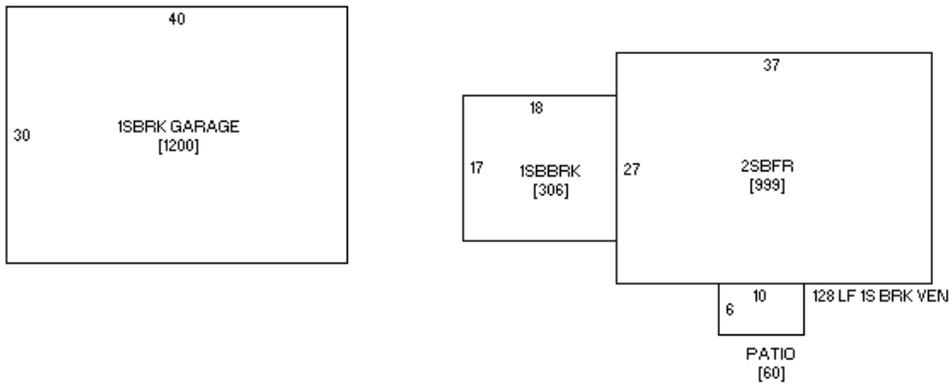
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Plans of buildings on site (from assessor's office)



(front – W. 2nd Street)

Photograph of building (digital image)

