

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

State Inventory No. 70-00192 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 Abraham Smalley House
 other names/site number Field Site #: WH-038

2. Location

street & number 814 W Second (812 W Second)
 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) 4 Lot(s) 8

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:	
	Enter number of:	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	_____ buildings	<u>1</u>	_____ buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> district	_____ sites	_____	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____ structures	_____	_____ structures
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____ objects	_____	_____ objects
<input type="checkbox"/> object	_____ Total	<u>1</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>01B02: Domestic / Apartment</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)	Materials (Enter categories from instructions)
<u>06E: Late Gothic Revival</u>	foundation <u>03: Brick</u>
_____	walls <u>03: Brick</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 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.

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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

02: Architecture

Significant Dates

Construction date

1861 check if circa or estimated date

Other dates

Significant Person

(Complete if National Register Criterion B is marked above)

Abraham Smalley

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, Gothic Revival house. The house sets on a brick foundation. The walls are brick. The combination roof is clad in asphalt shingles. The house is located about half way up the bluff and originally faced south towards the river. Two pair of similar chimneys are located on each twin cross gable.

The current front elevation faces north towards Second Street. Originally this was the rear of the building and the front faced the river. Twin cross gables dominate the north elevation. The twins are separated by a gable dormer, which contains a centered one-over-one-light, double-hung window. A single, one-over-one-light, double-hung window with round tops is also centered in the top of each twin dormer. Below each of these centered gable windows are six-over-one-light, double-hung windows on the second stories. A similar window is located between the two second-story windows. A six-over-one-light, double-hung window is also centered on the first story of the right front gable. The first story of the left front gable contains a bay window. Each bay contains a six-over-one-light, double-hung window. A small one-over-one-light, double-hung is located between the single first-story window in the right gable and the bay window. A single, centered window is located on the north wall of a one-story extension that stretches along the east elevation.

A ca. 1900 historic photograph shows the Smalley House from a higher location on West Hill. Little of the house from this angle appears to be altered from its current appearance. Decorative vergeboard extends along each twin gable edge. These boards are no longer present, but the rest of the house does not look different (#OG 2004_7, Grossheim collection). A second historic photograph, possibly ca. 1890, shows the west elevation. The historic photograph shows a first-story bay window on the left side and vergeboard trim on the main side gable. Vergeboard trim also extends around a gable dormer on the left side of the west cross gable (Semi-Centennial 1891). The bay window and the vergeboard have been removed. The rest of the house does not appear different from the current appearance.

The east side elevation features a one-story brick addition that runs along the entire length of the east cross gable and the east end of the main side gable. This addition appears on the first Sanborn map to show this house, in 1928. A hip roof covers the addition, which contains a variety of openings along its length. A single, full-length, one-over-one-light, double-hung window is located at the far right of the extension. Two similar windows are centered on the extension wall. These two windows flank two entrances. The left entrance is a solid wood door. The right entrance contains a combination, aluminum storm door with an interior wood door with a single glass light in the top. Transoms are located above each entry door. It appears this centered arrangement of doors and windows might have been framed over an original single opening. The left end of the one-story extension appears more recent. Part of its foundation is exposed on the sloping back of the lot. A row of five, three-light, hinged-sash windows is centered on the east wall of this more recent section. The second story has two windows on the east cross gable and a single, centered window on the main east end gable. Each window contains six-over-one-light, double-hung sashes. A round-top, one-over-one-light, double-hung attic window is centered in the upper gable end of the side gable. A shed dormer is located above the left second-story window of

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the cross gable. A gable dormer is present over the cross gable's right window. Each dormer contains a single, one-over-one-light, double-hung window. The window in the shed dormer is slightly smaller than the window in the gable dormer.

The west side elevation features the west end of the main side gable and the west wall of the west cross gable. A wrap-around porch begins at the center of the elevation and extends around to the back of the house. Decorative turned columns support the flat roof that covers the porch. First-story openings include a multi-light, fixed sash window on the left side. A bay window originally was located here. Other first-story openings include a centered entrance under the porch. The entrance contains a slightly recessed historic wood door with transom. A small wood window is located to the right of the entrance. There are three second-story windows. The right window is centered on the west end of the side gable. The middle window is aligned over the first-story entrance, while the left window is aligned over the multi-light window. Each of the second story windows contains six-over-one-light, double-hung sashes. A typical attic window is located in the upper gable of the side gable end. A shed dormer and a gable dormer, similar to those on the east cross gable, are also present in the corresponding locations on the west cross gable roof.

The rear elevation extends along the south face of the main side gable. The wrap-around porch continues on the rear elevation, but does not extend past the east end of the main side gable. Five turned columns support the porch roof on this elevation. A center gable is present on the roof, with a shed dormer located on each side of it. Each dormer contains two small windows. A centered entrance is located on the first story under the porch. The entrance contains an aluminum combination storm door and a wood interior door with a single, upper glass light. Two six-over-one-light, double-hung wood windows are located on each side of the entrance. The remaining first-story openings are located on the south wall of the one-story extension that runs along the building's east elevation. There are five, three-light, hinged windows centered on the extension's south wall. The dominant feature of the second story is a centered, five-sided bay window that extends out over the porch's shed roof. A single-light, fixed sash window is located in the center bay. A one-over-one-light, double-hung window is present in each of the bays next to the center bay. Two six-over-one-light, double-hung windows are present on each side of the second-story bay window. A typical attic window is present above the bay window. The other remaining feature on the south elevation is an arched brick tunnel that extends from the sloping rear slope to the basement of the house. The tunnel's entrance into the house is directly under the centered first-story entrance. A solid wood door covers the entrance into the house.

The property is currently used as a rental property, and interior changes have been made. Two apartment buildings were constructed on adjacent lots, once part of the Smalley property, in the 1970s. Much of the remaining surrounding land is used for parking.

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8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The Abraham Smalley House appears to be individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion B and C. It also appears to be a contributing building in a potential "West Hill" neighborhood historic district.

Abraham Smalley settled in Muscatine in 1838, and his family soon followed. He engaged in early manufacturing interests, operating one of the first mills. He turned his interests to real estate in the mid-1850s, developing the area that was known as South Muscatine among other property. He encouraged the development of this area through innovative real estate practices. Additionally, he held several local offices. He was well respected as one of the oldest and most valued residents in Muscatine. Thus, the Abraham Smalley House appears to be individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion B. Additionally, the Abraham Smalley House is one of only a handful of Gothic Revival houses in town, and the only one currently identified in brick. It was several features characteristic of the style, particularly steep cross gables. Its prominent location halfway up the "West Hill" bluff makes it visible from a distance and prominent on all pictorial and photographic views of Muscatine. Though some alterations have been made, it retains sufficient integrity to convey its Gothic Revival architecture. Thus, it also appears to be individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C.

Additionally, the Abraham Smalley House is a contributing building in a potential "West Hill" neighborhood historic district. It was one of the first houses built in this area, built on the bluff to overlook the river. The Smalleys were also a prominent local family, and this house reflected their stature. The house contributes historically and architecturally to this potential historic district.

Local tradition states that Abraham Smalley built this house on Lot 8, Block 4 of the Original Town of Muscatine around 1855 as a family residence. However, with other information, it seems equally or more likely that he built this house in 1861. Abstract information shows Suel Foster acquired the property (lot 8) for \$200 from Dan Smith and Roxce Smith through a quit claim deed on September 22, 1852 (Book L, Page 176). Suel Foster then sold it to Abraham Smalley for \$150 on February 6, 1855 (Book O, Page 77). Thus, a house was not built before Smalley acquired the property. Smalley was one of the earliest and most prominent settlers in Muscatine. He was born in New Jersey on October 24, 1815, and grew up in Ohio. On August 10, 1838 at age 23, he arrived in Muscatine. He bought a claim for his father's family, and they came in 1839. He was an early manufacturer of plows, cultivators and fanning-mills in the 1840s before turning to the manufacture of sash, doors and blinds in 1850 – one of the first in town. His obituary from March 14, 1902 noted that in 1843 Mr. Smalley embarked in the manufacturing business, at first making fanning-mills and plows, but later erecting a wind mill at the corner of Third and Cherry streets, where he manufactured sash, doors and blinds. He also took up the manufacture of cultivators, making as many as 500 annually, which was a large output for those times, considering the facilities with which had had to work. These cultivators and the fanning-mills as well were taken around the country and sold from wagons. His family house, occupied by his mother Rhoda Smalley and various siblings, was located at 807 W. 3rd Street, further up the bluff from this site on 2nd Street and his

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mill site. He married Sicha W. Nichols, daughter of Peter Nichols, on May 26, 1850. They had three children: David, Imogene and George W. Smalley (*History of Muscatine County, Iowa* 1879: 619; *Portrait and Biographical Album of Muscatine County, Iowa* 1889: 370; Richman 1911, Vol. 2: 30).

Actual date of construction of this house is somewhat complicated by other purchases and construction. William & Lucinda Todd sold Lot 2, Block 48 – 809 W. 3rd Street (see 70-00239) - to Abraham Smalley on September 17, 1852 (Lots Book L: 38). Smalley's family home was located next door at 807 W. 3rd Street (Lot 3), and he is listed in this household in the 1850 census. However, on May 26, 1850, Abraham Smalley married Sicha W. Nichols, and with their first child born in 1851 and perhaps this purchase in 1852 signaled a move out of the family house to the neighboring property. On February 6, 1855, he bought a lot on E. 2nd Street, on the bluff to the south, and local history states that he built a house on that lot right away in 1855. However, this date is likely based only on the date of purchase, not information on the actual construction. In the 1856 city directory, he is listed at neither of these locations, rather at the west side of Cherry, south of 3rd Street. He also owned this property in this period, as he made sash and door at southeast corner of 3rd and Cherry (across from his mother's property) in the early 1850s. However, this listing could refer to a business rather than residential location. In 1855, Abraham became involved in other real estate as well. He owned a significant amount of land on the north end of Muscatine Island near the slough. He also platted several additions as and in South Muscatine over the next few years. Abraham Smalley is not listed in the 1859 city directory, further complicating matters.

Abraham Smalley does appear in the 1860 census, but none of the families listed around his entry in the census have an address that is traceable to the Smalley house location. His wife Sicha died on April 27, 1860 at the age of 39 years old. She was buried behind the family homestead at 807 W. 3rd Street (see 70-00238). The 1860 census lists Abraham Smalley as a 45-year-old male, with the occupation of "gentleman," indicating his position in the community by this time. His real estate holdings were valued at \$40,000, with personal property at \$20,000 – a fortune for the period. His household reflects the death of his wife, and his three children are listed: David (9), Imogene (6), and George W. (3). Hama (sp?) Tuttle was listed as his 60-year-old housekeeper. She owned \$1,000 in real estate as well.

In 1861, at age 46, he married Eliza E. Mathis, also a native of New Jersey. They had two children, Esther May (who married Joseph W. Eells, a well-known lawyer of Muscatine) and Harry E. (who married Edna McElravy). By the 1866 city directory, Abraham Smalley is listed on the south side of 2nd Street, 1 west of Cherry in this at 814 W. 2nd Street. It is quite possible that he continued to live at 809 W. 3rd Street until after he married his second wife, and then built this house on W. 2nd Street for his new family around 1861. Two of his children from his first marriage died in the next two decades, David on May 2, 1866 and Imogene E. on May 7, 1873. His son George W. Smalley would later married Mary B. Lewis on May 6, 1885, and they had five children: Rhoda S., Walter L., Allan G., Ralph M. and Abraham. George died on October 8, 1910 (*History of Muscatine County, Iowa* 1879: 619; *Portrait and Biographical Album of Muscatine County, Iowa* 1889: 370; Richman 1911, Vol. 2: 30).

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The 1870 census lists Abraham as a 54-year-old carpenter, with real estate valued at \$42,000 and personal property at \$1,200. His household included his wife, E.E. (44), and four living children: Imogene (17), George (12), Esther (6), and Harry (3). The 1874 city directory lists him as living there and no occupation was listed. In 1876 city directory A. Smalley is listed as a real estate dealer, living at 141 West 2nd. In the 1877 city directory, no occupation is listed for Smalley. In 1879, A. Smalley is listed as a capitalist and living at the corner of 2nd & Cherry, roughly this location. The 1880 census lists Abraham and Eliza E. Smalley along with George (son) born 1858, Ettie (Esther, daughter) born 1864, and Harry (son) born 1867. In 1889, A. Smalley is listed as working in real estate and living at 810 West 2nd.

His biography in 1889 notes that "Mr. Smalley is one of the oldest and most highly respected citizens of Muscatine, and has done much toward building up and improving the town. His peculiar plan of selling real estate on terms so easy that any poor man with reasonable industry and frugality can secure himself a home and not feel the burden, has led to the building of hundreds of houses in lower Muscatine and Musserville, and while the owners have secured their property on easy terms Mr. Smalley has also profited by the investment." Richman wrote of him in 1911 that "For a number of years prior to his death Mr. Smalley was regarded as one of the revered patriarchs of the community. He was one of the first settlers here and not only did he make for himself a prominent position in business circles, but was also a man of considerable influence with the public life of the community." (*Portrait and Biographical Album of Muscatine County, Iowa* 1889: 370; Richman 1911, Vol. 2: 30).

In the 1891 city directory, Harry E. Smalley is listed at 810 West 2nd. He works for sash and door company. In the 1893 city directory, Abraham Smalley is listed at 810 West 2nd. He is in real estate. It also lists Harry Smalley living at 810 West 2nd. He is a wood turner. In the 1895 city directory, A Smalley (retired) lives at 810 West 2nd. There is also Esther Smalley listed at 810 West 2nd as well as Harry Smalley who worked for Rutherford and Smalley, a hats, caps and gentleman furnishings store at 115 East 2nd. In 1897 Abraham and Esther Smalley are listed at 810 West 2nd. He is listed as retired. Harry moved next door to 718 W. 2nd Street. In 1900 Abraham and his wife Eliza are listed at 810 West 2nd and no occupation is listed. Abraham Smalley was listed as an 85-year-old in the 1900 census, living at 810 W. Second Street. His wife Eliza (73) was also listed in his household, as was his son-in-law J.W. Eells (41) and daughter Esther Eells (36). They had two servants, Christine Peterson (26 – born in Sweden) and Elma Henderson (31 – born in Iowa).

Eliza E. died on June 26, 1901, and then Abraham died on March 13, 1902. The obituary for Abraham was in the Muscatine Journal March 13 and 14, 1902. On March 13, it just announced his death and the obituary in March 14 has more information. The March 14 obituary noted that "Mr. Smalley was one of the oldest settlers in the community, and had done considerable in improving and building up Muscatine. His peculiar plan of selling real estate on terms so easy that any poor man with reasonable industry and frugality could secure himself a home and not feel the burden, has led to the building of many houses in South Muscatine and Musserville, and while the owners of the property have secured the same on easy terms, Mr. Smalley profited by the investment." Abraham Smalley was one of the oldest settlers in Muscatine county, first coming here in 1838. He engaged in the manufacture of blinds, sash, and

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cultivators until 1855, when he took up his dealings in real estate. In 1856 with Green and Stone, and Jacob Butler he laid out South Muscatine and subsequently Musserville, and later the second addition to South Muscatine. He held the office of clerk of the board of county commissioners when Iowa was a territory, and served three years on the school board. In 1860, being an anti-slavery man, Abraham Smalley was a strong supporter of Abraham Lincoln and affiliated with the republican party at that time. In religious sentiment he was ever liberal, believing more in an honest, upright life than in strict adherence to any particular creed. He died on March 13 at 3:30 at his home on West Second Street. He had been in declining health since the death of his beloved wife last June, but the illness that proved fatal has lasted about a month ("Was an Old Settler", Muscatine Journal, March 14, 1902 page 2 and 8).

His estate was probated on March 17, 1902, and three living children (Esther M. Eells, Harry E. and George W.) each inherited 1/3 share of the estate. In 1902, J.W. & Esther Eells continued to live there, and he was an attorney with his own firm. This remains consistent through 1908 city directory. Their listing could not be identified in the 1910 census. Joseph W. Eells, real estate and attorney, continued to be listed at 810 W. 2nd Street in 1911.

By 1911, the house was split into two units, stretching east to west. It was likely around this time that the east one-story addition was built, as the new entry area. Later maps show the unit associated with 812 W. 2nd Street stretched across the river side while the unit associated with 810 W. 2nd Street stretched along the bluff side. The Smalley heirs continued to own the property. Joseph W. Eells, real estate and attorney, continued to live at 810. Joseph and Esther Eells continued to be listed here in 1913, 1916, 1919, 1923, and 1927. However, other residents are also listed at this address, indicating that the house was perhaps even more split by this period. In 1916, Albert R & Lilly Schreurs lived here at 810 also, and he worked at Banker Auto Co. Schreurs continued to live here in 1919, and they had been joined under the 810 address by F K & Marguerite Parmeter. He was an engineer at C., R.I. & P railroad. In the other half, 812 W. 2nd Street, Ira H and Beulah McIntire were listed in 1913 and 1916. He was the superintendent of the city schools. In 1919, Samuel A. Potts moved in, who was also the superintendent of city schools. Samuel Potts is confirmed as the resident through the 1920 census, which showed him as a renter and still working as the superintendent. The 1921 city directory continues to list him in 812 as the same.

In the early 1920s, the residents of 810 and 812 W. 2nd Street shifted slightly. Alden Schreurs and his wife Lilly were recorded as the residents of 812 in the 1923-24 through the 1927 city directory, moving from a portion of 810. He worked for the Banker Auto Company. Joseph (attorney) and Esther Eells continued to live in a portion of 810. In 1923, Genevieve Droll (bookkeeper at Banker Auto Co) lived on the 3rd floor of 810. In 1927, Artemus (traveling salesman) and Nora Potter lived in part of 810 as well as Mrs Marguerite Allbee Brown (widow Chas). The 1928 Sanborn map shows that the house has been split into two halves, 810 and 812, parallel to 2nd Street. Esther May Eells died on May 26, 1928, followed by Joseph Worrell Eells on December 14, 1931.

On June 8, 1929 a warranty deed was issued from Ralph M. Smalley & Beatrice to Walter, Rhoda (George), Allen and Lewis A. Smalley (giving each an undivided 1/5 interest in Block 4 Lots 6, 7, 8, 9,

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10). The Smalley family returned as the residents in the 1929 and 1931 directories, when Ralph and Beatrice Smalley were listed as the residents of 812 W. 2nd Street. Smalley worked as the acting county engineer. Walter and Eva Wood were also listed as residents in the 1931 city directory. The 810 West 2nd address has Mrs. Dosia Dillon and R.M. Smalley and Walter Wood listed as living there in 1931. The family continued to shift official ownership of the property. There was a warranty deed from Rhoda & Wesley George issued to Mary B. Smalley (1/5 interest) on February 28, 1933. Ralph & Beatrice Smalley later transferred their interest in the property to Allen Smalley (1/5) on April 4, 1939.

In 1934, the city directory lists Mrs. Pearl M. Smith (widow Charles) lived at 810 West 2nd. In 1936 the city directory listed Ralph M. & Beatrice Smalley at 810. He was an engineer. In the 1938 city directory, Charles K. & Ida E. McCarty lived at 810 West 2nd. He was a clerk at Eichenauer's Cigar Store. In the 810 West 2nd listing has Hildreth & V. Oela Stansell. He was listed as a "dipper." In 1934, Harold J. & Doris Gordon lived at 812 W. 2nd Street. He was an upholsterer at Dilley Furniture and Upholstering. Jas. E. and Grace Adamson were listed as the residents of 812 in the 1936-37 directory and 1938-39 directories. His occupation was not identified. The 1940-41 city directory recorded Edw. E. and Leona G. Harte as the residents of 812. He was a printer for the Muscatine Journal.

In the 1943 city directory, 810 West 2nd was listed as vacant. In 1946 city directory, George F. & LaRue Doran are listed at 810 West 2nd. He was a repairman at Henderson's garage. In the 1949 city directory, Gerald D & Darlene I Marx are listed at 810 West 2nd. He was a bulk agent. There was also a listing for Harold & Alberta Ash. There was no occupation listed. In 1952-1959, Harold & Alberta Ash are listed at 810 West 2nd. He was an employee at Grain Processing Corporation.

In 1943, Allan G. Smalley living at 812 W. 2nd Street. He and Mabel continued to live here through the 1950s and the 1960s. Allen was the son of George W. Smalley, who died on October 8, 1910, and the grandson of Abraham Smalley. Allen was born October 2, 1892. He worked at McKee Button. Mary B. Smalley, wife of George W., died November 26, 1945. Her five children inherited the estate: Allan G. (55 years), Lewis A. (45 years), Walter (57 years), Ralph (52 years) and Mrs. Rhoda George (59 years). Letters of administration went to Allan Smalley, who lived at 812 W Second Street. All liens were cancelled after her death. There was a warranty deed from Ralph, Beatrice, Rhoda, George, Wesley, Lewis and Walter Smalley to Allen G. and Mabelle Smalley to completely transfer title to them (Book 120, Page 639). In the 1946 city directory, Allan Smalley was listed at this address. He worked at McKee Button. He continued working at McKee's through 1959 city directory. In the 1962 city directory, Allan Smalley was listed at this address with no occupation listed. In the 1968 city directory, Allan G. Smalley is listed and living at 812 West 2nd.

Mabelle Smalley died January 26, 1968, and Allan G. Smalley was the executor. Allen George Smalley died on March 19, 1969. His obituary noted that he married Mabelle C. Garrison, and they had Robert A Smalley and Mrs. Bert (Betty) Weinhoff. His brothers were Ralph and Lewis (Bill) Smalley. He had one sister, Mrs. Rhoda George.

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Abraham Smalley House
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Photograph of building (digital image)



east side and "rear" of house



view of "front" of house from 1874 birds-eye view