

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

State Inventory No. 70-01018  **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 Schmidt House  
 other names/site number Field Site #: WH-051

**2. Location**

street & number 314 W 3rd  
 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) 36 Lot(s) 9 W 50'

**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: 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**

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

**7. Description**

<b>Architectural Classification</b> (Enter categories from instructions)	<b>Materials</b> (Enter categories from instructions)
<u>05D: Victorian / Queen Anne</u>	foundation <u>10A: Concrete Block</u>
_____	walls <u>02: Wood</u>
_____	roof <u>08A: 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 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 Address 314 W 3rd Site Number 70-01018  
City Muscatine 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 1915  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

**11. Form Prepared By**

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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. The house sits on a rusticated concrete block foundation. The walls are clad in wood siding. The hip roof with cross gables is clad in asphalt shingles.

The front (north) elevation has an angled two-story bay window with a gable roof on the east portion of the façade. The west portion is partially recessed, and the front hip-roof porch shown on the early Sanborn maps has been partially enclosed. There are now two entries to the house, one in the original location and one where a window in the bay window was previously. There are two one-over-one-light double-hung wood windows remaining on the first story of the bay window and three one-over-one-light double-hung wood windows on the second story. The gable of the bay window is single pane. Above the original entry, there is a small window on the second story. There is also a one-over-one-light double-hung wood window to the right. A small gable peak projects above the hip roof of the house. This small peak is decorated with bargeboard and has a small single-light window.

The east side has three windows on the first story. They are one-over-one-light double-hung wood windows. On the second story, there are two evenly spaced one-over-one-light double-hung wood windows. A small one-over-one-light wood window is located towards the back.

On the west side there is a set four one-over-one-light double-hung wood windows grouped together near the center. There are three one-over-one-light double-hung wood windows on the second story that are evenly spaced. A small gable-roof dormer is near the front of the house. It has a one-over-one-light double-hung wood window.

On the first story of the rear elevation is a one-story addition that was constructed between 1919 and 1928, according to the Sanborn maps. The porch has one-over-one-light double-hung wood windows. The lot is sloped to the rear, with the basement exposed. The porch extends over the basement garage. There are two one-over-one-light double-hung wood windows below the porch in the basement story. The entry is located in the center, and a single-car garage door is located on the right side. Above the porch on the rear of the main section of the house, there are two one-over-one-light double-hung wood windows.

## 8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The Schmidt 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.

Frederick Schmidt, physician and surgeon, was born in 1869 in Iowa to German immigrants. He is not listed in any biographies and despite working as a physician in Muscatine for nearly 50 years. He does

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not appear to have significantly contributed to the city's history. No significant event is known to have occurred at this property. In addition, although the house does retain a large amount of integrity, it does not appear to have any outstanding architectural features that would make it significant. Thus, the Schmidt House does not appear to be individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A, B, or C.

However, the Frederick Schmidt House does appear to be a contributing building in a potential "West Hill" neighborhood historic district. It falls within one historic context identified for the district: "20<sup>th</sup> century residential and neighborhood development." According to the 1900 census (he is listed as F.E. in it) Frederick and Edith Schmidt were recent newlyweds who were renting a house at 512 W. Fourth. Their decision to acquire this property and then build this house was similar to decisions being made by other newly married couples in the community. Collectively, these couples helped to stabilize the local neighborhood and maintain its growth and development. In addition, the house retains a significant amount of integrity. This house contributes to the history and architecture of this proposed historic district.

The small one-story dwelling depicted on the 1892 and earlier Sanborn maps was replaced by a larger dwelling prior to the 1899 Sanborn map, which is also shown on the 1905 and 1912 Sanborn. This dwelling is depicted on a one-story structure on these maps. The dwelling continues to be depicted with the same footprint but as a two-story building on the 1919 and later Sanborn maps. The detailing of the late Queen Anne house could be consistent with either a c.1895 or c.1915 construction date. However, with the rusticated concrete block foundation, it would appear to date toward c.1915, perhaps with the new house constructed on the old footprint. Likewise, some of the first and second story detailing indicates unified construction and early 20<sup>th</sup> century features. Thus, it appears that the current house dates to construction between 1912 and 1919.

Richard Vance bought lot 9 in 1848 for \$75, selling lot 9 on June 5, 1869 to Henry Funck for \$1400, indicating construction of the first house on this lot (Lots Book 4: 522). Anna C. and G.A. Funck deeded Lot 6 & 7 & East 20' Lot 8 W 50' Lot 9 of Block 36 to R.J. Vance on September 4, 1886 (Lots Book 21: 170). Then G.A. Funck and others deeded to sister Clara E. Hine, W 50' Lot 9 Block 36 – which is where the current house stands (Lots Book 21: 171). She and husband Newton Hine lived in the house at 310 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street (W 40' of Lot 8 and E 10' of Lot 9). Clara died on March 26, 1887. The Hine family apparently built a new house on the west 50 feet of Lot 9 between 1892 and 1899, as shown on the Sanborn maps. The 1900 census reveals that this house was rented to S.A. and Ida Borger, and 20-year-old Henry Hine lived next door at 310 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. Lot 9 and the west 40 feet of Lot 8, including two houses (310 and 314), were deeded from Newton Hine to Harry F. Hine on May 10, 1901 (Lots Book 34: 157).

Harry Hine sold the west 50' of Lot 9 in Block 36, with the house at 314 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, to Frederick E. Schmidt on June 17, 1902 for \$2600 (Lots Book 35: 630). The 1905 Sanborn map shows the same one-story house depicted in 1899. Dr. Frederick E. & Edith B. Schmidt are first listed here in 1907, and they continued to live here through 1946. The couple had no children, but they apparently raised a niece.

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The 1910 census lists Fred E. Schmidt (Schmitt) at age 40 with wife Mary Edith, age 37, and niece Edith Barnard, age 8. There is no indication in the city directories of the construction of the new house. However, Sanborn maps shows the house becoming two stories between 1912 and 1919. Though the footprint appears similar, the rusticated concrete block, 20<sup>th</sup> century window groupings, and unified first and second story details suggest a new house was built. The reason for the construction of a new house is unknown at this time. In 1916, the city directory also listed his office as being there. Perhaps this construction around 1915 indicated the anticipated incorporation of his office into his home. In the 1920 census, Fred E. Schmidt (50, doctor), Edith Schmidt (wife, 47), Edith Barnard (niece, 18), Emma Steen (roomer, 40, stenographer) and Helen Jenista (roomer, 24, teacher), all lived at 314 West 3<sup>rd</sup>. The 1920 census indicates that he owned the house, with a mortgage. The 1923 indicates that Dr. Schmidt and his wife Edith continued to live there, and he was a physician and a surgeon. Dr. Schmidt passed away in 1925. There was no obituary found in the *Muscatine Journal* in January 1925. Edith Schmidt (a widow) lived there according to the 1929 city directory. Edith B. Schmidt lived there through the 1943 city directory. She died in 1950.

Arthur W. and Selma L. Sander purchased the property from the Schmidt family on February 20, 1943. John A. Herschel and Helen Will bought the property on November 8, 1945. In the city directory of 1949, Will J. Herschel lived there but had no job listed. In 1952, Herschel is listed as well as Frederic and Catherine Joiner are listed as living upstairs. He worked as a salesman manager for Northern Gravel Company. This is the first time two families are listed at this address. In 1956, Will J. Herschel lived there as well as Roy Peterson. Herschel and Roy and Lucy M. Peterson are listed through 1959.

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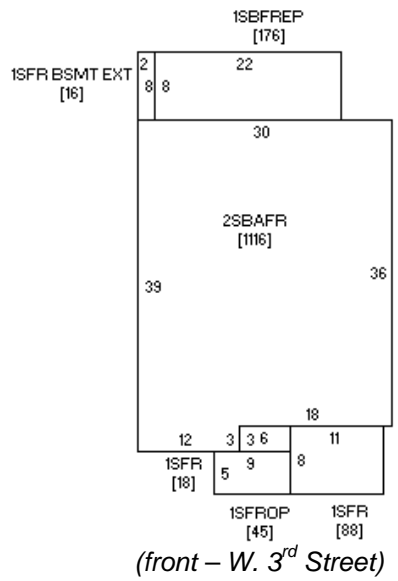
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**Location Map**



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



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## Photograph of building (digital image)

