

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

State Inventory No. 70-01118 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 Uriah Mayes House
 other names/site number Field Site #: WH-061

2. Location

street & number 210 Linn St.
 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) S 30' Lot 6 & S 30' E 1/2 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 Enter number of:	If Eligible Property, enter number of:	
		Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	_____	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> district	_____	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> object	_____	_____	_____
	_____	<u>1</u>	<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 A Historical and Architectural Survey of the "West Hill" neighborhood, Muscatine, Iowa Historical Architectural Data Base Number 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>09A01: Other House/Front-Gabled Roof</u>	foundation <u>03: Brick</u>
_____	walls <u>05E: Metal/Aluminum</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 210 Linn Street

Site Number 70-01118
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 1879 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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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, gable-front house. It sits on a brick foundation. The walls are frame, clad in aluminum siding. The gable roof is clad in asphalt shingles. The house is adjacent to an alley on a flat lot. There is no ornamentation or other decorative features on the friezes, eaves or other building surfaces. An original one-story rear extension is attached to the back of the house. A non-historic metal garage is located behind the house.

The front (east) elevation features an enclosed front porch with a recessed, open entry on the far right side. An open porch first appears on the 1899 Sanborn map, and it is shown enclosed by the 1928 map. A short set of steps lead up to the entry, which contains a flush-mounted, wood storm door with an eight-light glass insert. The door provides access into a small entry room in the main house that contains a second, flush-mounted wood door. The front porch has two two-over-two-light, double-hung, wood windows on the east elevation. There is a similar window located on the porch's north wall, which is inside the recessed entry. The remaining façade openings include a row of second-story windows located slightly to the right of center. Each window contains two-over-two-light, double-hung wood sashes.

The south side elevation contains several of the typical one-over-one-light, double-hung wood windows. One is located in the front of the porch's south wall. A similar window is located on each story near the front of the main house section. Another window is centered in the back half of the second-story wall. This window is directly above a pair of similar windows present on the first-story. The remaining opening on the south wall is an entry located on the one-story rear extension. The entry contains a flush-mounted, non-historic aluminum crossbuck storm door and a non-historic wood door with a nine-light glass insert in the upper half.

The north elevation contains a single typical, one-over-one-light, double-hung window on the first story near the back of the main house section. Another window is located on the north wall of the one-story extension. This window contains one-over-one-light, double-hung wood sashes.

The rear elevation contains two second-story windows on the back gable of the main house and two openings on the back gable of the one-story extension. Each of the main house windows contains one-over-one-light, double-hung wood sashes. A similar window is centered on the one-story's back wall. An entry is located to the left of the centered window and under a shed roof overhang. The entry contains a flush-mounted, aluminum, crossbuck storm door with a non-historic interior wood door.

A one-stall, detached garage is located behind the house. This building is clad in vinyl with a metal overhead door.

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8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The Uriah Mayes 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.

Sanborn maps and property transfer records show that carpenter Uriah Mayes constructed this house around 1879 as a family residence. Mayes was born around 1827 in (West) Virginia and arrived in Muscatine in 1854. He was a veteran of the Union army and worked as a carpenter his entire life. There were over 80 carpenters identified in the community in the 1856 city directory. Mayes does not appear to be a significant historical figure in Muscatine. No significant historic event is known to have occurred at this location. In addition, although the general footprint of the house has not changed, it has been altered with new siding. The wood windows appear historic, but the doors are non-historic. It is a generally non-descript, front-gable working family home, which are common in the neighborhood and community. Thus, the Uriah Mayes House does not appear to be individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A, B, or C

However, the Uriah Mayes House does appear to be a contributing building in a potential "West Hill" neighborhood historic district. The house was constructed as a working class affordable home that helped the neighborhood establish itself as a mixed economic and social community. Although Mayes only lived a few years in the house, after selling it the house was used almost continuously and in one family's case for nearly 40 years. The decision to construct the house, possibly as a speculative investment, likely encouraged other developers to build homes, increasing the population and economic base. This helped create a stable anchor in the community and likely helped convince others to move into the neighborhood. This house contributes historically and architecturally to this proposed historic district.

This house does not appear to be depicted on the 1874 bird's-eye view of Muscatine, but it is shown on the 1883 Sanborn map. The bird's-eye view does show a relatively large, side-gable building at this site, but by 1883 it is gone and small residential buildings are located on the lot. Uriah's wife Margaret bought the S 30' of Lot 6 and the S 30' of the E ½ of Lot 7, all in Block 37 from James Jackson on May 1, 1877 for \$1 (Book 12, Page 89). Jackson had acquired it, along with the S 35' of the W ½ of Lot 7, Block 37 from Cora Weed only five days earlier on April 26, 1877 (Book 12; Page 86f). Jackson had paid \$800 for the two parcels, indicating it was unlikely any buildings had been on the lot at that time. Mayes and his family are recorded as living on "3d nw cor Spruce" in the 1877-78 city directory. However, in the 1879 directory he is listed as the resident of the property located at "w s Linn b. 2d and 3d. He is identified as a carpenter in both directories. He is listed as living at the "w s Linn b 2d and 3d," in the 1879 directory. This is the current location for 210 Linn. The 1883-86 directory was the first to actually identify the location as 210 Linn. In addition to Uriah, others listed at the house included Chas Mayes, a printer; James Mayes, also a printer; and R. Mayes, a carriage tri mer worker. According to the 1880 census, Charles, 28; James, 25; and Rinaldo, 18, all were sons of Uriah, 53; and his wife Margaret, 43. Uriah

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continued to be listed at 210 Linn in the 1886-87 and 1889-92 directories, but no sons were recorded. Margaret was identified in the 1889-92 edition as a dressmaker.

Although the family may have remained here for a year or two, the Mayes sold the S 30' of Lot 6 and the S 30' of the E ½ of Lot 7, Block 37 on March 20, 1889 to Dr. G.O. Morgridge for \$2250 (Book 21, Page 709). Interestingly, in 1891 Uriah C Mayes was listed at 318 West 3rd Street (roughly across the street) as a carpenter, though no house is yet shown here on the 1892 Sanborn map. Mayes died on September 16, 1891 in Muscatine. His wife passed away in 1922 in Kansas City, where their son Charles had moved. Morgridge, a physician and surgeon, lived at 409 W. Fourth. He apparently rented the house to unknown tenants or left it vacant for the next year.

On April 10, 1890, Morgridge sold the property to Helen Jackson, widow of James, who had sold the parcel to Margaret Mayes in 1877. Helen is first listed at 210 Linn in the 1891-92 city directory. Helen continued to be listed as the resident of 210 Linn through the 1919 city directory. Throughout this time, no occupation is listed for her. The 1900 census confirmed Jackson, 67, as the owner/resident of 210 Linn. "N.G." was listed under occupation for her. A daughter, Eva Johnson, 48, single, was also listed as a resident. Johnson was identified as a schoolteacher. Jackson and her daughter continued to be listed at 210 Linn in the 1910 census. No occupation was recorded for Jackson, while Johnson was still listed as a teacher. Jackson died on September 25, 1918, but no obituary could be located for her. Eva Johnson was not recorded in the 1920 census.

Johnson also not listed as a "legatee of Helen Jackson (deceased), on the February 7, 1921 deed transferring ownership of the S 30' of Lot 6 and the S 30' of the E ½ of Lot 7, Block 37 to Elizabeth Wigim for \$1 (Book 56; Page 691). The "legatees", who were listed as the property grantors, were only identified by their first names, Belle, James, Daisy, Terry and Jennie. It is unknown who they were or what association or relationship they had with Jackson. It is also unknown what happened to Eva Johnson. Interestingly, Elizabeth and Adam Wigim had been listed next to Jackson in the 1910 census. The 1920 census however recorded them at 403? W. Second. Wigim, 67, was listed as having no occupation. His wife, 43, an Irish immigrant, also had no occupation. A daughter, Gertrude, 23, was listed as a resident and also had no occupation identified. Edgar Shaffnit, 30, an electrician, was listed as a boarder. Wigim and Elizabeth were identified as the residents in the 1921 to 1931 city directory. The 1921 directory listed him as retired. Wigim died on October 17, 1932. Mrs. Elizabeth Wigim, widow, continued to be listed as the lone resident in the 1934 and 1936-37 city directories. She is also listed as a resident in the 1938-39 directory, but Jas DeCamp and his wife Iris are also recorded as residents, indicating Wigim continued to lease part of the house to tenants. DeCamp was a driver for the Gobble Grocery Company. The directory only lists 210 Linn, indicating the three might have been related. The 1940-41 and 1943 directories also only listed a single address at 210 Linn. The 1940-41 directory listed John R. and Nadine Wood as the residents. He was an agent for the Rock Island Master Transit Company.

Gertrude Wigim Nickerson, a daughter, sold the property on November 8, 1941 to Lorena Thatcher (Book 102; Page 38). The 1943 directory showed Mrs. Lorena Thatcher, widow of Frank, as the resident.

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Thatcher sold the house to W.D. and Mae Schuyler on May 10, 1943 (Book 103; Page 497). They apparently converted it into a duplex, because in the 1946 directory, two addresses were recorded for this property. The 1946 directory showed Dell W. Schuyler and his wife Mae were the residents at 210 Linn, while 210-1/2 Linn was listed, but no one was recorded as a resident.

Robert D. and Pauline Baille purchased the property from Mae Schuyler, widow, on June 5, 1947 (Book 121; Page 180). The Bailles were listed as the residents of 210 Linn. He was a purchasing agent for Carver Pump. Robert and Shirley Garfoot were listed in the 1956 directory as the resident of 210-1/2 Linn. Garfoot was an engineer for Stanley Engineering. The 210-1/2 Linn address was included in the 1954 and 1952 directory, but there was no listing of a resident in either book.

The Bailles sold the house to William E. and Elma P. King on June 29, 1957 (Book 172; Page 278). They apparently rented the house to tenants. The 1958 directory showed 210 Linn was vacant, while Larry and Norma Fillingham were the residents of 210-1/2 Linn. Fillingham was an engineering aid at Stanley Engineering. Mrs. Laura E. Tipton, widow of Roy E., was listed as the resident of 210 in the 1959 directory. No occupation was listed for her. Franklin and Janet Burr were listed as the residents of 210-1/2 Linn that same year. His occupation was recorded as an employee of Grain Processing.

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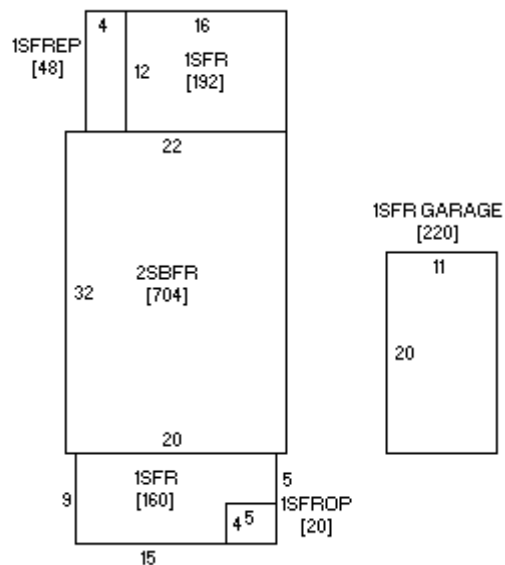
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Location Map



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



(front – Linn Street)

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Photograph of building (digital image)

