

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

State Inventory No. 70-01023 ☒ 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 Dreier House
other names/site number Field Site #: WH-064

2. Location

street & number 406 W. 3rd 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) W 1/2 lot 7 & E 15 ft. lot 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	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<i>If Non-Eligible Property</i>	<i>If Eligible Property, enter number of:</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> district	Enter number of:	Contributing Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____ buildings	_____ 2 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____ sites	_____ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> object	_____ structures	_____ _____
	_____ objects	_____ _____
	_____ Total	_____ 2 _____
		_____ buildings _____ sites _____ structures _____ objects _____ 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 70-000

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>05D: Late Victorian / Queen Anne</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 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.

Evaluated by (name/title): _____ Date: _____

Iowa Site Inventory Form Continuation Sheet

Site Number 70-01023

Related District Number 70-01005

Page 3

Dreier House
Name of Property

Muscatine
County

406 W. 3rd St
Address

Muscatine
City

7. Narrative Description

This is a two-story, three-bay, Queen Anne house. It sits on a brick foundation. The walls are common bond stretcher brick. The combination roof is clad in asphalt shingle. The main roof has a front gable clad in vinyl siding. All of the windows throughout are double-hung vinyl replacement windows. There are also three double sliders and one is a single light fixed window. All windows are surrounded by vinyl. All windows and doorways are topped with a segmental brick arch lintel.

The front gable is centered on the front (north) of the house. A wrap-around porch stretches across the front of the house around to the west side entrance. The porch is updated from the original with 4x4 square supports and a deck style railing and floor. The double-door entry is located on the left bay of the first story. It appears to have the original wood doors with hand carving and a single pane of glass in each door. The storm doors have been updated to full-length glass and aluminum with brass fixtures. The middle and right bay have one-over-one-light double-hung vinyl windows. The second story has three one-over-one-light double-hung vinyl windows. The front gable has a single one-over-one double-hung window centered at the peak.

As the porch continues around the west elevation of the house there is a single one-over-one-light double-hung window and a single door entry. This door appears to be an original wood door with three horizontal windows. A two-story angled bay window is roughly centered on this elevation, and it has a gable roof and brackets support each of the three 45° corners. There are three more one-over-one light double-hung windows and one small single pane single hung window on the first story west elevation of the house. The second story has five one-over-one-light double-hung windows, including three in the bay window. There is a single one-over-one-light double-hung vinyl window centered in the gable above the bay window. A second side gable is located behind the bay window. Both gables are clad in the original fishscale shingles.

On the first story of the east side elevation of the house is one one-over-one-light double-hung vinyl replacement window and one one-over-one light double-hung slider replacement window. There is an addition where the Sanborn maps have indicated a porch. The enclosed porch has two one-over-one light double-hung slider vinyl windows. There are two one-over-one light double hung vinyl replacement windows in the second story on the main part of the brick over the enclosed porch.

The south (rear) elevation of the house has two one-over-one-light double-hung replacement vinyl windows on the first story. The rear gable is brick with a single small one-over-one-light double-hung vinyl replacement window centered in this main gable. There are no windows on the second story main part of the house. Another rear gable, which is recessed over the enclosed porch, is original wood clapboard. There is a single second story one-over-one light double-hung vinyl replacement window centered below the recessed gable. There is a vinyl sided addition where the Sanborn maps indicated a back open porch. The enclosed porch has a flat roof with asphalt shingles and a single door entry with a

Iowa Site Inventory Form Continuation Sheet

Site Number 70-01023

Related District Number 70-01005

Page 4

Dreier House
Name of Property

Muscatine
County

406 W. 3rd St
Address

Muscatine
City

single window. The rear door comes out on to a 6X13 walkway constructed with deck boards and that opens up to a two-tiered deck.

The entry leads into a front entry hall with stairs. A parlor is found in the front of the house with a fireplace. There are two rooms across the middle and a kitchen behind with a small 6x15 room off the west side used as pantry and then the 8x15 addition. The basement staircase, the back staircase and the attic staircase all run up the rear of the house. The house retains some of the original wood floors, some original moldings and doors and a built in china cabinet in one of the middle rooms. All the original moldings have been painted but the left front door has been stripped and restored and the staircase has been stripped and is in the process of being restored. The wood fireplace mantel appears to be original with appliquéd wood detail possibly added later or possible original, it has been painted.

The small one car frame garage sits behind the house at the alley. It is clad in concrete and has a front gable roof. The garage faces the alley along the back of the house, and the garage door is a two door with one side sliding on a track and the other opening out into the alley. A small window and pedestrian door are located on the west elevation. This garage is indicated as 408 1/3 on the 1946 Sanborn map, found in this location. It appears to date back to at least 1919, based on the Sanborn maps.

8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The Dreier 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 original residents of this house in 1901 include Marie Dreier, widow of Charles W. Dreier, and her children: Edward H. Dreier, advertising manager for the Journal, Dorothea Dreier, student, and Casper Lutz Dreier, stenographer for MN & S. None of these people or the later residents appear to be particularly significant. No significant events appear to be associated with this house. Finally, the Queen Anne house retains a high level of integrity, but there are several additional examples of this style in the West Hill neighborhood and throughout Muscatine. With the replacement windows, replacement porch, the enclosed rear porch, and the deck, it does not appear to be an outstanding example of the Queen Anne style. Thus the Dreier house does appear to be individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A, B, or C.

However, the Dreier House does appear to be a contributing building in a potential "West Hill" neighborhood historic district. It reflects the neighborhood development of this area around the turn of the 20th century. Though the house has some updated features such as the vinyl sided gable, new vinyl replacement windows, and the enclosed rear porch and deck, it still retains much of many of the Queen Anne features. The house contributes historically and architecturally to this potential historic district.

The 1901 city directory lists Marie Dreier as the first resident of 406 W. 3rd Street, which at this time was known as 404 W. 3rd St. according to the Sanborn maps. She purchased this lot from the Davidsons and

Iowa Site Inventory Form Continuation Sheet

Site Number 70-01023

Related District Number 70-01005

Page 5

<u>Dreier House</u>	<u>Muscatine</u>
Name of Property	County
<u>406 W. 3rd St</u>	<u>Muscatine</u>
Address	City

is indicated as the owner in January 1901 and then a mortgage for \$1600 was secured in April of 1901 (Abstract of 406 W. 3rd Street – Deed Book 33: page 740). This house is not shown on the 1899 Sanborn map. The 1905 Sanborn map shows the house on the lot with the address of 404 but in 1912 it was listed as 406 with (404) noted. The house is indicated to have an open wrap-around front porch as well as a small open porch off the back of the house. Marie Dreier is listed in the city directories in this house until 1915.

Marie Dreier, widow of Charles W. Dreier, moved from 123 W. 3rd Street to 406 W. 3rd Street in 1901. Her household at 123 W. 3rd Street in the 1900 census included herself (43), her son Ludwig (19), her son H. Edward (17), her daughter Sara (15), and her son Carl (13). These family members, as well as others, appear to have moved with her to this new house. In addition to Marie, the 1901 city directory lists Edward H. Dreier, advertising manager for the Journal, Dorothea Dreier, student, and Casper Lutz Dreier, stenographer for MN & S as boarders. While they are indicated as “boarding” at this location, they were likely just living with their relative. The 1905 Sanborn map does not indicate that this house was a duplex or had separate units. The 1911 city directory indicates M. A. Dreier and Casper L, the Vice counsel “Gen Ecuador”, H. Edward, an advertising solicitor for the Muscatine Journal, and Dorothea, a clerk, as the current residents at this address.

On September 4, 1915 Marie Dreier sold the house to William and Ethel Votaw (Abstract of 406 W. 3rd Street – Deed Book 49: page 516). The Votaws secured a mortgage of \$2,000 from First Trust and Savings on September 3, 1915. William and Ethel are first listed at this address in the 1916 city directory and William is identified as working as a joint agent for CRI & P / CM & SP railroads. The 1920 census lists him as a 45-year-old railroad agent, living with his wife Ethel (42), son Robert (14), and daughter Virginia (10). In 1921 William Votaw is indicated as being the manager of Puritan Ice Co. He continues to be listed with that occupation through 1936-37 city directory. William died in early 1938. He left his interest in the property of 406 W. 3rd Street to his widow, Ethel Votaw (Abstract of 406 W. 3rd Street – Book 89 of Lots: page 131). She continued to live in this house until she sold it in November of 1938.

On November 16, 1938, Ethel E. Votaw sold the house to Carl E. and Bernice M. LeFever (abstract for 406 W. 3rd Street – Deed Book 89: page 204). The city directory for 1940 –41 indicates that Carl was a farm hand and that Helen J. LeFever an NW Bell Telephone Co Operator, and Ruth H. LeFever, stenographer also resided at the 406 W. 3rd Street address. In 1943 the city directory identifies Carl as a foreman for Peter Products. In 1949, Reverend Freeman and Helen Schmitt are listed in addition to the LeFeveres as residents of this address. Freeman was the pastor for Lincoln Boulevard Baptist Church. The LeFeveres and Schmitts are shown as residents at this address until 1953. In 1954 Charles A. and Shirley McGriff and Roy L. Anderson are identified as the residents of this property. Charles was a draftsman and Roy a construction worker. Charles and Sandra Maher and Lee L. and Rosemary Maurath are listed as the residents according to the 1956 city directory. Maher identified as a clerk at Alcoa and Maurath as working the meat counter at Markins.

On May 4, 1957, Carl and Bernice LeFever sold the house to Charles W. and Hazel Pollock (abstract for 406 W. 3rd Street – Deed Book 169: page 493). The city directories indicate that Ronald H. and Joan M. Harris are the current residents of this address. Ronald is identified as an engineer for Stanley. In 1959

Iowa Site Inventory Form Continuation Sheet

Site Number 70-01023

Related District Number 70-01005

Page 6

Dreier House
Name of Property

Muscatine
County

406 W. 3rd St
Address

Muscatine
City

city directory Robert L. and Jeanette E. Luiken are shown as the current residents for the 406 W. 3rd St property. Robert is identified as an engineer aide at Stanley.

On August 18th 1969, Charles and Hazel Pollock sold the house to Robert J. and Sandra L. Harper for the purchase price of \$10,500 (abstract for 406 W. 3rd Street – Deed Book 244: page 760.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

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

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

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

History of Muscatine County, Iowa. Chicago: Western Historical Company, 1879.

Sanborn Map Company. "Muscatine, Iowa," Sanborn fire insurance maps. Pelham, NY: Sanborn Map Company, 1883, 1888, 1892, 1899, 1907, 1912, 1919, 1928. Accessed online at: Sanborn.umi.com.

Location Map



Iowa Site Inventory Form Continuation Sheet

Site Number 70-01023

Related District Number 70-01005

Page 7

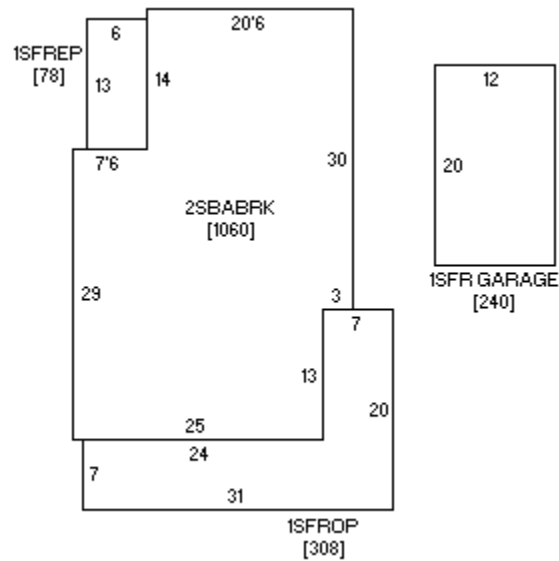
Dreier House
Name of Property

Muscatine
County

406 W. 3rd St
Address

Muscatine
City

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



(front – W. 3rd Street)

Photograph of building (digital image)

