

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

State Inventory No. 70-01025  **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 Fulliam-Crull House  
 other names/site number Field Site #: WH-066

**2. Location**

street & number 412 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 10' Lot 8 & E 22' Lot 9

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

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>07E: Late 19<sup>th</sup> &amp; Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century American</u> <u>Movements/Bungalow/Craftsman</u>	foundation <u>10A: Concrete/Block (rusticated)</u>
_____	walls <u>06: Stucco</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 Address 412 W. Third Street Site Number 70-01025  
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

**Significant Dates**

Construction date 1914  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

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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, two-bay, gable-front house. It sets on a rusticated concrete block foundation. The walls are clad in stucco. The roof is clad in asphalt shingles. This house and the house immediately west of it at 414 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> are mirror images of each other, and most likely were constructed at the same time and by the same builder. Both replaced one earlier house on this site between 1912 and 1919, according to the Sanborn maps. The rear of this house has been altered; otherwise all the elevations of both houses contain the same fenestration and design. The foundation of each porch is also different. The porch at 412 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> has a brick foundation around its entire perimeter while the foundation of 414 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> is open with rusticated concrete block piers at support points. The only decorative features on 412 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> are slightly arched crowns over the windows and doors. Neither house features any ornamentation or other decorative features on the friezes, eaves or other building surfaces. An historic brick garage is located behind the house at 412 W. 3<sup>rd</sup>, but only the east side of the original brick surface remains exposed. The remainder is clad in metal. The back of each lot drops off sharply at the rear.

The front (north) elevation of 412 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> features an open front porch with an asymmetrical façade created by an off-centered access opening and set of steps. The entry and double-hung window are centered on the right half of the house while the cottage window is centered on the left half. The porch access is located to the right of the porch center. Three stucco-covered columns support the porch's hip roof, which extends down in a low slope from just below a pair of second-story windows centered in the upper gable. Each of these windows contains one-over-one-light, double-hung, historic, wood sashes. The porch columns create two equal openings, with the porch access steps located just to the right of the center column. The access steps lead to an entry on the house that contains a flush-mounted, historic, wood door with a single-light in the upper portion. A single one-over-one-light, double-hung window is located to the right of the entry. A fixed, two-light cottage window with a transom window is located to the left of the entry in the left half of the facade.

The west side elevation contains a centered entry with a flush-mounted wood door with an upper window. An opening with a single, fixed window is located directly above the entry. The remaining opening on the west elevation of the original house is a pair of one-over-one-light, double-hung wood windows that is centered on the back half of the wall.

The east side elevation contains three openings. The right opening is a single window containing one-over-one-light, double-hung wood sashes. It is centered in the north half of the wall. The back opening features a pair of similar windows set to the left of the wall's center. A gable-roof dormer is centered on the roof. It contains a single-light, fixed attic window.

The rear elevation of this house has been altered by the construction of a second story to an original rear porch. The porch covered the entire west half of the back wall and about two-thirds of the east half. The second-story addition appears on the 1928 Sanborn. The south wall of the addition contains six openings on the first-story and four openings on the second-story. The third opening from the left on the first story

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contains an entry. The entry includes a flush-mounted aluminum storm door with an historic, wood-panel, interior door. The interior door has its top half divided into three lights. A three-light transom is located above the door. An awning is also located over the entry. A second interior door is located inside the porch. This wood door matches the first porch door, including the three lights in the top half. No transom is located over this door. All the remaining openings, including those on the second story, contain historic, one-over-one-light, double-hung wood windows. A small, open, two-level deck is also present in the back and acts as access steps to the entry. The addition also contains groups of first- and second-story windows on both its east and west walls. Three windows are present in each group. The second story windows contain one-over-one-light, double-hung wood sashes. The first story windows are one-over-one-light, double-hung aluminum combination windows.

An historic, single stall, brick garage is present at the rear of the lot. The back (north elevation) of the garage abuts a brick retaining wall that might have formerly served as a foundation for a building. The garage has a low-sloping shed roof. A solid metal overhead door covers the single entry to the garage from the alley. The west and south elevations of the garage have been clad in metal. The east elevation is exposed, except for a wide piece of metal that covers the cornice.

## 8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The Fulliam-Crull 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.

Prominent Muscatine physician and surgeon E.B. Fulliam, Sr., constructed this house and a twin house next door at 414 W. Third around 1914. Two primary reasons for the construction are possible. One speculation is he built the houses for his daughters, Hortense and Gertrude, keeping both identical to prevent any family feuding. The second possibility is that he built both houses as rentals, and after selling 412 to Gertrude, felt obligated to make a similar gesture to Hortense. Fulliam and his wife Jeannette, who was actually the girls' stepmother, had earlier moved to 416 W. Third. Fulliam was born on March 10, 1854 in Muscatine. He was a successful physician in the community, as well as a five-time mayor, state legislator and business leader. While there is no evidence Fulliam ever lived in 414 W. Fourth, he and his family are recorded as residents of 412 W. Third in the 1913 city directory. It is unknown if that listing is for the current house or an earlier one that was demolished to make room for the two new houses. In any case, most of Fulliam's significance as a local leader occurred at other houses. Also unlike the house at 414 W. Fourth, Fulliam's daughter Gertrude does appear to have lived for a considerable period in this house. However, neither she nor her two husbands appear to have been historically significant in the community. No historical event is known to have occurred at this location. The integrity of the house is generally good, with historic windows and doors present. A second-story addition has been added to an original rear porch. However, this addition appears on the 1928 Sanborn map and is therefore an historic alteration by a previous owner to improve the use of the property. It is also interesting to note the mirror images of this house and its neighbor at 414 W. Fourth. Apparently

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Fulliam was interested in either keeping his family in close proximity or wanted to provide his daughters an economic legacy. It is unknown if this was a unique construction project in the neighborhood, but it likely was at least an uncommon effort. However, other Craftsman style homes are located in the neighborhood and the houses at 412 and 414 W. Third do not exhibit any unusual architectural feature or characteristic that make them particularly significant. Thus, the Fulliam-Crull House does not appear to be individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A, B, or C. However, future research could show the construction of these houses was a unique event that was rarely duplicated in the community. If that was demonstrated, it would appear the two houses would qualify as individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A as a significant neighborhood development.

However, the Fulliam-Crull House does appear to be a contributing building in a potential "West Hill" neighborhood historic district. This house and its identical neighbor at 414 W. Third were built by E.B. Fulliam, Sr. Identical houses were also constructed at 209 W. Fourth and 211 W. Fourth; although these appeared to be more directly tied to rental use. Fulliam's decision to build the houses would have demonstrated to his neighbors and the community in general that he continued to view the West Hill as an area of growth and stability. Such a demonstration by a former civic leader and a trusted physician would have solidified the neighborhood's reputation as a good location to raise a family, further strengthening its position in the community. This house contributes to the historical and architectural significance of this potential historic district.

Dr. E.B. (Edmund) Fulliam constructed both this house at 412 W. Third and a companion house next door at 414 W. Third, possibly for his two daughters, Hortense and Gertrude; or as rental units, around 1914. He purchased the W 10' of Lot 8 and all of Lots 9 and 10, all in Block 37 from Eustace P. Hunt-Smith on September 28, 1912 (Book 45; Page 81). The 1912 Sanborn maps shows the earlier house, with the 1919 map showing the two new houses. Fulliam and his wife Jeannette, the girls' stepmother, were already living at 416 W. Fourth. Fulliam was a well-known and successful physician, surgeon, business and civic leader in the community. However, these activities were prior to his acquisition of the 416 W. Third properties, and he lived at other properties at the time. Fulliam; his wife Jeannette; Hortense, a kindergarten teacher; Gertrude, a music student; and Stonewall Fulliam, E.B.'s brother, are all recorded at 412 W. Third in the 1913 Muscatine City Directory. However, this could be an earlier house that was located on Lot 9, Block 37. It appears the family lived at this address while work was likely done to their house at 416 W. Third, which is listed as vacant in the 1913 directory. He transferred the W 10' of Lot 8 and the E 22' of Lot 9, Block 37 to Gertrude Fulliam Crull on November 6, 1916 for \$1 (Book 50; Page 240). The 1916 city directory is the first one in which residents in both 412 W. Third and 414 W. Third are recorded. (No directories between 1913 and 1916). While Hortense Fulliam does not appear to have moved into her house, and her whereabouts for several years is unknown, Gertrude and her new husband, L.A. Crull, appear to have used the new house immediately. Crull, an attorney, and Gertrude are recorded in the 1916 through the 1927 city directories. Crull was identified in the later directories as the county attorney. Gertrude is later identified as Gertrude Korling, indicating Crull either died or the couple divorced. The 1920 census does show Lewis L., 27, and Gertrude, 30, Crull as the residents. He is identified as the county attorney in the census. The 1929 directory listed Byron Layton

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and his wife Helen as the residents. He was a civil engineer. From 1931-1934, Warren J. and Grace Martin were identified in the city directories as the residents of 412 W. Third. He was the manager of the Muscatine Pearl Works. Gertrude (Fulliam/Crull) Korling and Betil, who is assumed to have married Gertrude sometime prior to their return, were listed in the 1936-37 directory as the residents. Their occupations were not identified. No birth, death or marriage record for Gertrude or B. Korling or Gertrude Crull could be located at the Muscatine County Courthouse. They were followed in the 1938-39 directory by Bingham G. Birch. No wife was listed for Birch, who worked as a grain dealer. The 1940-41 directory listed Kermit V. Honts as the resident. His occupation was not listed.

On August 11, 1941, Gertrude F. and B. Korling of Boxar County, Texas sold the W 10' of Lot 8 and the E 22' of Lot 9, Block 37 to Arthur and Edna Hahnbaum (Book 97; Page 443). The Hahnbahns are not listed as residents of 412 W. Fourth. The 1943 directory identifies Harvey Christiansen as living at the house. There was no alpha listing of Christiansen in the directory.

The Hahnbaums sold the property on December 18, 1945 to Clyde and Florence Gabriel (Book 112; Page 500). They also continued to rent the house. Paul G. and Bernice Petersen were listed in the 1946 directory as the residents. Petersen was serving in the U.S. Army.

The property was sold again on January 29, 1949 to Ralph, Jr. and Marian Welch (Book 129; Page 355). They transferred it two days later to Hakes and Hakes, C.C., but this was apparently to secure a contract or other sale arrangement (Book 127; Page 229), since they remained in ownership of the property. The 1949-52 directories show Ralph S. Welch, Jr. and his wife Marian living there. Welch was identified as a mechanic for Ubelhoer Motors in the 1949 directory and a shop foreman for Leu Garage in the 1952 directory.

Ralph and Marian Welch sold the house on April 4, 1953 to LaMoyne and Doris Jacobs. The Jacobs are recorded in the 1954 directory as the residents. He worked as a meat cutter at Markin Market.

William G. and Bernice L. DeVries purchased the property on February 24, 1955 (Book 124; Page 438). They are listed as residents in the 1956 through the 1959 directories. Bernice DeVries, a nurse, remained listed in the 1958 directory as a resident, but DeVries was omitted, possibly because of printer's error. William G. DeVries remained the owner of the house until he sold it in 1985. He was identified as a wood worker for Roach and Musser in the 1956 and 1959 directories.

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## Location Map



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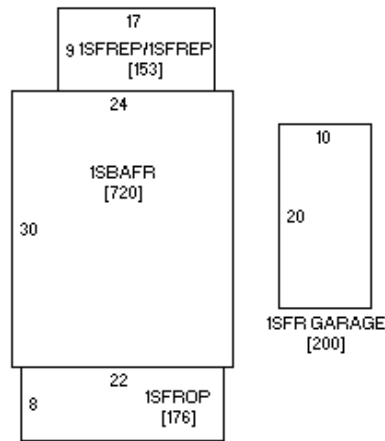
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## Plans of buildings on site (from assessor's office)



(front – W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street)

## Photograph of building (digital image)

