

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

State Inventory No. 70-01026 **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 Aaron C. Noble House #2
 other names/site number Field Site #: WH-074

2. Location

street & number 413 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) 52 Lot(s) E 40' LOT 2

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>	<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>	<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>01A01: Domestic / Single residence</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)	Materials (Enter categories from instructions)
<u>09A06: House / Four-Square</u>	foundation <u>03 Brick</u>
_____	walls <u>03 Brick</u>
_____	roof <u>08A Asphalt Shingles</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
City Muscatine

Address 413 W. 3rd Street

Site Number 70-01026
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 1914 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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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, Four-Square with craftsman influences house. The house sits on a brick foundation. The walls are brick. The hip roof is clad in asphalt shingles.

The front (south) elevation is characterized by the brick front porch. The porch is two-bay with the west bay open and leading to the house door entry and the east bay enclosed as a screened in porch. A set of concrete steps flanked by brick walls with concrete capstones extending out from the porch leads from the ground elevation to the porch level. The lower level of the porch is enclosed with brick with a concrete lintel separating the lower level from the porch walls. The porch knee walls are brick with concrete capstone. Three brick columns with decorative column cornices support the porch roof. The entry to the house has a wood door with a large single light set in a door frame containing sidelights, but no transom. The screening of the west bay is divided into three sections facing the street, three sections to the east, and three sections facing the west portion of the porch. The southern section of the elevation contains the screen door entry to the east portion of the porch. The house behind the enclosed east porch has a large single-over-single light double-hung window. The porch roof is hip with wood eaves and no brackets. The second story has two equally spaced single-over-single light double-hung windows. The dormer on the roof has two single-light attic windows.

The front bay of the west elevation contains a single light window in the first story and a single-over-single light double-hung window in the second story. The next bay protrudes slightly from the main house and contains single-over-single light double-hung window in the first story and a pair of single-over-single light double-hung windows in the second story. The next bay sits between the house chimney towards the rear and the protruding second bay and contains a single-over-single light double-hung window in the first story adjacent to a three sided wood frame bay window with single lights in each of the three sides. The window bay has a slanted roof. The second story of the bay contains two single-over-single light double-hung windows with one being smaller than the other. The rear bay is a frame addition that has two single-over-single-light double-hung windows in the second story and single-over-single-light double-hung window in the first story. The windows in the brick portion of the elevation have concrete/stone sills. The roof dormer has two single-light attic windows.

The first bay of the east elevation sits in from of the substantial brick chimney and fireplace and contains two smaller single light windows. The next bay sits between the chimney and the next bay, which protrudes slightly from the house. The bay contains a smaller single light window in the first story and two single-over-single light double-hung windows of differing sizes in the second story. The dormer has two single-light attic windows. The east elevation of the rear addition contains a single-over-single light double-hung window in the second story brick portion with a door entry onto a second story frame porch in the northeast corner of the rear addition. The entry has a single light transom. The first story of the rear addition is frame with a single-over-single light double-hung window set in brick portion and a single-over-single light double-hung window set in the frame portion of the rear. The rear has a brick column in

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the first story for the northeast corner. A single tapered wood box column supports the corner of the porch roof.

The rear elevation consists of the brick, two story main house in the east bay and a two-story gable-end rear addition in the west bay. The first floor of the main house contains a small single-light window and the second story contains a single-over-single light double-hung window. The first story of the rear addition contains a single-over-single-light double-hung window in the east portion and a rear entry in the west portion. The second story of the rear addition contains a single-over-single-light double-hung window in the east porch and a set of three single-over-single-light double-hung windows in the west portion. The end gable has clapboard siding and a single light window.

The garage is side gable with vertical wood siding sitting on a concrete block foundation. The north elevation fronts the alley and has a large two-car aluminum garage door. The door has three rows of stamped panels with a fourth row of seven four-light windows at the top. The garage door is located at the west portion of the elevation. The east elevation has a small single-over-single light double-hung window set towards the south corner. The gable has no openings and vertical wood siding. The west elevation has a small single-over-single light double-hung window set towards the south corner. The gable has no openings and vertical wood siding.

8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The Aaron C. Noble House #2 does not appear to be individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A, B, C. However, it does appear to be a contributing building in a potential "West Hill" neighborhood historic district.

This brick Foursquare is a later version and not the classic Foursquare although it is a fine house with good historic integrity that was built around 1914. He bought the entire lot and constructed the house on the west half around 1906, selling it in 1914 and moving into this house that was constructed by this time. This east half of the lot was vacant in 1912. However, there are perhaps other more classic examples of Foursquare styling in Muscatine. The house represents the pinnacle of Aaron Noble's life having lived at previous locations including adjoining 415 W. 3rd. While at 413 W. 3rd Mr. Noble was elected state representative in the early 1920s, returned to the livestock buying business, and then became President of Farmers Mutual Insurance. He finished his career at this location with both he and his wife Cora dying while at this location. While a fairly prominent citizen as indicated by election as state representative, he appears to have made no other significant impact on the history of Muscatine or Iowa. Thus, The Aaron C. Noble House #2 does not appear to be individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A, B, C.

However, the Aaron C. Noble House #2 does appear to be a contributing building in a potential "West Hill" neighborhood historic district. This fine Foursquare house represents evolution of the neighborhood as it and its neighbor, 415 W. 3rd replaced an earlier home at this location and is the final home for A.C.

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Noble. A.C. Noble was a fairly prominent businessman that was elected state representative. The home would likely be a strong contributing building to a potential historic district.

Sanborn map review indicates that there was a large house that occupied Lot 2 of Blk 52 prior to 1912, which was associated with the address of 413 W. 3rd Street. The 1912 map shows the present 415 W. 3rd house (E10' Lt 1 & W. 20' Lt 2 Blk 52) and no house at the present address of 413 W. 3rd (E40' Lt 2, Blk 52). (The corner house became 417 W. 3rd Street). The house at the present address of 413 W. 3rd shows up first in the 1919 Sanborn. This house at 415 W. 3rd appears to be first listed in the 1908 directory and perhaps was constructed by Noble as a first house with adjoining 413 W. 3rd house constructed later in about 1914, as evidenced by the start of city directory listings for the 413 W. 3rd address in 1916.

This house was constructed around 1914, replacing an earlier house that spanned the entire Lot 2 and was on the lots of the current 415 W. 3rd and 413 W. 3rd and listed at 413 W. 3rd. AC Noble bought the east 10' lot 1 and all of lot 2 in block 52 from Lyman W. Olds estate for consideration \$4000 on January 27, 1906 (34:764). The price indicates improvements on the lot, so it appears that the large house had yet to be demolished. Noble apparently demolished this house, and built a house for himself at the new 415 address on the west portion of Lot 2. The house appears to have been built in 1906 or 1907, with the 1908 city directory listing Aaron Noble, livestock, and wife Cora C. at 415 W. 3rd Street. They are also listed here in 1911. There is no listing for this current 413 address in the 1908-1913 directories. A.C. Noble was listed at 415 W. 3rd in 1913 yet. The 1912 Sanborn map shows the east portion of the lot as vacant, with the house appearing in 1919. Based on the sale of the west portion of the property with the new house at 415 to E.W. Lundy on April 29, 1914 (Lots Book 5:104), it appears that this house at 413 was complete and Noble moved next door.

The 1916 city directory is the first to list Aaron C. Noble, stockbuyer, and wife Cora at this 413 address. The 1920 Census indicates that Noble owns this house. It lists Aaron C. Noble, Livestock Dealer, 59, and Cora C., wife, 48. The 1923-24 directory lists Aaron Noble, state representative, and wife Cora at 413 W. 3rd. The 1927 directory lists Aaron as stock buyer with wife Cora. The 1929 directory lists Aaron as President of Farmers Mutual Insurance, and wife Cora. The 1931 directory lists Aaron as director (no company listed) and wife Cora. By 1934 he had retired. He and wife Cora would continue to live at 413 W. 3rd Street through 1952. Cora died on December 6, 1953 at the age of 82 and only Aaron C. Noble is listed in the 1954 directory. A.C. Noble died on March 8, 1956 at the age of 96.

Benjamin H. Mosher or Martha E. Mosher purchased the property on July 28, 1956 (Original Town & Additions Transfer Book:145). Benjamin Mosher is listed in the 1956 and 1958 directories as a salesman for Electrolux with wife Martha. Burton F. Snyder, clerk at GPC, was also listed in 1958.

Benjamin Mosher died on June 8, 1959 at the age of 66 and Mrs. Martha Mosher, widow of Benjamin H. was listed at 413 W. 3rd in 1959.

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Duane A. or Patricia A. Keough purchased the property on August 30, 1962 (Original Town & Additions Transfer Book:145).

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Location Map



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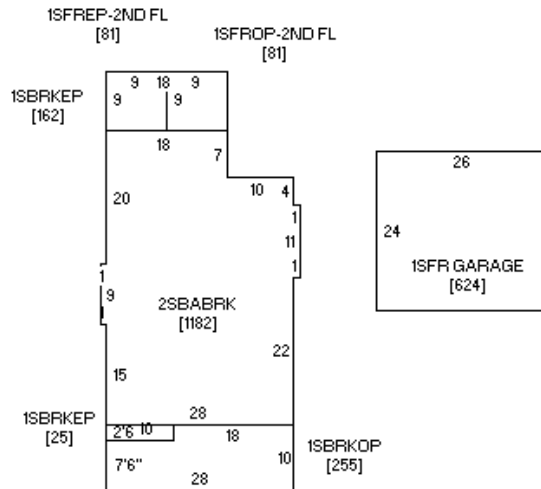
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Plans of buildings on site (from assessor's office)



(front – W. 3rd Street)

Photograph of building (digital image)

