

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

State Inventory No. 70-00221 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 A.C. Noble House #1
 other names/site number Field Site #: WH-075

2. Location

street & number 415 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 10' Lt 1 & W 20' Lt 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 Enter number of:	If Eligible Property, enter number of:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	_____	Contributing <u>2</u>	buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> district	_____	Noncontributing _____	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 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>05D: Late 19th Century / 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.

County Muscatine
City Muscatine

Address 415 W. 3rd Street

Site Number 70-00221
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

1906 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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Aaron C. Noble House #1	Muscatine
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7. Narrative Description

This is a two-story, two-bay, Queen Anne house. The house sits on a brick foundation. The walls are brick. The cross-gable roof is clad in asphalt shingles.

The front elevation (south) has an open three column porch. A set of wood steps with iron pipe handrail lead from ground level up to the porch. The lower portion of the front of the porch is enclosed with wood panels with vertical slit openings. The porch columns are classical circular columns with square bases and square top plate, typical of the early 20th century. The rail is simple wood rail with rectangular elements. The three columns support a wide rectangular roof beam with simple eave. The porch roof is a shallow sloped hip roof with asphalt shingles. The recessed west bay has two openings in the first story. The east opening is the entry to the house with an eight light storm door and a half glass wood door. The west opening is a large single light window with a leaded glass window transom. Both openings have segmental brick arch lintels. The east bay has a large single light window with large leaded glass window transom. A single-light-over-single-light double-hung window is located on each side of the large single light. The openings have segmental brick arch lintels. The second story has three single-light-over-single-light double-hung windows, one of which is in the recessed west bay of the house. The front gable has a three window Palladian window set in rectangular framing. The Palladian window has a single light wood arch window in the center and two smaller single light rectangular windows, one on each side of the arched center window. The gable is sided with wood fish scale siding.

The east elevation has a small arched single light window at the front and then three single-over-single light windows in the center portion of the elevation and a four-light over four-light double-hung window at the rear portion of the main house in the first story. The east elevation of the rear single story portion of the house has a single-over-single light window. The second story has three uniformly spaced single-over-single light double-hung windows. The gable has wood siding.

The west elevation has a single-light-over-single-light double-hung window in the second story behind the protruding portion of the cross gable. A small single light window is located behind the cross gable section in the first story with three single-light-over-single-light double-hung windows spaced to the rear with one in the single story rear portion of the house. The gable has wood siding

The rear elevation is brick with a pair of tall single-over-single light double-hung window in the second story. The west bay of the main house has a small single light window with wood arch in the second story and a larger single light window with wood arch in the first story. The windows have a segmental brick lintel. The end gable is brick with no openings. The house has an attic end gable facing towards the rear with a satellite mounted in front. The end gable is clad in wood siding. The rear of the single story portion of the house has a centered door entry with half-glass wood frame door. A two step concrete stoop leads up to the door. The roof of the single story portion slopes back from the main house.

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The hip roof garage has vertical wood siding and roof brackets beneath the roof eaves. The north elevation fronts the alley and has an aluminum vertical opening door. The west elevation has a small six light window at the south end. The east elevation does not have any openings. The south elevation has a centered wood panel door and a six light window to the west of the door.

8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The Aaron C. Noble House #1 does not appear to be individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A, B, or C. However, it does appear to be a contributing building in a potential "West Hill" neighborhood historic district.

While the house has good historic integrity, there are better examples of the Queen Anne style in Muscatine. This house has a relatively nondescript social history with Aaron Noble, livestock dealer, living here only for a few years after he constructed the house and Louise Gray, widower, living here for over 20 years. The other residents are relatively short-term. Noble bought the entire lot and earlier house in 1906, demolished this house and constructing this new one on the west half of the lot in 1906. He then built a house at 413 on the east half in 1914, where he moved after selling the new house at 415. This house is not associated with any significant events. Thus, the Aaron C. Noble House #1 does not appear to be individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A, B, or C.

However, the Aaron C. Noble House #1 does appear to be a contributing building in a potential "West Hill" neighborhood historic district. The house is a fine example of a transitional Queen Anne style and represents the first house of A.C. Noble prior to construction of his larger successor house next door at 413 W. 3rd. This is an interesting trend in the neighborhood, which helped solidify property values. Thus, the Aaron C. Noble House #1 represents the development of the neighborhood.

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 and shown on the 1905 Sanborn map. 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 1907 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 and sale of this house in 1914. The actual history indicates that the information listed under 415 W. 3rd in *A Stroll Through Old Muscatine* is incorrect as related to the current house at 415 W. 3rd: "415 W. 3rd-although very altered through remodeling, this house, said to have been built by Lyman Olds in the 1850s, still shows the popular Italianate influence. Olds, who ran a dry goods store, lived here until his death in 1895 when his daughter, Emma Olds Reppert, inherited the house." Clearly, with the Sanborn map information available now, this Olds house was demolished around 1906, with the new one constructed on the west half of the lot at 415.

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This house was constructed around 1906, 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 \$4,000 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, with the 1907 city directory listing Noble at 413 W. 3rd Street, the earlier address associated with this site, as continued to be noted in parentheses on the 1912 map. The 1908 city directory listing Aaron Noble, livestock, and wife Cora C. at 415 W. 3rd Street, as the address for this house shifted, and the corner house became 417. They are also listed at 415 in 1911 and 1913. The 1912 Sanborn map clearly shows this new house on the lot, with the adjacent, new location for 413 vacant.

E.W. Lundy bought the E10' Lot 1 & W20' Lot 2, block 52 from Aaron & Cora Noble on April 29, 1914 (Lots Book 5:104). He only owned it briefly, selling it to W.P. & F.R. Kaufmann on Mar 1, 1915 for \$7000 (Transfer Book of Lots 6, P7). Morris Daily, general manager of the Muscatine North and South Railroad, and wife Mary were listed at 415 W. 3rd in 1916.

Claude R & Myrtle Lotspeich purchased the property from W.P. Kaufmann on November 28, 1917 (Transfer Book of Lots Bk 6, P. 39). Claude R. Lotspeich, plumber, and wife Myrtle are listed at this location in the 1919 directory. The 1920 Census lists Claude R. Lotspeich, 35, owner of the house, Plumbing Shop proprietor, Myrle H., wife, 34, Mary C., 11, daughter, and Ruth L, 7, daughter.

Marie F. Harper purchased the property from Claude R. Lotspeich on March 14, 1921 (Transfer Bk of Lts 6:P. 90). The 1921 directory lists J.M. Harper, Schrup Motor, and Marie Harper, schoolteacher boards. The 1923-24 directory lists Paul C. Fischer, manager of Fischer Bros Co., boots and shoes, and wife Addie.

Louise Gray bought from Gene W. Rosenthal et ux who had purchased from Titus Loan & Investment Co., on February 24, 1926 (Transfer Book of Lots 7, P. 51). She is listed as Mrs. Louise Gray, widow of Frank, from 1927 through the 1949 directory. The 1930 census lists her as a widower, age 63. No relatives are listed with here, but Edmond Halling is listed as a boarder.

Edward W. or Portia V. Halling bought the property from Louise Gray on March 28, 1947 (Original Town & Additions, P. 145). Edward Halling is listed at this location in 1952 as a farm manager with wife Portia.

The 1954 through 1959 directories list Don H. Carlson, farmer, with wife Portia, steno/secretary for Clifton R. Musser.

Linda C. Coder & Robert D. Carlson became owners of the property on September 24, 1979, (Original Town & Additions Transfer Book:145).

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Location Map



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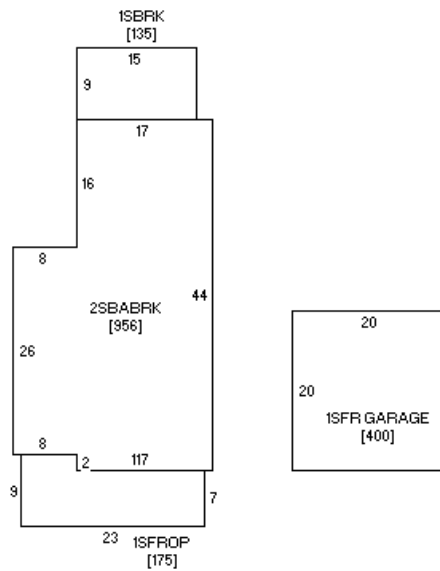
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Plans of buildings on site (from assessor's office)



(front – W. 3rd Street)

Photograph of building (digital image)

