

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

State Inventory No. 70-00222  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 Olds-Munroe-Welker-Schomberg House  
 other names/site number Field Site #: WH-076

**2. Location**

street & number 417 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) W 50' Lt 1

**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:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Enter number of:	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> district	_____ buildings	<u>2</u>	_____ buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____ sites	_____	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____ structures	_____	_____ structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object	_____ objects	_____	_____ objects
	_____ Total	<u>2</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**

<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>05D: Late Victorian / Queen Anne</u>	foundation <u>04 Stone</u>
_____	walls <u>02 Wood</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 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 417 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Site Number 70-00222  
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 1854  check if circa or estimated date  
Other dates 1900, 1910, 1919

**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

**11. Form Prepared By**

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organization Muscatine Historic Preservation Commission date June 3, 2006

street & number 215 Sycamore telephone 563-264-1550

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, three-bay, house that has been built in several stages. An older, small, gable-front house is shown in this location on the 1874 birds-eye view of Muscatine, though the façade only shows one window in the second story. A porch extends across the width of the house. The 1883 Sanborn map also shows a small, two-story house, with one-story additions along the rear and most of the east sides. A small entry porch is found on the façade. The same basic footprint is seen in 1888 and 1892. By 1899, the house has a full front porch again. A small corner has been added on the east side also. By 1905, the rear additions appear to have been rebuilt into a two-story section unified with the house, and a bay window is found at the rear of the west elevation along Spruce Street. By 1912, a full, wrap around porch has been added to the front (south) and west elevation, and a two-story sleeping porch was added to the southeast corner of the house, extending beyond the façade. The same footprint is seen in 1919. By 1928, the center façade porch has become two stories, though open. The second story may have already been enclosed at this time. A second bay window has been added to the west elevation, on the south (front) portion. A new garage was also built facing Spruce at the rear of the lot. It appears that part of the rear section is only one story. The same footprint is seen in 1946. The house sits on a stone foundation. The walls are frame, clad in wood siding. The cross-gable roof is clad in asphalt shingles.

The c. 1901 photograph in *Picturesque Muscatine* shows the W. 3<sup>rd</sup> street elevation as front end gable with same arched gable window as today and three double hung windows in the second story. The roof eave is bracketed same as today. The main house has a full width front porch with four columns with Italianate style brackets. The porch rail is very decorative. The visible portion of the east elevation shows a small single story portion setting in front of a larger single story wing; both sit recessed behind the front elevation.

A 1909 Oscar Grossheim photo shows the house with a different porch that spans across and beyond the front (south) and west elevations. The porch appears deeper than the earlier porch and has greek style circular columns resting on stone/concrete block bases with space between the porch and ground enclosed with wood lattice. This photograph also shows the two bays on the west elevation.

A c. 1914 photograph from *Muscatine Iowa "The Pearl City"* shows the house with the two story portion in the southeast corner of the house aligned with the porch. The west porch has large awnings and a wood rail is shown on the porch roof along the south elevation.

A June 1920 Oscar Grossheim photo shows the house very much the same as today. The first story porch on the south and west sides is open with same column but a low rail instead of the screen enclosure. The second story has a second story porch with rails between the south second story enclosed porch and the south gable of the west elevation. "J.P. Schomberg Residence" photograph, June 1920.

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The south (front) elevation has two bays of the front porch with each bay partially enclosed in screening. Three Greek-style columns support the broad roof beam. A three window set is located in the east portion of the main house elevation with the center window a large single-light with a single-light window transom. A single-over-single-light double-hung window is on each side. The second story has a three window set located in the east portion of the main house elevation with the center window a large single-light with a single-light window transom. A single-over-single-light double-hung window is on each side. Five single-over-single-light windows are located in the south side of the second story porch and a two-light-over-two-light double-hung window is located west of the porch in the second story. The cross gable has a two-light-over-two-light double hung arched window, fish scale siding, and bracketed eaves.

The west elevation is dominated by a full-width porch and two bay windows. The porch has four Greek-style columns. The porch has a wood rail with turned spindle vertical elements and a wood lattice covering the gap between the ground and porch deck. The hip roof rests on a large, plain wood beam supported by the columns. The north two bays of the porch are enclosed with twenty-four light window panels. The south bay of the porch is enclosed a partially-intact screen system. The north bay of the second story is a three-sided c.1900 bay window with a single-over-single-light double-hung window in the each of the two outer sides and a rectangular leaded glass window in the center. The corners of the front-gable above have ornate brackets. The gable is clad in fish scale and a single-light arched window. The roof eave has brackets. The second story center bay has a two-light-over-two-light double-hung window in the north portion and a rectangular leaded glass window in the south portion. The roof eave has brackets. The south bay has a three-sided c.1920 bay window with a single-over-single-light double-hung window in the each of the two outer sides and a rectangular leaded glass window in the center. The south bay is narrower than the north bay. The corners of the gable above have ornate brackets. The front-gable is clad in fish scale and no window. The roof eave has brackets. The west elevation of the second story south porch has three single-over-single-light double-hung windows. The roof eave is plain and slopes towards the south.

The east elevation has the north porch in the first story with vertical wood siding and two narrow single light windows with wide wood frames. Two other openings in the porch to the south have wood panels over them. The second story has two, two-over-two-light double-hung windows with a single light window between them. The roof eave is bracketed. The front portion of the east house elevation is brick without any openings.

The north (rear) elevation has the north elevation of the west porch with the porch entry through what once was a multiple light glass enclosure which now has most glass missing. A rectangular single light window set high in the main house elevation is located between two single-over-single-light double-hung windows. Three, three-light-over-single-light double hung windows are then located in the first story of the main house. A single-over-single-light double-hung window is located in the east portion of the second story with a single light window in the center and a two-light-over-two-light double-hung window located in the west portion of the second story of the main house. The rear gable has a two-light-over-two-light double hung arched window, fish scale siding, and bracketed eaves. The east porch has a side entry door to the west, a single-light window to the east, and vertical wood siding. The main house has a

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single-over-single-light double-hung window located to the south in the first story. The second story has a single-over-single-light double-hung window set above the east side porch.

The c. 1925 garage has vertical wood siding, with two tilt-up vertical wood panel doors, and an end gable facing to the west. The north elevation does not have openings. The east elevation has a two-light (side-by-side) window and the south elevation has a door entry. The sidewalk along Spruce Street and the garage drive are brick. The sidewalk along 3<sup>rd</sup> Street is concrete pavers.

## 8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The Olds-Munroe-Welker-Schomberg 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.

As the name indicates, the current appearance of the Olds-Munroe-Welker-Schomberg House reflects the historic remodeling tastes of several families between construction around 1854 and the later appearance with the front porches in 1920. The original two-story, three-bay, gable-front house was owned and occupied by several prominent lawyers in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, including William Olds, Thomas Hanna, Allen Broomhall, and John H. Munroe. The original gable-front house that these people lived in has been obscured by the early 20<sup>th</sup> century porch and other modifications. Many of these modifications appear to have been complete in the later years of Munroe's life. The large two-story porch at the southeast corner appears to have been added around 1910 by the Welkers, who lived here in their retirement. The last major porch modifications were completed around 1920 by the Schombergs, which covered the remainder of the second story façade. Thus, the house in the current form, only clearly reflects its appearance during the period that Jacob P. and Bessie Schomberg lived here, as well as subsequent owners and residents. None of these residents appear to have made a significant impact on the history of Muscatine or the region. No significant event is known to be associated with this house. Though the progression of late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century remodeling is interesting, it does not appear to give this house any particular architectural significance. Other houses in this period also reflect the typical porch updates of this period, while retaining more of their original characteristics. Thus, the Olds-Munroe-Welker-Schomberg House does not appear to be individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A, B, or C.

However, the Olds-Munroe-Welker-Schomberg House does appear to be a contributing building in a potential "West Hill" neighborhood historic district. The house over time has been historically altered to reflect the trends of the times, including sleeping porch additions. This reflects the themes of "19<sup>th</sup> century residential and neighborhood development" as well as "20<sup>th</sup> century residential and neighborhood development. The historic additions do not provide a clean architectural style, but represent a dynamic home, which its owners molded to suit their needs. This house contributes historically and architecturally to this potential historic district.

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Norman Fullington purchased lot 1, block 52 from M.W. Nealy on February 26, 1845 for \$121 (Book E: 247). William R. Olds obtained the west 50' of lot 1, block 52 from Francis Fullington by guardian deed for \$630 on April 19, 1854 (Book N:714). Francis Fullington was guardian for Henry E., Lucien, and George Fullington, minor heirs of Norman Fullington, deceased. William R. Olds, lawyer, is listed on the north side of third east of Spruce with L.W. Olds, merchant (Olds & Bohn) in the 1856 directory. Phillip R. Bohn purchased the west 50' of lot 1, block 52 from William R. Olds on January 8, 1858 for \$1500 (Book T: 113). The significant price increase (\$630 to \$1500) between the purchase in 1854 and the sale in 1858 indicate construction of a substantial house in this period, likely soon after William R. Olds purchased the lot in 1854. The 1859-60 directory lists P.R. Bohn, merchant (Bohn & Co.) at the northeast corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> and Spruce.

Thomas Hanna purchased the west 50' of lot 1, block 52 from P.R. Bohn et al on April 19, 1860 for \$1700 (Book U: 241). No city directories exist from this period to confirm if Hanna lived here, but it assumed that he did. He was brought up and received his education in Indiana; he studied law, and was admitted to the bar in 1852. While living in Indiana, he married Miss Eliza Connor, a native of Kentucky, Aug. 31, 1842. They came to Iowa and located in Muscatine in 1856, and he engaged in the practice of his profession (*History of Muscatine County, Iowa* 1879: 605).

Allan Broomhall purchased the west 50' lot 1, block 52 from Thomas Hanna on July 15, 1865 for \$2500 (Book 1: 134). This price increase is likely associated with the arrival of the railroad in this period, which inflated real estate prices in Muscatine. It is a possible, though, that the original form of this house was not built until the early 1860s. Allan Broomhall was listed at the northeast corner of Spruce in 1866 and is listed this location through the 1879 directory with the 1876-77 directory listing the address at 64 W. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Broomhall studied law under the direction of Hon. J. Carskadden, of Muscatine, and was admitted to the bar in 1861; he afterward attended the Cincinnati Law School, and graduated there in the spring of 1866 with the honorary degree of LL. B. He was associated with Hon. D.C. Cloud in the practice of law for nine years. In 1875, he formed a law partnership with Hon. J. Scott Richman, which continued until February 1877. Mr. Broomhall has always been an earnest advocate of popular education, with better school facilities and a higher standard of scholarship. He had for several years agitated the question of the erection of a new high school building in Muscatine, and upon this issue he was elected President of the Board of Education in 1873, a position he retained through 1879 (*History of Muscatine County, Iowa* 1879: 595). Allen Broomhall lived at an earlier house at 403 W. 2nd from 1883 to 1889 prior to moving to 403 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street in 1889-1892 and then 417 W. 4<sup>th</sup> 1891-92 (City Directories). He died on November 6, 1891 at the age of 57.

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J.J. Childs purchased west 50' lot 1, block 52 from Allan Broomhall on May 13, 1880 for \$3000 (Book 12: 779). There is no J.J. Childs listed in the 1883 directory. J.J. Childs is listed as the secretary of the gas works residing on the corner of Linn and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 1879 directory.

J.H. Munroe purchased the west 50' of lot 1, block 52 from J.J. Childs on August 18, 1883 for \$1900 (18:94). The reason for the significant price decrease is unknown, but it is assumed that the earlier, three-bay, two-story house remained standing on the lot. Colonel J.H. Munroe is listed at 417 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 1883 directory as a resident of Muscatine since 1847 and of Smith, Cook & Munroe, (attorneys at law, real estate, insurance, and loan agents). He was previously listed as clerk of court residing at 5<sup>th</sup> between Iowa and Chestnut in the 1879 directory. John H. Munroe came to Muscatine, Iowa, at age 8 in 1848 to live with his sister, Mrs. Hunt, wife of T. G. F. Hunt, one of the earliest settlers of Muscatine. He began clerking in the drug store of Dr. C. O. Waters in 1855, at age 15. In 1861, he enlisted as a private in Company H, 11th Iowa Infantry, and he was promoted and served until January 5, 1865. On his return home from the war, Capt. Munroe began the study of law with Hon. Thomas Hanna, and while pursuing his legal studies he accepted the appointment of Deputy United States Revenue Collector, and served during the years 1866 and 1867. He is listed as residing at the north side of 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1 east of Iowa Avenue at this time. He was admitted to the bar in 1867, and the same year was elected City Recorder, an office to which he was re-elected, and which he held four years in succession. He began practice in Muscatine in 1867. He is listed as residing on the south side of the Iowa City Road in 1869-70. In 1871 he was appointed Deputy Clerk of the District Court, in which capacity he served two years. He was then elected to the office of Clerk of the District Court, was re-elected and served five terms, terminating on the 1st of January 1883. He is listed at the north side of 5<sup>th</sup> west of Cedar (1874-75), 12 W. 5<sup>th</sup> (1876-77), north side of 4<sup>th</sup> 3 west of Iowa Avenue (1877-78), and on 5<sup>th</sup> between Iowa and Chestnut (1879). Mr. Munroe then went to Kansas City, Mo., and engaged in the manufacture of sash, doors and blinds, but he sold out and returned to Muscatine. He married Miss Addie M. Gordon at Muscatine, Iowa on December 23, 1862. They had four children: William G., born Aug. 30, 1864; Charles F., born March 14, 1867, died Oct. 30, 1886; Frederick B., born March 12, 1869; and Agnes K., born Dec. 28, 1883. In August 1883, he formed a partnership with T. D. Smith in the law, insurance and collection business. Mr. Munroe was a member of Muscatine Lodge No. 99, A.O.U.W., and of Shelby Norman Post No. 231, G.A.R. Source (*Portrait and Biographical Album* 1889, page 432)

The 1883 directory lists J.H. Munroe at 417 W. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Thos. B. Tallant, resident of Muscatine since 1865, is also listed at No. 417 W. 3<sup>rd</sup>. The 1886-87 directory lists the following members of the Munroe family at this address: John H., Smith & Munroe; Charles F. clerk at F. Reppert & Co; and William G., clerk Smith & Munroe. The 1889-92 directory lists John H. and Fred B. at J.H. Munroe and Son. William G. had moved to 115 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street. The 1891-92 directory has J.H. Munroe of J.H. Munroe & Son at 417 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> and Fred B. a clerk at J.H. Munroe and Son living at 409 Chestnut Street. The 1893-94 directory has Fred as a bookkeeper at Munroe and Son and living at 208 Iowa Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor and W.G. Monroe, Monroe & Son at 111 W. 4<sup>th</sup>. J.H. Munroe is at living at 417 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> and working at J.H. Munroe & Son. The 1895-1899 directories list J.H. Munroe working at J.H. Munroe & Son and living at 417 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> with son Fred B. who is bookkeeper/clerk at J.H. Munroe & Son. The 1900 directory lists J.H. Munroe and wife Addie M, Fred B. and wife Anna B., and Miss Agnes. John and Fred work at J.H. Munroe & Son.

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The 1900 Census lists J.H. Munroe, 60, real estate agent married for 38 years to wife Adalade?, 56. They are listed as owning 417 W. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Fred, B., 30, Insurance Agent, married for 11 years to wife Anna are also listed here. The 1902 to 1908-09 directories list J.H. Munroe, J.H. Munroe & Sons, Addie; Miss Agnes, student 1902-03 and listed as boarding the other years, and Fred B, J.H. Munroe & Sons, with wife Anna B. The c. 1901 photograph in *Picturesque Muscatine* shows the W. 3<sup>rd</sup> street elevation as front end gable with same arched gable window as today and three double hung windows across second story. Between 1899 and 1905, the rear additions appear to have been rebuilt into a two-story section unified with the house, and a bay window is found at the rear of the west elevation along Spruce Street. A 1909 Oscar Grossheim photo shows the house with a different porch that spans across and beyond the front (south) and west elevations. The porch appears deeper than the earlier porch and has Greek style circular columns resting on stone/concrete block bases with space between the porch and ground enclosed with wood lattice. This photograph also shows the two bay windows on the west elevation. John H. Munroe died on November 20, 1908 at age 68.

The property became part of his estate and was transferred from William G. Munroe et ux to Addie M. Munroe by quit claim deed on April 7, 1909 (Lots Book 28:326). On the same day, Fred Welker purchased the west 50' of lot 1, block 52 from Addie M. Munroe on April 7, 1909 with \$5250 in consideration (Lots Book 42:10). The 1910 Census lists Fred Munroe, 40, Insurance Agent, married for 21 years to wife, Anna age 41 and renting the property. Also living with them is Mary, daughter, 15, Adair M., 65, mother-in-law, Agnes, sister, 26, bookkeeper, Fredine Wilken, 76, boarder, Sara M., wife Wilken, 55, boarder. Addie Munroe, widow of John, is listed at 312 Pine with Fred B. Munroe, life, accident, and fire insurance in 1911.

The 1911 and 1913 directories list Fred Welker, retired, with wife Ida S. at 417 W. 3<sup>rd</sup>. By 1912, a full, wrap around porch has been added to the front (south) and west elevation, and a two-story sleeping porch was added to the southeast corner of the house, extending beyond the façade. This was likely done by the Welkers after purchasing the property, since it is not seen on the 1909 photograph but is shown on the 1912 Sanborn map. A c. 1914 photograph from *Muscatine Iowa "The Pearl City"* shows the house with the two story portion in the southeast corner of the house aligned with the porch. The west porch has large awnings and a wood rail is shown on the porch roof along the south elevation. The property was vacant in 1916. Col. Fred Welker was a Civil War hero who later came to Muscatine and was later chosen captain of Company C. of the ninth regiment of the Iowa National Guard. Under his supervision the organization became one of the most efficient and best disciplined in the entire United States. The unit participated in national drill competitions, winning many distinctive honors. The respect accorded him by the troops is illustrated by the fact that the local military members who served under Welker formed an organization of the Colonel Welker Veterans and held reunions (Index of 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Industrial Edition of the Muscatine Journal, 1997, P. 107).

J.P. Schomberg purchased the property from Ida S. Welker, Widow, on March 2, 1917 (Transfer Book 6:31). Between the 1919 and 1928 Sanborn maps, the center façade porch has become two stories, though open. The second story may have already been enclosed at this time. A second bay window has been added to the west elevation, on the south (front) portion. A new garage was also built facing

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Spruce at the rear of the lot. A June 1920 Oscar Grossheim photo shows the house very much the same as today. The first story porch on the south and west sides is open with same column but a low rail instead of the screen enclosure. The second story has a second story porch with rails between the south second story enclosed porch and the south gable of the west elevation. The 1919-1924 directories list Jacob P. Schomberg, secretary of Titus Loan & Investment Co., and wife Bessie L. The 1920 Census lists Jake P. Schomberg, 48, secretary loans & investments as owning the property and living with wife, Bessie L, 44, daughter, Shirley M., 11, son, J. Sherwood, 9, Minerva Westbrook mother-in-law, 79, and Ada B, Westbrook, 59, sister-in-law. Boarders include Llian Hjort?, 27, school teacher, Kenneth Bergener, 22, school teacher. Shirley, Muscatine high school is listed in the 1923-24 city directory.

E.M. & Adele Bristol purchased the property from Schomberg on June 8, 1925 (Transfer Book of Lots 9: 104). The 1927 through 1934 directories list Eugene M. Bristol, proprietor of Bristol Fisheries, wife Adele, Howard J., and Miles E., bond salesman. The 1936-1939 directories list Mrs. Adele Bristol, widow of Eugene.

George Hofman purchased the property from Adele Bristol on March 17, 1939 (Transfer Book of Lots 9:104). The 1940-1943 directories list George J. Hofman, grocer, and wife Bertha. The 1946 directory lists George J., grocer, Mrs. Bertha L., saleswoman Kings Store, and Patricia, student nurse. The 1949 directory also lists Robert H. Weiersheuser, salesman for Hawkeye Sales, and wife Jean and Robert J. Figg, station attendant with wife Anna. Mrs Jean is listed as office secretary of Hawkeye Sales. The 1952-1956 directories list George J. as an employee of Grain Processing and Mrs. Bertha as a wrapper at Ogilvies I&I Food Mart. The 1958 and 59 directories list George J. Hofman and wife Bertha. In 1958, Betty D. Anderson, office secretary of GPC was also at 417 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> and in 1959, Mrs. Sadie Pryor, widow of Harry, was at this location.

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