

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

State Inventory No. 70-01032  **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 Harriet Mulford House  
 other names/site number Field Site #: WH-081

**2. Location**

street & number 514 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
 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) 38 Lot(s) 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)	_____ buildings	<u>2</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>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 70-000

**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: Queen Anne</u>	foundation <u>03: Brick</u>
_____	walls <u>05E Aluminum</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  
City Muscatine

Address 514 W. 3rd Street

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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

1885

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, three-bay, early Queen Anne frame house. It sits on a brick foundation and is clad in horizontal aluminum siding. It has a combination roof, with the main hip section and cross gables on each side. The roof is clad in asphalt shingles. This home has "ogee" shaped gutters and rectangular downspouts.

The front (north) and east elevation includes a wrap-around single sloped asphalt shingled, wood, shed-roof porch. The porch is supported with 4" x 4" wood posts and a wood guardrail. Four steps approximately 6 feet wide lead to the porch and the front door of the house. The porch is constructed of wood with wood, lapped horizontal siding used for skirting around its perimeter. The entry is located on the right (west) side of the house, and it has been built out slightly. The door is wood and windowless. Two one-over-one-light double-hung, wood windows are also found on the first story. The second story consists of three one-over-one-light double-hung, wood windows, above the first story openings. The front gable has a smaller double hung arch window.

The west side elevation contains a cross-gable section perpendicular to the main portion of the house that projects from the side of the main house. This section of this elevation contains two one-over-one-light double-hung, wood windows on each the first and second floor and a one-over-one-light double-hung window in the north side of the section in the first and second stories. An enclosed shed-roof rear addition includes two smaller one-over-one-light double-hung windows on this elevation.

The east elevation includes a two-story, cross-gable section near the center of this elevation. A three-sided bay window exists on the first story of this cross-gabled section with a shingled roof. The window bay has a one-over-one-light double-hung window in each side. The second story has two one-over-one-light double-hung windows. The end gable has a one-over-one-light double-hung window with the upper light having an arched light set in a rectangular frame. The wrap-around porch from the front elevation is extended around this east elevation with a door entry with solid non-original door. The second story front section has one one-over-one-light double-hung window. The two-story rear section has a one-over-one-light double-hung window in the first story and a smaller one-over-one-light double-hung window in the second story.

The south side elevation is the rear of the house, consisting of the rear two-story section of the house, and a one-story addition. The one-story portion of the house has a single door entry located in the west portion of the elevation. The two-story portion of the elevation has two one-over-one-light double-hung windows and one smaller one-over-one-light double-hung window on the first story. The second story of this elevation includes two smaller one-over-one-light double-hung windows just below the hip roof of the rear elevation. A one-over-one-light double-hung window is visible in the first and second stories of the south elevation of the east cross gable section

The house has a small outbuilding consisting of a concrete structure built into the bluff with a gable roof facing south to the alley. The south elevation is horizontal weatherboard siding with what appears to be

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an original wood panel door. The outbuilding appears to have been constructed between 1928 and 1946 replacing an earlier structure that was pre-1888 according to the Sanborn Maps.

## 8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The Harriet Mulford 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.

This house was built on land owned by the Burnett family for several decades, and they likely constructed a house on the property prior to the sale in January 1886. The earlier Mulford home at 508 W. 4<sup>th</sup> is better associated with Joseph Mulford since the home at 514 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> may not have even been occupied by him. His widow, Harriett, and daughter, Ella, who occupied the home for 58 years are not particularly noteworthy. No significant events are associated with this house. Thus, the Mulford House does not appear to be individually eligible under Criteria A or B. The aluminum siding has compromised the historic integrity of the Mulford House, and several better examples of other Queen Anne houses exist in Muscatine. It is one of the earlier examples of this style in Muscatine. However, the house does not appear to be eligible under Criterion C for outstanding architecture.

The Mulford House does appear to be a contributing building in a potential "West Hill" neighborhood historic district. The home has a simplified Queen Anne form illustrating evolution of the style. The Burnett House is an example of a large successor home for a multi-generational family of modest means. It reflects the neighborhood development of this area in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century. The house contributes historically and architecturally to this potential historic district.

Mr. R.W. Burnett owned this lot since before 1866. He and his son L.G. were listed in the city directories at the southeast corner of 3d and Locust during the 1870s and at 518 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 1883-1886 directory. The sale price of \$1550 for Joseph Mulford's purchase from Burnett indicates that the house may have been constructed by Burnett just prior to sale to Mulford.

Joseph Mulford bought 514 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> from R.W. Burnett on January 6, 1886 (lot 9 block 38) (18: 769) for \$1550. This was one month before the Joseph Mulford's death February 7, 1886. The 1870 census list Joseph S. Mulford as a 42-year-old carpenter, with \$2,000 in real estate and \$500 in personal property. His household included his wife Harriet (42), daughter Alice (8), and daughter Ella (6). Cadle & Mulford operated a sash and door business from the mid-1866 to around 1879. In 1880, Huttig Brothers Manufacturing Company was incorporated with Fred Huttig, President; Joseph Mulford, Vice President; William Huttig, Secretary and Treasurer. By 1874-75 he is listed as working at George D. Magoon & Co., (Joseph Mulford, Wm. Alberts, Frederick Lays) door, sash, blinds, brackets, and moldings and living at the south side of 4<sup>th</sup> W. of Spruce. In 1876-77 he is listed with Cadle, Mulford & Co., - Mfg sashes, doors, blinds and residing at 63 W. 4<sup>th</sup>. In 1879 he is listed with Cadle, Mulford & Co., and residing at the south side of 4<sup>th</sup> east of Locust. Joseph Mulford bought the nearby 508 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street property on February 28, 1880 (Lots Book 11:442). In 1883 he is listed as working at the Hutting Brothers and living

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at 508 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street. He was listed as a foreman at Huttigs in 1886-87. His obituary notes that he moved to Muscatine in 1855 and has been one of our most prominent citizens. His industry has been proverbial and as identified with some of our most active an enterprising manufacturing companies and has contributed in no small measure to the prosperity of our city. The funeral was at the residence, 508 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street. (Obituary, 1886, P. 2).

Joseph's widow Harriett inherited his estate in 1886, and appears to have moved to this house as a new residence for herself. Joseph would have not owned the property long enough to have the house built himself. If this house wasn't built at the time that Burnett sold it to Mulford, Harriett would have had to commission the construction quickly after his death. This house is depicted on the first Sanborn map that covers this area, in 1888. The 1889 through 1898 directories list Mrs. J. S. Mulford, widow, at 514 W. 3<sup>rd</sup>. The 1899-1900 directory lists Mrs. Harriet Mulford. The 1900 census listed Harriett Mulford, a widow, as the 72-year-old head of the household. Her daughter Alice H. (37) was a school teacher, and no occupation is listed for her daughter Ella E. (35). Her sister, Belinda Kirby (82), also lived in the household. The 1900 directory lists Mrs. H.L. Mulford with Miss Ella and Miss Alice Mulford, teacher. This listing would continue through the 1908-09 directory. Harriet Mulford died on April 11, 1908. Her obituary notes that she had resided in Muscatine for about 50 years and was the wife of Joseph Mulford whom she married on May 2, 1854. She was survived by two daughters Miss Alice and Miss Ella Mulford. (Obituary, 1908, P.2).

Ella Mulford inherited the property after his mother's death in 1908. Ella Mulford was listed at 514 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> in 1911 directory, with her sister Alice, teacher, at 508 Main. In 1916 Ella took a boarder in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor apartment – William A. Blakeny, Assistant Cashier at Muscatine State Bank and his wife Frances G. In 1919 Henry C. Madden of Madden & Madden attorneys, insurance, loans, and bonds replaced Blakeny as the boarder. From 1919 through 1923-24 Ella Mulford is listed alone at 514 W. 3<sup>rd</sup>. In 1927 she took on Elmer Grau, bookkeeper at First National Bank and his wife Lillie Mae as boarder. From 1929 to her death in January 1948, Ella Mulford lived alone at 514 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street.

Ella Mulford transferred the property to the First Congregational Church on July 14, 1948 (126:130). Robley Goad got it from First Congregational Church December 14, 1948 (129:291) and was listed at 514 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 1949 directory. Dave Berman, teamster at CRI & P Railroad, and wife Dorothy were listed in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor apartment. Robley Goad would continue to own the house and rent it out. In 1952 the Honorary Matthew Westrate (Judge of the 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial District) lived at the residence with his wife Cora. Also, during this time, the City Directory indicates that Walter Martin, a teacher at the Junior High School lived at the address. The Westrates lived at the address thru 1958. John P. Vandermass, parts supervisor at Lamp-Rehwaltd farm equipment, and wife Janett lived here also from 1954 to 1959. Doug B. Coder, clerk at Coder Hardware, and wife Linda L. lived here instead of the Westrates in 1959.

Lester or Esther Beckman bought the property from Robley Goad on January 11, 1962 (203:366).

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## Location Map



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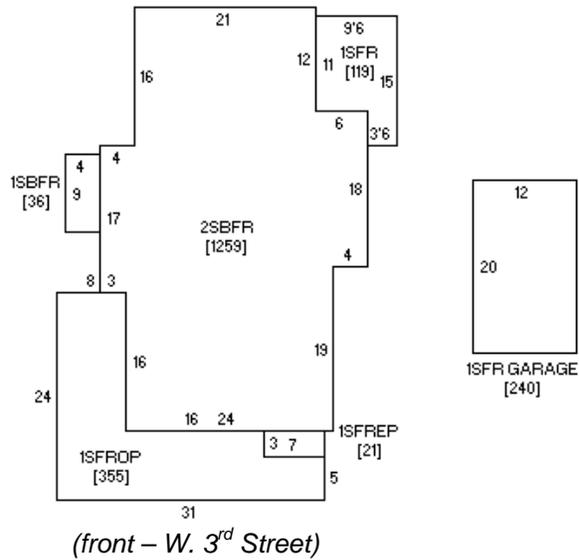
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### Plans of buildings on site (from assessor's office)



### Photograph of building (digital image)

