

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

State Inventory No. 70-00342 **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 John Hahn, Sr, House
 other names/site number Field Site #: WH-098

2. Location

street & number 200 Ash 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) 42 Lot(s) 3,4,5 and E15' 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 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 70-016

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 Victorian / Queen Anne</u>	foundation <u>03: Brick</u>
_____	walls <u>02: Wood</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 200 Ash 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)

02: Architecture

31: Other-neighborhood development

Significant Dates

Construction date

1880 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, frame Queen Anne house with a cross gable roof. The house sits on a brick foundation, and the walls are clad with wood clapboards. The roof is clad in asphalt shingles. The house and garage are located on a slightly sloped yard at the lower end of Ash Street. Within twenty feet of the house on the south and west sides, the terrain slopes dramatically downward through trees and brush. Though the house overlooks the river to the south, the east elevation towards Ash Street is effectively the front elevation.

The east elevation, facing Ash Street, shows a large turret on the far left at the southeast corner of the house. It projects from the main building wall toward Ash Street approximately eight feet and rises forty feet to a metal finial. The turret has five sides. The center elevation of the first and second stories of the turret has a large picture window with a transom window. The adjacent turret faces are constructed at 45-degree angles to the front face. Each has one-over-one-light, double-hung windows on each story. The attic story of these three faces of the turret has a small, fixed decorative window below the turret roof eave. The cross gable section of the east elevation is to the right of the turret and displays a paired set of one-over-one-light, double-hung windows on each story. Above these windows near the gable peak is a small, circle top, fixed window. Gingerbread trim is found under the fascia board at the gable peak and is shaped to mimic the circle top window behind it. The front elevation continues with the side of the rear gable extension of the main house toward the north. It is approximately five feet lower than the main building and is set back about six feet from the east elevation of the main building. An open porch with turned wooden posts and decorative brackets are shown here. A single-door entry and two one-over-one-light, double-hung windows are seen on the first story of the house. Above the porch roof, there are two smaller one-over-one-light, double-hung windows.

The south elevation, overlooking the river, was likely designed as the front of the house. It has a cross gable section towards the left, with the turret on the right in the southeast corner. It reveals a full width, enclosed, three season porch. The porch has nine one-over-one-light, double-hung windows mounted in groups of three across the south elevation. There are decorative brackets beneath the eaves of the porch roof. Above the porch is seen three widely spaced one-over-one-light, double-hung windows. Above these windows and near the gable end peak is a small, circle top, fixed window.

The north elevation shows portions of the rear gable end of the main building, as well as the gable end of the shorter rear extension. On the rear elevation of the rear gable-roof section, there are two, widely spaced, one-over-one-light, double-hung windows on each story. An enclosed rear entry porch is on the right.

The rear entry porch noted above is located at the left of the rear, or west elevation. Single one-over-one-light, double-hung windows are located on each side of a single entry to the porch. A two-story gable end of the main building is seen left of center of this elevation and projecting toward the west about four

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feet. The corners of this gable end are beveled at 45 degrees. There are four one-over-one-light, double-hung windows on each story of this gable end. Two windows are paired in the center and one each is found on the beveled faces on each story. A frieze of fish scale and other decorative shingles, topped with crown molding is found above the second story paired windows. Also, decorative, knee brace brackets are seen above the second story windows on the beveled faces. Above the frieze and beneath the gable peak is found a small, circle top window and gingerbread trim, identical to the front elevation. On the right of this elevation there are two widely spaced, one-over-one-light, double-hung windows on each story. A single entry to the porch found on the south elevation is at the far right. A wooden deck can be found at the rear entry, near the garage.

A single car garage is located near the northwest corner of the house. It is a gable-front building with an auto entry on the front elevation. The entry is made of a pair of hinged doors with six light windows on the upper half. There is a flat, protective porch roof with two turned wood support posts over the entry. Above the porch roof is a small, fixed window with diamond shaped leaded glass. A decorative verge board is seen at the peak of this one story building. There is a single one-over-one-light, double-hung window on the north and south elevations. Also, a single-door entry can be found on the south elevation.

8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The John Hahn, Sr. House appears to be individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C, and perhaps under Criterion B. It does not appear to be individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A. The John Hahn, Sr. House also appears to be a contributing building in a potential "West Hill" neighborhood historic district.

The John Hahn, Sr. house is a unique, one of a kind, Queen Anne style house on a unique site. It is located on a dead end street, with an open view of the Mississippi river below. The dominant characteristic of this house is the slightly oversized, five-sided turret, which commands the river view from its oversized windows. Much of the detail on this Queen Anne style house is on the rear elevation, hidden from casual view. While it is not likely that an architect was involved in the design of this building, it is obvious that first class craftsmen were involved in its construction. By the time that John Hahn built the house around 1880, he was working for the Hershey Lumber Company, and this house likely reflects this association. Thus, the John Hahn, Sr. House appears to be individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria C. Additionally, Hahn worked for the Hershey Lumber Company for over 50 years at the time of his death in 1907. Since Benjamin Hershey purchased the sawmill from his brother in 1855, this would indicate that Hahn was associated with the company from its early years. The Hershey Lumber Company was one of the first sawmills in Muscatine, and it became one of the three largest lumber companies in Muscatine by the late 19th century. The 1900 census lists John Hahn as the superintendent of the lumberyard. In 1902, it was incorporated as the Mira Hershey Lumber Company. Though Hahn was not an officer, it appears that he was critically involved in day to day operations. Thus, the John Hahn, Sr. House may be individually eligible for the National Register of

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Historic Places under Criteria C. The eligible property would likely include the rental duplex built by the Hahn family on the rear portion of the lot at 206-208 Ash Street.

This house contributes to the neighborhood by the presence of its architecture and by the more than 100 years of one family's history. It is located at the far west end of the neighborhood, the last house on the bluff overlooking the Mississippi River. The John Hahn, Sr. House contributes historically and architectural to this potential "West Hill" neighborhood historic district.

A deed transfer record shows that John Hahn bought this property from H.H. Wittmer on September 2, 1879. According to city directories in 1883, John A. Hahn is listed to be living at this location. It was then described as "the corner of Second and Ash" and later identified as 901 West Second Street. The street address was changed to 200 Ash Street in 1920. He was listed in all city directories at this address until 1907, the year he died. John Hahn, Sr. was born in Bavaria, Germany on September 17, 1831 and immigrated to Muscatine County in the early 1850's. He married Anna Gertenbach of Muscatine in 1857. Their children were Mary, Carrie, Ella, Elizabeth, Ida, George, Henry, Edward and John, Jr. John Hahn was a well-known and respected Muscatine businessman and identified with the firm of Hahn Brothers & Co., Commission Merchants. He was also connected with the Hershey Lumber Company for over fifty years (Muscatine Journal obituary, November 29, 1907, page 8). The 1900 census shows John Hahn, a 66-year-old superintendent of a lumber yard, living at 901 West 2nd Street with his son George A., age 37 and daughters Ida, age 22, Ella J., and Lizzie, age 24. Mrs. Hahn died on June 24, 1899 and John, Sr. on November 28, 1907.

The property passed on to daughters Elizabeth, Ella and Ida. The city directory of 1907 lists Ella, Lizzie, Ida and John Hahn, Jr. as living at 901 W. 2nd Street. The 1908 and 1911 directories list Ella, Lizzie and Ida at this address. The 1910 census lists Ella (38, no occupation), Lizzie (33, bookkeeper), and Ida (30, no occupation) at 901 W. 2nd Street. The 1913, 1916 and 1919 city directories list Ella and Ida here. The 1920 Census also shows only Ella (age 49) and Ida (age 41) living at 200 Ash. Ella is listed as the head of the household. Though the 1921 thru 1931 city directories list Ella only at 200 Ash, the 1930 Census shows the Hahn sisters still at 200 Ash Street. This census also lists renters Vincent Harris and his wife. The 1930 Census indicates that Ella and Ida Hahn are receiving \$53 per month for 206 Ash Street and \$30 per month for 208 Ash Street, the duplex at the rear of this lot. They also rent out an apartment at 200 Ash Street for \$75 per month. Beginning in 1934, a renter is shown, in addition to Ella Hahn, in the city directories. In 1934, it was Leonard E. Hunn and his wife, Sally. He was a high school teacher. In 1936 the renter was Minnie Downey who worked at the Uptown theater. Then, Lillie Fick, a waitress, in 1938; Sanford Fosholt and his wife, Avis in 1940. He was an engineer at Stanley Engineering Co. Russell Pickett rented in 1943; Clifton Reeves and his wife Alice in 1946 and Ralph L. Foster (a salesman) and his wife, Louise in 1949.

On March 17, 1947, this property was sold to Dorothy Hahn, daughter of Edward and Grace Hahn and niece of Elizabeth, Ella and Ida Hahn. After Ella died, Ida is again shown as living at 200 Ash Street in 1952, along with renters Rosemary Hoffman, who worked at Prime Mover Co. and Leroy and Barbara Spalding. He worked at Alcoa in Bettendorf, Iowa. In the 1954 city directory Ida Hahn again appears with

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renters Robert H. Doan and his wife, Shirley. He was program director for radio station KWPC. Also renting was Raleigh D. and Sonia Barber. He worked at Celon Corp.

Dorothy Hahn remained the owner until she died on December 19, 1992.

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Photograph of building (digital image)

