

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

State Inventory No. 70-01107 **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 Dr. Trueman Wigim House
 other names/site number Field Site #: WH-104

2. Location

street & number 208 Cherry 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) 41 Lot(s) S60' Lots 6 & 7

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 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>07A: Late 19th & Early 20th Century American</u>	foundation <u>10A: Concrete / Block</u>
<u>Movements / Prairie School</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 208 Cherry Street

Site Number 70-01107
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

1925 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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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 square, two-story, Prairie style house. The house sits on a concrete foundation. The walls are brick and the hipped roof is clad with asphalt shingles.

The front (east) elevation reveals a single entry on the right side of the first story. The door is flanked by one-over-five light, fixed windows. The remainder of the first story is a screened-in porch, which was added to the house in 2001. On the second story of this elevation there are two paired sets of three-over-one-light, double-hung windows. At the sill level of these windows, and around the entire building, is found a rowlock course of brick that projects about one inch from the building wall. From this band of brick downward for eight courses and at two foot intervals is a vertical column of bricks placed like a header, but tapered back toward the building wall. The eaves of this building are not enclosed, revealing the rafter ends. The front façade shows a hipped roof dormer with three small windows, one of which is screened and operable for ventilation.

The south elevation shows a set of two paired windows and a set of three paired windows on the first story. All are three-over-one light, double hung windows. On the second story, above the rowlock course, are two single, three-over-one light, double hung windows.

The north elevation shows two fixed windows on the first story and two single, three-over-one light, double hung windows on the second story.

The rear elevation shows a single entry on the first story near the center of the building. It has a simple, gabled roof above it. Also, there is a set of two paired windows on each side of the entry. These are three-over-one light, double hung windows. A set of two paired windows are found on the second story of this elevation at the right. A hipped roof dormer with three small windows, identical to the one on the front elevation, is found on the rear elevation.

This house was constructed with the first story level at about thirty inches above grade. The yard is generally flat but is terraced sharply in front of the house to the public walk. A thick concrete retaining wall is located along the south property line, adjacent to the alley. A similar retaining wall can also be found along the north property line. The brick garage was built in 1926 also. It is a flat-roofed, windowless building with its sill at the grade of the alley and its parapeted, flat roof two feet above the grade of the yard.

It appears that the only change made to the house by subsequent owners is the enclosed screen porch on the front elevation of the house, which was done in 2002.

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8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The Dr. Trueman Wigim House appears to be individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C. The Dr. Trueman Wigim House does not appear to be individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A or B. It also appears to be a contributing building in a potential "West Hill" neighborhood historic district.

In the years from 1926 to 2000, this house has had two owners: Dr. Wigim had built a fine example of a Prairie School style house in 1926, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schmalz maintained and preserved it. About ten Prairie School or Foursquare houses are located in the 200+ house area of the West Hill neighborhood, and this house is one of two houses that has strong features characteristic of the Prairie School style. It is evident by the widely overhanging eaves revealing exposed rafter ends, along with the simple horizontal lines of the building and the stylish brickwork. The architectural integrity of this house is intact, with the only change the additions of screens on the porch. Thus, the Dr. Trueman Wigim House appears to be individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C.

The Dr. Trueman Wigim House also appears to be a contributing building in a potential "West Hill" neighborhood historic district. The style of the house is in contrast to nearby residences, which were constructed at an earlier time. The style contrast also enhances and contributes to the "West Hill" neighborhood. It reflects the continual development of the neighborhood in the early 20th century.

Dr. Trueman Wigim bought this property from Edna Denison Blackwell on April 25, 1925, and the house was likely built for him soon after the purchase. Dr. Wigim was born in Muscatine County on November 10, 1885 to Sam and Margaret Wigim. Sam Wigim was a native of County Tyrone, Ireland, who immigrated to the United States in 1850, and shortly thereafter married Martha Beatty, also from Ireland. There were five children born of this marriage: Adam, Samuel, Robert, Mary and Jane. Martha Wigim passed away in 1874. A second marriage to Margaret Trueman took place a few years later and produced two boys, Hugh and Trueman. Sam Wigim Sr. became a prominent stockman in Muscatine County, as did Sam Wigim, Jr. (Richman 1911, Vol 2: page 633) Trueman Wigim was educated in the Muscatine school system. He married Gertrude McCandless of Nebraska in 1917 and lived at 307 West Third Street for a few years ("Dr. T.I. Wigim, Former Resident, Dies in California" Obituary, *Journal*, October 28, 1957; U.S. Census 1920; City Directories). A daughter, Jean was born shortly thereafter.

Dr. Wigim built the present house at 208 Cherry Street in 1926 to accommodate his larger family, which by this time also included his widowed mother. The 1919 Sanborn map of this area does not show a building at this location. The 1928 and 1946 Sanborn maps show a two-story dwelling and a one-story garage in the present building locations. This indicates that the present buildings were constructed between 1919 and 1928, and is in agreement with city directory information. City directories do not show a listing at this address prior to 1927, even though there is photographic evidence of an earlier building at this site (OG-A266GPN, April 4, 1904). The earlier city directories do, however, show listings for 210 Cherry Street, which would indicate a modification in house address numbering at this location. It is believed that the earlier house listed as 210 Cherry was demolished after it was extensively damaged by

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a fire, prior to 1919. Dr. Wigim is listed in city directories from 1927 to 1937 as a physician with an office in the Laurel Building. Dr. Wigim practiced medicine in Muscatine until 1937, when he moved to California, selling the house to Charles E. Schmalz on May 20, 1938.

Charles E. Schmalz was born in Muscatine on September 28, 1898, the son of Charles F. and Sarah (Pitchforth) Schmalz. He married Pauline (Pat) Shaw on August 17, 1935 in Rock Island, Illinois. Mr. Schmalz was an insurance agent his entire working life. He was an avid sportsman, a veteran of World War I, and a member of many fraternal and social groups. Charles E. Schmalz died on January 8, 1975 in Muscatine ("Charles E. (Jack) Schmalz," Obituary, *Journal*, Jan. 9, 1975). His wife Pat continued to live at 208 Cherry Street until her death in March 2000.

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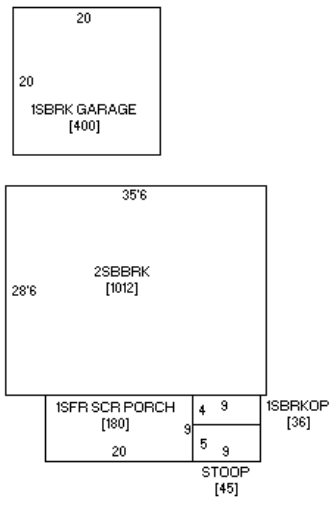
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Location Map



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



(front – Cherry Street)

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Photograph of building (digital image)

