

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

State Inventory No. 70-01051  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 Sander House  
 other names/site number Field Site #: WH-129

**2. Location**

street & number 211 W. Fourth 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) 79 Lot(s) E½ 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            | If Eligible Property, enter number of: |                    |
|   | Enter number of:                    | Contributing                           | Noncontributing    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | _____ buildings                     | <u>1</u>                               | <u>1</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>1</u>                               | <u>1</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**

|  |   |
|--|---|
| <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>09A06: House/Four-Square</u>  | foundation <u>03: Brick</u>                           |
| _____  | walls <u>09: Asbestos</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 211 W. Fourth Street

Site Number 70-01051  
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 1917  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, two-bay, Foursquare house. The house sits on a brick foundation that has been parged. The walls are frame, clad in asbestos siding. The hip roof is clad in asphalt shingles. Most of the windows appear to be vinyl replacements.

The main feature of the front (south) elevation is the one-story open porch that extends across the full width of the elevation. The hip roof of the porch is supported by two square columns at each end of the porch. The columns rest on brick piers. A railing encloses the porch, except for its southwest corner where a short set of steps provides access to the porch and the building's main entry. The entry includes a non-historic, one-over-one-light combination storm door and original wood door with a full-length glass window. The other first-story opening under the porch is a fixed sash picture window with transom and one-over-one-light double-hung sidelights on each side. The front elevation's second-story openings include a pair of one-over-one-light, double-hung windows. Each window is aligned with the corresponding first-story opening. A hip-roof attic dormer is centered on the front elevation's roof. The dormer contains a pair of closed up window openings.

The east elevation contains two one-over-one-light, double-hung windows on the second-story. Each opening is centered on the front or back half of the wall. The first-story windows also contain similar sashes, but instead of a single window in the back half, the opening contains a pair of windows. Each first-story opening is aligned below the second-story opening. Two basement casement windows are aligned below the first-story openings.

The west elevation openings appear to have been altered from the original. There are two openings on the first story, including a small single, fixed sash window in the south portion of the elevation. This historic wood window has a border of frosted glass separated from the clear interior light by a lead bead. The other first-story opening is located in the northwest corner of the elevation. Two, side-by-side, single-sash hinged windows are set in this opening. The second-story openings include a one-over-one-light, double-hung window in the north portion. A smaller, one-over-one-light, double-hung window is located to the right of this corner window. A centered box window is located to the right of the smaller window.

The rear elevation contains a narrow, one-story addition. The 1919 Sanborn map shows a shorter open porch that is centered across half of the elevation. On the 1928 map the centered porch has been replaced by one that extends across the full width of the house, but remains open on its north wall. The 1946 Sanborn shows the same open front. The entire addition is now enclosed. The addition has a hip roof. An entry is located in the west portion of the north elevation of the addition. To the left of the entry are a series of four side-by-side-light, slider windows. The remaining openings of the rear elevation include two, one-over-one-light, double-hung windows on the second story.

A detached non-historic, metal garage (ca. 1968) is located at the back of the property.

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## 8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The Sander 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.

Christopher Sander constructed this house and one next door at 209 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street around 1917. Sander does not appear to be particularly significant in the community's history. There also does not appear to be any significant events associated with the house. Both this house and the one at 209 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street retain a significant amount of integrity. Despite some alterations and additions, either house provides a good example of a typical four-square design. As a pair of similar houses constructed by the same individual, they do provide an unusual combination. It is unknown if any other examples of a twin construction effort such as this exists in Muscatine. However, a number of houses with a similar design do occur throughout the community and in the immediate neighborhood. Therefore, such a development could reasonably be expected. Thus, the Sander House does not appear to be individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A, B, or C.

However, the Sander House does appear to be a contributing building in a potential "West Hill" neighborhood historic district. The construction of this house and its companion house next door demonstrated the continued development of this neighborhood into the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. Although little is known about Christopher Sander, he apparently shared an interest in the neighborhood with others who were also constructing homes in the area. Construction of these two buildings demonstrated that interest. While some alterations have occurred, both this house and its companion retain a significant number of Foursquare features. Because of its integrity and association with 20<sup>th</sup> Century Neighborhood Development, this house contributes historically and architecturally to this potential historic district.

Christopher Sander constructed this house soon after he purchased the property from Oscar Rose on April 12, 1916 (Book 50; page 51). He was born in Germany in 1849 and immigrated to the United States in 1863. He married Sena Reesink around 1878 and they had five children. The couple eventually settled in Lake Township where they farmed. The 1910 and 1920 census shows them next door to their son Arthur and his family in Lake Township. He previously owned the house next door (209 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street), which was acquired from the Reesinks in 1897 and used it as a rental unit. An earlier house was located on this lot in 1916. A comparison between the 1912 and 1919 Sanborn maps shows a completely different building footprint on the later map, indicating construction of the new building, likely soon after the purchase in April 1916 and by 1919. In addition, the 1913 city directory lists the house at 211 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street as vacant, while the 1916 directory has no listing for that address.

When the 1919 directory is published however, Ed Sander and his wife Josephine are listed as the residents. The 1920 census lists him at this address as Edward Sanders (sic), deputy sheriff of Muscatine County at age 33. His household includes his wife Josephine (36) and daughter Anne Marie (5). Through a comparison of census records, city directories and obituaries, it is determined that

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Edward Sander is a son of Christopher and Sena Sander (A.M. Sander obituary, May 16, 1957, 2). The age of the daughter suggests that construction occurred soon after she was born. The 1920 census also records Ed Sander as the owner of 211 W. Fourth, although no courthouse records could be found to corroborate that. Ed and Josephine Sander remained there until after 1923-24, according to the city directory. It is believed that Christopher Sander died around that time, but no death record has been found for him. It is unknown what became of Ed and Josephine Sander, but they apparently maintained ownership or control of the property and rented it to a series of tenants over the next 20 years.

Harry and Mayme Stahl were listed as residents in the 1927 directory. Stahl was a bookkeeper for J.M Gobble Company. There was no listing in the 1929 directory, but Chester and Zelda Leu were tenants in 1931, according to that year's directory. Leu was a salesman for Chas. H. Leu, a typewriter and office business. The 1934 directory lists Nelson and Mary Christiansen as the residents. Christiansen was a locomotive engineer. The couple was still listed there in the 1936-37 directory. City fireman Clyde J. Nicklas and his wife Wilma moved into the house after that. They were still listed there in the 1941-42 directory, but the 1943 directory identified Victor and Grace Kresse as the tenants. Kresse was a salesman for the Logomarcino-Grupe Company.

Arthur (brother of Edward) and Selma Sander purchased the property on August 14, 1944 from Josephine Sander (Book 107; page 553). The 1946 city directory lists them as the residents. Prior to this, it appears Arthur and his family was living in Lake Township where he farmed. The only organizations Arthur was a member of were the First Baptist Church and the Masons. After Arthur died there in 1957, Zelma continued to be listed in the city directory at the address.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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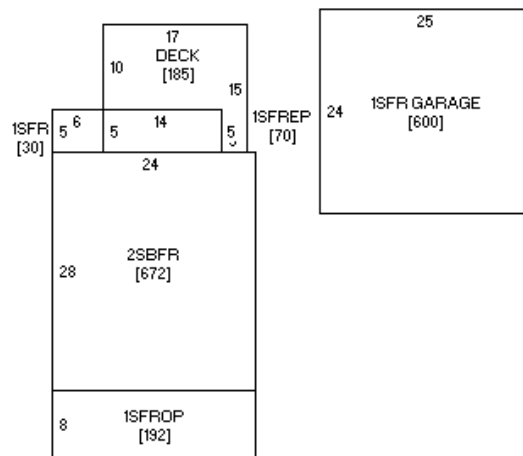
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## Location Map



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



(front - 4<sup>th</sup> Street)

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## Photograph of building (digital image)

