

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

State Inventory No. 70-01053 **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 Winfield Knight House
 other names/site number Field Site #: WH-130

2. Location

street & number 217 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) S 80' Lot 1 & W 1/2 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:	
<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

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>06B: Late 19th & 20th Century Revivals/Colonial Revival</u>	foundation <u>03: Brick</u>
_____	walls <u>05E: Metal/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 217 W. Fourth Street

Site Number 70-01053
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

1921

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, three-bay, Colonial Revival house. The house sits on a brick foundation. The walls are frame, clad in aluminum siding. The side gable roof is clad in asphalt shingles. The house is on a corner lot that falls in the back and right side. All the windows are wood.

The front (south) elevation contains a three-quarter-width porch centered on the façade. The porch is covered by a low-slope hip roof that has wide overhanging eaves and a wide fascia. A full-length square column at each outside corner supports the roof. A wood railing extends around the perimeter of the porch, except for the center, which has been left open for a set of access steps. The only opening under the porch is an entry. The entry has multiple-light sidelights and transoms, characteristic of the Colonial Revival. The door is an historic wood panel with a top light. Two windows are located immediately adjacent to the porch. Each window contains one-over-one-light, double-hung sashes. A dormer with a gable roof is centered on the roof. The dormer contains a group of three windows, each with one-over-one-light, double-hung sashes.

Each side (east and west) is identical. Four openings, two on the first story and two on the second story, are located on each wall. The first-story windows are centered on the wider base of the wall, while the second-story windows are centered on the narrower gable. Each window has one-over-one-light, double-hung sashes.

The rear elevation contains a small rear wing with a small access deck on its west elevation. A gable roof covers the wing. The deck accesses an entry adjacent to the wing's junction with the main house. A short overhang extends out over the entry, which contains a wood door with top light. This door does not appear to be an original. A one-over-one-light, double-hung window is centered on the wing's west wall. The wing's north wall contains a one-over-one-light, double-hung window in the left center side. A dormer is located on the back roof of the main house, extending far enough down to touch the wing's roof. The dormer has a shed roof.

A detached metal shed (ca. 1967) is located in the rear of the property.

8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The Winfield Knight 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.

Real estate broker Winfield Knight built this house in 1921. He does not appear to have been a significant figure in the history of Muscatine. Although the aluminum siding does affect the integrity of the house, it remains a fine example of the Colonial Revival style. However, there are no special features which distinguish this house from others, and its porch reflects more of the Craftsman style. Thus, the

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Winfield Knight House does not appear to be individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A, B, or C.

However, the Winfield Knight House does appear to be a contributing building in a potential "West Hill" neighborhood historic district. Prior to construction of this house, an older building was located on the lot. Knight and his wife lived in the earlier house for several years until they decided in 1921 to buy the property and build a new house. Their decision reflects the goal of many young couples at that time to begin establishing a permanent home in the neighborhood. Those decisions laid the foundation for the neighborhoods continued development into the 20th century and helped to maintain the growth that started in the 1800s. The house contributes both historically and architecturally to the neighborhood because of those associations.

The history of this house dates to the 1920s, when Winfield Knight demolished an earlier building and built a new house. The Sanborn maps from 1919 and 1928 show a new building was constructed between those dates. Knight bought the property from William and Frieda Lampracht on June 10, 1921 (Book 59, page 143). The house was likely constructed shortly after this purchase. Knight was born in Muscatine in 1892 and lived there all his life. Knight originally worked as a salesman for Horst & Strieter Vehicles. In 1927 he became a grocer and continued with that occupation until 1946, when he started his real estate career. He and his wife Nellie were members of the First Methodist Church. He was also a member of the Iowa Chapter, A.F. and A.M., and Washington chapter and Webb council of the order. Winfield Knight died on April 16, 1965. His wife passed away eight months later on December 20, 1965. There is little information about her. She was born in Louisa County on February 13, 1893 to James and Alice Thornton Singleton. She lived her entire life in the Louisa-Muscatine county area. She was a member of Electra Chapter 32, Order of the Eastern Star and White Shrine of Jerusalem (Muscatine Journal, 1965, 14). After she died, the house was transferred with a court officer's deed to David and Verna Porter on February 28, 1966 (Book 226, Page 416).

9. Major Bibliographical References

City Directories, Muscatine. Various publishers, 1856-1959. Available as the Musser Public Library.

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"Mrs. Nellie Knight," Obituary, *Muscatine Journal*, December 20, 1965; page 14

Sanborn Map Company. "Muscatine, Iowa," Sanborn fire insurance maps. Pelham, NY: Sanborn Map Company, 1883, 1888, 1892, 1899, 1907, 1912, 1919, 1928. Accessed online at: Sanborn.umi.com.

"Winfield J. Knight," Obituary, *Muscatine Journal*, April 16, 1965; page 13.

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Photograph of building (digital image)

