

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

State Inventory No. 70-01056  **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 Edward Tyler House  
 other names/site number Field Site #: WH-141

**2. Location**

street & number 310 West 4th  
 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) 53 Lot(s) 8 - W 35'

**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>
<input type="checkbox"/> district	_____ sites	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____ structures	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____ objects	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> object	_____ Total	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

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>05D: Late Victorian / Queen Anne</u>	foundation <u>03: Brick</u>
_____	walls <u>02A: Wood / Weatherboard</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 310 West 4th

Site Number 70-01056  
District Number \_\_\_\_\_

**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 1905  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

**11. Form Prepared By**

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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 style house with wood siding. There are fish scaling shingles in the gables. The house sits on a brick foundation. The combination hip/gable roof has asphalt shingles. The rear (original) section of the house is only one story.

A porch spans the front of the house (north elevation), which is rounded in the section in front of the bay window. The porch has aluminum clad columns. The entry is located on the right (west) side of the bay window. The door is wood with a beveled glass window. A small wood single-light rectangular window is located next to the entry, probably at the bottom of the interior stairs. The bay window has three one-over-one-light, double-hung aluminum windows on both stories. There is also a one-over-one-light, double-hung aluminum window above the entry on the second story. The bay window has a gable roof with chamfered, second-story corners supported by brackets. Dentils decorate the frieze of the house. The front gable has a small single-light wood window and fish-scale shingles.

A c.1914 historic photograph of the house shows few alterations have been made to the building. The photo is not clear enough to describe the openings and a tree partially obscures the second story of the front bay window. The original entrance steps did stretch across the entire entrance bay of the porch and a short perimeter railing with balusters ran around the projecting curved porch in front of the front bay window. Other than these minor changes, no other alterations are visible ("Home of Dr. E.K. Tyler," *Muscatine, Iowa, The Pearl City*, c.1914, 47).

On the west side, on the two-story portion there are three one-over-one-light double-hung aluminum windows on the first story, and a one-over-one-light double-hung aluminum window between the stories on the stairs. There is also one one-over-one-light double-hung aluminum window on the second story. This side of the rear one-story section has one one-over-one-light double-hung aluminum window. The peak of the hip-roof has a cross gable, and the gable on this side has fish-scale shingles and a small window. There are also two single light fixed basement windows.

On the east side, there is a two-story bay window with a gable roof on the two-story section. The bay window has three one-over-one-light double-hung aluminum windows on both stories, and it has a gable roof with corners supported by brackets. The gable has a small single-light window and fish-scale shingles. This side of the rear one-story section has a double one-over-one-light double-hung aluminum window. The peak of the hip-roof has a cross gable, and the gable on this side has fish-scale shingles and a small window. There are also two two-light fixed basement windows.

In the rear, there are two one-over-one-light double-hung aluminum windows and a rear entry on the first story on the one-story rear section. The gable end of the two-story portion of the house has two one-over-one-light double-hung aluminum windows on the second story.

The garage is a two-car, cement block building, which county assessor records indicate was built in 1972. An earlier garage appears on the Sanborn maps. The back yard is also fenced in.

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## 8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The Edward Tyler 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.

Edward K. Tyler, physician, built this house for his family in 1905. Tyler was born in Fairport in 1859 and lived most of his life in the Muscatine area. Although a well-known and successful physician who practiced in the community for over 30 years, he does not appear to have been significant in the community's history. No significant event is known to have occurred at 310 W. Fourth. The Queen Anne house Tyler built has not been extensively altered and retains much of its original integrity. However, similar style houses are located throughout the community and neighborhood. This particular example, although little altered from its original condition, does not provide any special features or decorative details that makes it a better example of this style than others. Thus, the Edward Tyler House does not appear to be individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A, B, or C.

However, the Edward Tyler House does appear to be a contributing building in a potential "West Hill" neighborhood historic district. Dr. Tyler, like many people who built on the West Hill, was a well-known and successful resident of Muscatine. He had lived in the area most of his life and when the family decided to build their home on West Hill, it likely contributed to the area's prestige and reputation. This boost would have helped this established neighborhood maintain its diversity and growth during a critical turn-of-the-century period when people were likely looking forward at new developments in the community. In addition, the integrity of the house is good, with few alterations or changes from its original condition. This house significantly contributes to the history and architecture of this potential historic district.

The 1899 Sanborn map shows this property as a vacant lot, but the house appears on the 1905 Sanborn map. A 1911 biography of Tyler reports he built the house in 1905 (Richman 1911, Vol. 2: 127). Although the biography reports the house was located at 312 W. Fourth, Sanborn maps show an existing house at that address in 1899, which continues to appear through future maps. The property to the east however, shows a new house appearing between the 1899 and 1905 map, with the address for that house eventually being listed as 310 W. Fourth. In the 1907 city directory, Edward K. and Louise Tyler are listed as living at 310 W. Fourth. The 1900 census records the family as tenants living at 125 W. Second. In addition to Tyler and his wife, two daughters, Odette, 3; and Dorothy, (less than one), are listed there. Tyler's mother Elizabeth, 72, is also recorded there as a resident, as is servant Agnes Hickey, 22. The census also identifies Edward and Louise have been married for four years, with two children born to them and living. The 1910 census records the family at 310 W. Fourth. Elizabeth Tyler and Agnes Hickey are not listed, but Edward and Louise, along with their daughters, are still present. The census also indicates the Tylers have lost one child. The 1913 city directory continues to list the Tylers at 310 W. Fourth. Edward is listed as a physician, one of 26 in town at the time. In 1916, the family had moved to 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. When the 1920 census is conducted however, the family has moved to 518 W.

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Third. They are listed as owners, with both Edward and Louise listed. Dorothy, 19, is also listed; along with her sister, Odette, 22. Odette however has married, and her husband, Raymond Grimm, 22, is also listed as a resident. Dr. Edward K. Tyler's passed away on August 3, 1940, and his obituary appears on the same day on page one of the Muscatine Journal. Dr. Tyler was 81 years old at the time and was a practicing physician since 1887. He died at Hershey Hospital after an extended illness. He continued his practice at his home at 518 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street since 1935 due to his failing health.

Dr. Edward Tyler sold the property to the Titus Loan and Investment Company on April 28, 1914 (Lots Book 49: 37). Titus Loan and Investment Company sold this home to Maggie McClung on March 11, 1915 (Lots Book 49:350). The 1916 Muscatine City Directory lists Samuel McClung and his wife, Maggie, living at this address. Mr. McClung is listed as being retired.

Maggie McClung sold the property to Henry Wittman on May 3, 1917 (Lots Book 50:485). The 1919 Muscatine City directory lists Henry C. Wittman and his wife Catherine as the owner/occupants. He is listed as being the proprietor of the American Theater and Grand Opera House. The 1920 census indicates that they are owners of this property. Other family members living at the house were daughters Ruth, 15; Frances, 11; Edith, 9 and Mildred, 7; and son Clement, 13. They resided at this residence until the mid-1920s. His occupation remained the same in 1923 and 1927.

Lewis Hiebing purchased the property on February 28, 1927 (Lots Book 66:633). In 1927, Lewis A. Hiebing and Theresa are listed as living there. He was a sign painter. The couple had one daughter that died in infancy. They are listed there until 1956 when she is listed as widowed. Lewis was listed as painter or sign painter for the entire time that he lived at this address. Lewis Hiebing died on July 10, 1955 at Bellevue Hospital in Muscatine. His obituary states that he was a resident of Muscatine for 25 years since retiring from farming in Johnson County. His obituary does not state what his employment was once he moved to Muscatine, and no further information could be found on him as a painter or sign painter. He was born in Johnson County on January 14, 1883 to Herman and Nancy Schaaupveld Hiebing. He married Theresia Noll on May 14, 1911 at St. Mary's Church in Muscatine. He was a member of St. Mary's Church and was an honorary charter member of the Muscatine Knights of Columbus Lodge (Muscatine Journal: July 11, 1955, pg. 10).

Theresa Hiebing is listed as the owner/occupant in the 1956-1961 city directories and no occupation was listed for her in any of these directories. Theresia Noll Hiebing passed away on July 1, 1981. Mrs. Hiebing was born on October 3, 1889 to German and Anna Stumpe Noll in Muscatine County. She married Lewis Hiebing on May 9, 1911 at St. Mary's Church in Muscatine. She was a member of St. Mary's Church (Muscatine Journal: July 2, 1981, pg. 14).

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Deed/Abstract Records, Recorder's Office, Muscatine County Courthouse, Muscatine, Iowa.

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## Location Map



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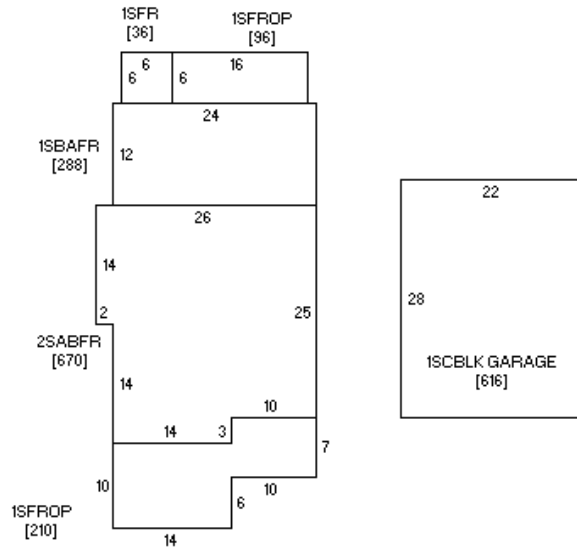
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## Plans of buildings on site (from assessor's office)



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

## Photograph of building (digital image)

