

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

State Inventory No. 70-01057 **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 William L. Thompson House
 other names/site number Field Site #: WH-142

2. Location

street & number 312 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) 9 E 32'

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>09A01: House / Front-gabled roof</u>	foundation <u>03: Brick</u>
_____	walls <u>15B: Vinyl Siding</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 Address 312 West 4th Site Number 70-0
City Muscatine 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 1891 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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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 one-and-one-half-story, two bay, frame house. The foundation is brick covered with cement. There is asphalt shingle roof. A second-story addition on the rear portion of the residence with a higher gable roof is located on the rear of the house. There is also a newer stone block retaining wall in the landscape front yard.

The front elevation (north) of the residence has a full porch with columns across the front of the house. According to the Sanborn maps, the porch was constructed between 1919 and 1928, replaced an earlier entry porch. The single-door entry is located in the left bay. The door is steel. The bay window on the first story is not original. There is a pair of one-over-one-light, double-hung, second-story wood windows centered over the porch.

The west elevation has one one-over-one-light double-hung wood window on the first story in front of a brick chimney, and a double one-over-one-light double hung wood window behind the chimney. There is a second set of double one-over-one-light double hung window on the first story. There is also a small dormer on the main section behind the chimney of the west elevation. This dormer has two casement wood windows. There is a one-over-one-light double hung window on the second story addition.

The east elevation has three one-over-one-light double-hung wood windows on the first story. The middle window is smaller than the others. A one-over-one-light double-hung wood window is in the second story addition.

The rear elevation (south) contains two one-over-one-light double hung wood windows on the first story, a rear entry and a sliding glass door on the southeast side of the rear elevation. There is one one-over-one-light double hung wood window on the second story.

There is a one-car garage. It is made of cement block with brick fascia. There is a wood fence between the houses probably showing the property lines.

8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The William L. Thompson 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.

William Lewis Thompson was reared in Muscatine from early childhood and attended the public schools of the area. When he completed his schooling, Mr. Thompson joined his father, Robert T. Thompson, in the hardware business. Robert T. Thompson had started this business, Thompson & Son, in 1875 after retiring from other business ventures. Robert T. Thompson withdrew from the firm in 1887 at which time William L. and his brother Theron took over the business and renamed the company, Thompson

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Brothers. It does not appear that William L. Thompson had a significant impact on the history of Muscatine. No significant event is known to have occurred on the property. Although the house retains much of its integrity, its features are not distinctive enough to qualify it for individual significance. Thus, the William L. Thompson House does not appear to be individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A, B, or C.

However, the William L. Thompson House does appear to be a contributing building in a potential "West Hill" neighborhood historic district. This gable-front home has had changes made to different portions of the structure, but is in good condition and should be considered a contributing property to an historic district because it holds the character and charm of a past era. A second story addition has also been added to the back portion of the residence as well.

Though an early 20th century construction date has been suggested for the house, the footprint appears to be the same on Sanborn maps from 1899 to 1919. A bay window and porch have been added to this structure since it was built in the 1890's. Neither is shown on the 1919 Sanborn map, though an entry porch is depicted.

William L. Thompson bought the Easterly ½ of Lot 9, Block 53, from his brother Theron Thompson on October 11, 1890. Theron Thompson had bought all of this lot plus the E 4' of Lot 10 on the same day from Joseph Bilkey for \$1600 (Book of Lots 14: pg. 482). This price suggests that improvements were on the lot at the time, but it is unknown if there were one or two houses, or if they were the current houses. It is possible that Bilkey built them prior to selling, but more likely that Thompson built them after purchasing. Robert T. Thompson died on February 1, 1890, and he was father to Theron, Barbara Ella, Robert L., and William L. (Richman 1911, Vol. 2: 153). The Muscatine City Directory states that W.L. Thompson lived at this address in the 1891-92 directory. He is identified as being employed by Thompson Brothers. His father, Robert, established a hardware business in 1875 under the title of R. T. Thompson Son & Company. In 1878 he withdrew and the firm became Thompson Brothers, with Theron and William L. Thompson as the proprietors. Thompson was born on March 4, 1862 in Muscatine to Robert T. and Emily A. (Lewis) Thompson. William Lewis Thompson married Harriet (Hattie) Stockdale on October 22, 1890. The Thompsons had one child, Mary Gladys (Richman 1911, Vol. 2: 572). Though he is listed at this residence through the 1897-98 Muscatine City Directory, his 1911 biography notes the they had lived in Las Vegas for about 12 years prior to his death in 1906, due to his health. He maintained an interest in the Muscatine hardware store in this period.

During this period that they lived in Las Vegas, they continued to own and rent the property. The 1899-1900 city directory identifies Edward Lilly and his wife, Cora, as the residents of this home. Mr. Lilly is listed as being a clerk at B.E. Lilly. In the 1900 city directory, Edward T. and Cora Lilly are listed as living there. He worked as a clerk for B.E. Lilly. The 1900 census confirms they are residents at 312 W. Fourth, but are identified as renters. In addition to Edward, 29, and Cora, 25, is their son Chester, 3. The Lillys are listed in the 1910 census as the owners and residents of 111 W. Fourth. The 1902-03 Muscatine City Directory states that Dr. Milton A. Barr and his wife lived in this residence. They are also listed in the 1904 city directory as well.

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Catherine Mitchell purchased E 32' of Lot 9 Block 53 from William L. Thompson on September 26, 1904 (Lots Book 38: 1). According to his 1911 biography, Catherine was William's aunt (mother's half sister). William died in Las Vegas on January 21, 1906, where they moved in the mid-1890s for his health (Richman 1911, Vol. 2: 572). In 1907, Mrs. Hattie (Harriet) (widow of W.L.) Thompson was listed as living at 312 W. Fourth. Harriet and her daughter Mary G. are listed as living here in the 1908 Muscatine City Directory. Hattie is listed as being the vice president of Thompson Brothers. No occupation was listed for Mary. Harriet is not recorded in the 1910 census. William L. Thompson's 1911 biography notes that his widow Harriet and daughter Mary continued to live at 312 W. 4th Street. The 1913 city directory identifies Harriet, a widow and Mary G., a student, as living here.

Catherine Mitchell sold the E32' of Lot 9 Block 53 to her nephews, brothers Theron and Robert L. Thompson, on February 4, 1914 (Lots Book 45: 638). The 1916 Muscatine City Directory lists Harriet and Mary G. Thompson as living in this residence. No occupations were listed. The 1919 city directory identifies Harriet and Mary G. Thompson as residing in this home. Harriet is not listed as having an occupation and Mary is listed as being a school teacher. Robert and Carrie Thompson are listed as the residents and owners of 407 W. Third (assumed) in the 1920 census. An aunt, Katherine (or Catherine) Mitchell is living with them. Catherine Mitchell had been listed at 407 W. Third in the 1910 census, living with Ella Thompson, sister of Theron and William. Harriet Thompson, 54, is listed in the 1920 census back at 312 W. Fourth as the resident and owner of that property. No occupation is listed for her. Thompson's daughter, Mary, 22, is also listed as a resident of 312 W. Fourth in the 1920 census. She is identified as a school teacher. The 1921 Muscatine City Directory identifies Harriet and Mary G. Thompson as residing in this home. Harriet is listed as a widow and Mary as a teacher. The 1923 city directory lists Harriet and Mary G. Thompson as living in this house. Harriet is listed as being a widow and Mary as a school teacher at Muscatine high School. The Thompsons sold the property to Mary Thompson on June 23, 1924 (Lots Book 63: 150). Mrs. Hattie Thompson was listed through the 1927 Muscatine City Directory as living in this home. She was also listed as being the vice president of Thompson Brothers. They moved in 1928 for Mary to teach in Washington and work on her Master's degree. The 1930 Census states that Mary G. Thompson (32) is the head of the household in Washington (state), Skagit County, Mount Vernon (city). Mary is employed as a teacher in the public schools and Harriet S. Thompson (60) is living with her. Harriet is not listed as having an occupation. Mary G. Thompson's died in Washington on August 10, 1939. Her mother preceded her in death in 1937.

Mary Thompson sold the home to C. Maybelle Hudson on August 1, 1928 (Lots Book 70: 502). Maybelle Hudson (widow of Harry) is listed 1929 Muscatine City Directory. For most of the period she was not identified as having an occupation, but she was listed as being a bookkeeper in the 1940-41 city directory. Emil Johnson is listed in the 1943 Muscatine City Directory without an occupation listed.

Roy Tooman, Sr. sold the property to C.C. Hagerman on March 4, 1946 (117:37). The 1946 Muscatine City Directory identified Frank S. Ratel and his wife, Grace, as residing in this home. He was as being a machine operator. They continued to live in this residence through the 1956 city directory, even after Mike Cottrell purchased the home on July 2, 1952. The 1958 and 1961 Muscatine City Directories

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continued to list Mike and Daisy Cottrell as being the owner/occupants. Mr. Cottrell is identified as being a watchman at Weber Button Company.

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Location Map



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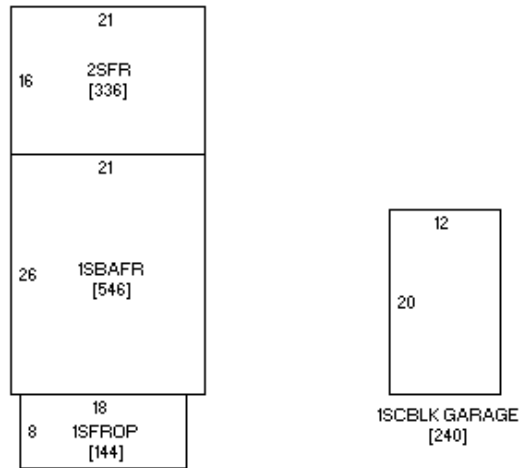
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Plans of buildings on site (from assessor's office)



(front – 4th Street)

Photograph of building (digital image)

