

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

State Inventory No. 70-01054  **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 Warren H. Tutt House  
 other names/site number Field Site #: WH-146

**2. Location**

street & number 301 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) 80 Lot(s) 5

**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>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> 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**

<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>09A07: Other/House/Ranch</u>	foundation <u>10A: Concrete/Block</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 301 W. Fourth Street

Site Number 70-01054  
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

1950

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 one-story, three-bay, ranch house with minimal traditional elements. The house sits on a rusticated cement block foundation. The walls are frame, clad in aluminum siding with a small portion of the façade showing a brick veneer. The gable roof is clad in asphalt shingle. The house is on a corner lot that slopes down on the east and north ends. The windows and doors all appear to be original. All the east and west elevation windows contain decorative shutters on their sides. There are basically no side eaves, and the front and back eaves only extend out far enough to hang troughs.

The front (south) elevation features a recessed center bay that is flanked by two outside bays. The left outside bay contains an attached garage in the front portion. A long sloping roof extends out over the garage entry, which includes a single, metal overhead door with no windows. The right outside bay also extends out from the plane of the south wall. A cross-gable roof covers this bay, which had brick veneer cladding on the lower portion and metal cladding in the gable end. An entry is centered in the left half of the gable end, while a single one-over-one-light window is centered in the right half of the wall. A three-step concrete stoop with iron handrails provides access to the entry. The entry contains a flush-mounted, combination aluminum storm door and a wood door containing three lights arranged in a stepped pattern in the top half. The recessed middle bay contains a single light, fixed sash picture window that is flanked by a one-over-one-light, double-hung window on each side.

The west elevation contains three openings on the end of the main side gable and one opening on the west wall of a cross-gable wing that extends to the back. A one-over-one-light attic window is centered in the upper portion of the side gable's end wall. A one-over-one-light, double-hung window is centered in the front half of the first story of the end wall. A centered opening in the back half of the first story contains an entry with a flush-mount aluminum combination storm door and a wood interior door. The opening on the west wall of the cross gable is a centered window containing one-over-one-light, double-hung sashes. A similar window is located on the cross gable's east wall.

The east elevation contains a similar pattern as the side gable end of the west elevation, except all the openings are windows. Each first-story window contains one-over-one-light, double-hung sashes. The attic window is similar in design and shape to the attic window on the west elevation.

The rear elevation contains two windows on the side gable's east wall and two windows on the end wall of the cross gable. The right window of the side gable is centered on the wall's right half, while the left window is off-center to the right. The two windows of the cross gable are centered in each half. All the windows contain one-over-one-light, double-hung sashes.

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## 8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The Warren H. Tutt 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.

Automotive service manager Warren H. Tutt built this house for his family around 1950 at age 31. There is no record of his death, although his wife passed away in 2000. Tutt does not appear to have made a significant contribution to the history of Muscatine. The house retains most of its integrity, but does not exhibit any unusual or noteworthy architectural features. Several houses built in this period remain in Muscatine. There also is not record of any significant event occurring on the property. Thus, the Warren H. Tutt House does not appear to be individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A, B, or C.

However, the Warren H. Tutt House does appear to be a contributing building in a potential "West Hill" neighborhood historic district. Like many veterans returning from the war, Warren Tutt was probably anxious to settle down and begin raising his family. When he was hired as the service manager of a major Muscatine auto dealership, he and his wife decided to build the house at 301 W. Fourth. The decision to select this neighborhood helped to continue the steady and long development of this area and brought new residents and families into the neighborhood. The construction also reflected the new styles and designs for housing at that time and helped to balance the older housing on that block. This house contributes to the architecture and history of this potential historic district.

Warren H. Tutt and his wife Sophie constructed this house around 1950, after purchasing the lot on July 6, 1950 from Leonard J. Donahue (Book 135, Page 188). They are the first recorded residents in city directories. According to census information, Tutt was born in Wisconsin in 1919 and moved with his family to Muscatine when he was still a baby. He appears to have first worked for Roach and Musser in the early 1940s. He married Sophie Gustas, Bettendorf, in 1940. When World War II broke out, Tutt served in the Army. It is unknown what positions he held immediately after the war, but by 1949 he was working as a salesman for Henderson's Garage in Muscatine. His wife was a sorter for McKee Button Company. In the early 1950s he started working as the service manager for Krieger's Motors and continued in that position until he apparently retired in the late 1980s. There is no record of his death, although his wife passed away in 2000. Warren continued to live in the house after Sophie died in 2000. He eventually moved in 2004.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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**Location Map**



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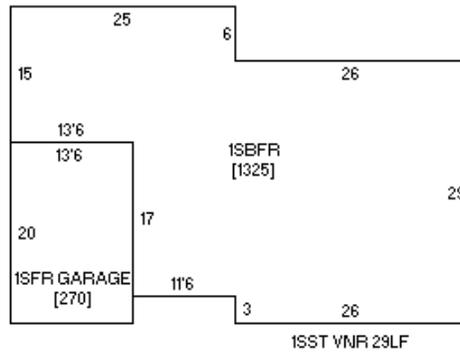
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### Plans of buildings on site (from assessor's office)



(front – W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street)

### Photograph of building (digital image)

