

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

State Inventory No. 70-01060 **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 Mauck Rental House #1
 other names/site number Field Site #: WH-149

2. Location

street & number 317 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) E26.67' EX N 48.96' Lot 1

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:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	_____	Contributing <u>1</u>	buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> district	_____	Noncontributing _____	sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____	_____	structures
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____	_____	objects
<input type="checkbox"/> object	_____	_____	Total
	_____	Contributing <u>1</u>	
	_____	Noncontributing _____	
	_____	_____	
	_____	_____	
	_____	_____	
	_____	_____	

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>09A09: Other House/Cross Gable</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 317 W. Fourth Street

Site Number 70-01060
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

1898

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, two-bay, house with some Queen Anne features. The house sits on a brick foundation. The walls are frame, clad in aluminum siding. The cross-gable roof is clad in asphalt shingles. The house contains a cross-gable center section, with a gable-roof wing that extends to the front (south). It also contains a one-story rear gable section. This is one of two houses that are located on a single corner lot. The only decorative features of the house are located on the front.

The asymmetrical front (south) elevation of 317 W. Fourth contains an extended front gable section. The first story of the front gable section includes a bay window with chamfered corners, and a wraparound porch that swings around from the front of the house and down its west side to the side gable. The section across the portion of the front façade was added between 1919 and 1928. Four turned, historic wood posts and two pilasters support the porch's shed roof. A non-historic wood railing extends between the front posts, leaving the west side of the porch open as an access. A set of wood steps leads up to the access area. The porch roof contains a simple entablature with no ornamentation or designs. The area under the porch has been enclosed. The right side of the bay window is located outside the porch area. Ornamental spindlework is attached to the overhang above this window on the chamfered corner. The left window is located under the porch roof. There also is no decorative spindlework associated with the left window. Both outside windows contain one-over-one-light, double-hung, historic wood sashes. The middle opening also contains a one-over-one-light, double hung historic window, but it is slightly wider than the outside windows. A pair of one-over-one-light, double-hung windows is centered on the second story of the gable-front section, which has square corners. An entry is also located under the porch and on the south wall of the side gable. It contains a historic wood door with a single-light window in the top half. On the second story above the entry is a single window containing historic one-over-one-light, double-hung wood sashes.

The west elevation includes the wrap around side porch, the side of the front gable, the cross gable side section, and the side of the rear gable section. The west side of the front gable contains a single, one-over-one-light, double-hung, second-story window. Three other openings are located in the end wall of the side cross-gable. Two first-story windows are centered in the wall. Each contains a one-over-one-light, double-hung, historic window. The single, second-story window is also centered in the upper gable and contains a similar sash design. The remaining openings on the west elevation include an entry that is centered on the back half of the one-story rear extension and a six-over-six-light, double-hung, historic window that is centered on the front half of the extension. A short wood deck provides access to the entry, which contains a flush-mounted aluminum combination storm door and what appears to be a wood door with a single, fixed light in the upper half.

The east elevation includes the wrap around side porch, the side of the front gable, the small cross gable side section, and the side of the rear gable section. It only contains two openings in the side cross gable end. There is a centered opening on both the first and second stories and each contains a single window with one-over-one-light, double-hung wood sashes.

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The rear elevation shows a single, non-historic, centered one-over-one-light, double-hung window in the back gable end of the rear extension. The other openings include a one-over-one-light, double-hung historic window in the exposed northeast corner of the side gable's north wall. Above and slightly to the right of this first-story window is a single-light, possibly fixed-sash, narrow second-story window. The short, non-historic wood deck, which provides an access to the rear entry, wraps around the north end of the one-story, rear extension.

8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The Mauck Rental House #1 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.

Charlotte Mauck and her husband Isaac R. Mauck first became associated with Lot 1, Block 80 when they were married in 1843, later building the house that still stands at 319 W. Fourth Street. After Isaac died in 1891, the second house on the lot was constructed at 317 W. Fourth, and it appears on the 1899 Sanborn map. Charlotte owned the lot at the time, and Isaac Newton Mauck often lived with them. Newton is alternatively identified as a nephew and an adopted son, although perhaps not legally adopted. There is no evidence that either Charlotte or her husband significantly affected the community's history. No significant historical event is known to have occurred at this property. In addition, although the house does retain a portion of its integrity, specifically its overall historic footprint, original porch and some decorative features around the first-story cutaway window, several alterations have been done. There are several other houses of similar design located both in the neighborhood and the community that show more characteristics and are more architecturally significant. Thus, the Mauck Rental House #1 does not appear to be individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A, B, or C.

However, the Mauck Rental House #1 does appear to be a contributing building in a potential "West Hill" neighborhood historic district. This house is one of three built on Lot 1, Block 80 by the Mauck family between 1850 and 1904. The original house at 319 W. Fourth (see 70-01061) was built c.1850 and maintained the family's connection to the neighborhood that was started with Charlotte and Isaac's marriage in 1843. After Isaac died in 1891, Charlotte strengthened that relationship by constructing a second house, 317 W. Fourth, on the lot. The construction helped maintain the growth and development of the neighborhood as a well-established local family was demonstrating its continued faith in the area and helping to bring in new families by building an additional home in the neighborhood. The house reflects 19th and 20th century development of the neighborhood and contributes to the history and architecture of this potential historic district.

Charlotte Mauck and her husband Isaac R. Mauck first became associated with Lot 1, Block 80 when they were married in 1843. According to a 25th wedding anniversary story in the Muscatine Journal, the couple's first home was at the northeast corner of Fourth and Linn (Muscatine Journal, 1868, page 1).

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Their house on the lot, 319 W. Fourth, was likely constructed around 1850 (see 70-01061, 319 W. Fourth). Charlotte Mauck acquired full ownership of Lot 1, Block 80 when her husband died in 1891. Nephew Isaac Newton Mauck was raised by Isaac R. and Charlotte, and he is often listed as living with Charlotte. Charlotte's obituary actually identified him as an adopted son, although census records continued to identify him as a nephew (Muscatine Journal, 1919, 10). While Charlotte owned all of Lot 1, the second house was constructed at 317 W. Fourth between 1891 and 1899. The 1900 census lists only Charlotte Mauck (age 76) at 319 W. Fourth, and she continued to live at this location in the early 20th century. No residents could be identified at 317 W. Fourth in the 1900 city directory or 1900 census. However, the 1899 Sanborn map clearly shows that this house was built. A house had been constructed in the 1890s at 315 W. Fourth by McCabe (see 70-01059). The Maucks might have been reacting to that construction with their own project when they decided to build 317 W. Fourth. By 1905, the Maucks has also constructed a third house on the lot at 409 Linn Street (see 70-00849). The 1910 census identifies Charlotte (age 86) and her nephew Isaac Newton Mauck (age 53, a painter), as residents of 317 W. Fourth. Charlotte or Mrs. C.F. Mauck is listed as a resident at 319 W. Fourth until her death in 1919.

Robert B. Baird and his wife Elizabeth are listed as residents of 317 W. Fourth in the 1904 directory, the first directory to identify an occupant at this address in the address listings. The Bairds continued to be listed as residents of the house through the 1908 directory. Their daughter Margaret, a dressmaker, was also listed as a resident. He married Elizabeth Hill shortly before the Civil War started and was one of the first in the Muscatine area to enlist in the service. When he returned to Muscatine, he worked as the bookkeeper for G.W. Dillaway for several years before becoming a traveling salesman for the Chambers Lumber Company and later the Huttig Manufacturing Company. He also served as assistant clerk of the Iowa Senate and held several other offices at the state house. By 1904, they moved into this house at 317 W. Fourth, renting it from the Mauck. He was elected commander of the Shelby Norman Post of the GAR in 1909 and then re-elected in 1910. After the Musser Library was constructed, he worked as the custodian for the facility, a position he held when he died in 1910 of complications from typhoid fever. The 1910 census lists Robert Baird (78, janitor at public library), Elizabeth (67), daughter Margaret (40, dressmaker), and two boarders – William and Anna Flowers. Despite being described in his 1910 obituary as one of Muscatine's most prominent soldiers and citizens, Robert Baird does not appear to have substantially influenced the history of the community (Muscatine Journal, August 19, 1910, 2).

The 1911 directory did not list a 317 W. Fourth and the 1913 directory recorded it as vacant. William E. and Marguerite Tucker were listed as residents in the 1916 directory. He was an assistant superintendent for the Prudential Insurance Company. Fearl and Martha Decker are recorded as living at 317 W. Fourth in the 1919 through the 1923-24 directories. He worked for the Lange Tailoring Company. The 1927 directory listed Mrs. M. Hudson, widow of Henry, as the resident of 317 W. Fourth. She worked as a bookkeeper for McColms. The 1929 and 1931 directories both listed Frank T. and Annie Thompson as residents. No occupation was recorded for either. Mrs. Zelma Myers was the recorded resident in the 1934 directory. No occupation was listed for her.

Charlotte Mauck had died on October 18, 1919, and title to the land apparently passed to Isaac Newton Mauck through her estate and no transfer record was found. The 1920 census lists Newton I. Mauck,

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age 62, as the owner and resident of 319 W. Fourth. Isaac continued to live at 319 W. Fourth until his death on May 11, 1933. The administrator for Isaac Newton Mauck's estate sold all of Lot 1, Block 80, which contained 319 W. Fourth, 317 W. Fourth and 409 Linn at this time, to Thomas R. Truempy on June 29, 1934 (Book 83, Page 63). Truempy does not appear as a resident in any of the homes, indicating he used all three properties as rentals. Truempy apparently died in 1935 or 1936 and his estate sold Lot 1, Block 80 to Edward Sander on September 17, 1936 (Book 8 Executors Deeds, Page 80). An additional record shows Edna and Willard Walls (likely daughter Edna Truempy) gave a warranty deed to Sander on the same day (Book 82, Page 428). It appears two deeds were provided to Sander to prevent any future conflict with the transfer. No Sander is recorded as a resident in any of the Lot 1 properties following Edward's purchase.

The 1936-37 directory showed Mrs. Catherine Wittman, widow of Henry, was the 317 W. Fourth resident. Her occupation was not recorded. John and Hazel Kutcher were listed in the 1938-39 directory, while Silas L. and Alta Guthrie were the residents in the 1940-41 and 1943 directories. Kutcher was a laborer and Guthrie's occupation was not given.

The property passed to Josephine Sander, who was either a wife or daughter of Edward, in 1943. Walter E. Van Zyle, sports editor for the Muscatine Journal, was listed as the resident of 317 W. Fourth in the 1946 and 1949 directories. The 1952 directory listed Frederick and Nettie King as the residents. He was a gauger for the U.S. Treasury Department's Alcohol Tax Unit. Carpenter Edwin Reinier and his wife Ethel, a nurse's aid, lived in the house from around 1954 to 1958, according to the city directories from those years. In the 1959 directory, Sebastian and Frances Kola-Bankde lived in the house. He was an architect-trainee for Stanleys.

Josephine Sander apparently split the properties into their current descriptions and sold all three parcels to Charles or Veda Steward sometime around September 28, 1963. Josephine died in 1972.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Census Records, United States Census Bureau, 1860, 1870, 1900, 1910, 1920.

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

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

"Robert B. Baird Has Passed Away," *Muscatine Journal*, August 19, 1910, page 2

"Oldest Resident Of City Dies Today," *Muscatine Journal*, October 16, 1919, page 10

Sanborn Map Company. "Muscatine, Iowa," Sanborn fire insurance maps. Pelham, NY:

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Sanborn Map Company, 1883, 1888, 1892, 1899, 1907, 1912, 1919, 1928. Accessed online at: Sanborn.umi.com.

Location Map



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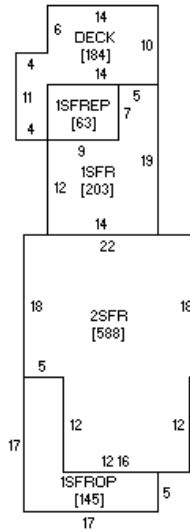
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Plans of buildings on site (from assessor's office)



(front – W. 4th Street)

Photograph of building (digital image)

