

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

State Inventory No. 70-01061 **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 Isaac R. Mauck House
 other names/site number Field Site #: WH-150

2. Location

street & number 319 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) W 33.33' 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: 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

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)	Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)
<u>01A01: Domestic / Single residence</u>	<u>01B01: Domestic / Multiple Dwelling/Duplex</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)	Materials (Enter categories from instructions)
<u>09A04: Other House/Side-Gabled Roof, Two-Story</u>	foundation <u>05C: Stone/Limestone</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 319 W. Fourth Street

Site Number 70-01061
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

1848

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, side-gable I-house. The house sits on a stone foundation. The walls are frame, clad in aluminum siding. The gable-roof is clad in asphalt shingles. Two rear additions have been constructed to the back of the original house. A review of Sanborn maps shows the most recent addition appears to have been added after 1946, while the earlier addition appears on the 1899 map. The earliest addition was attached in cross gable fashion to the original side gable house and might have been part of the original construction. The second addition was attached to the end of the earlier addition. The height of the second addition is slightly less than the first addition's height. The back section of the gable roof on each addition is about twice the depth of the front portion of the house. This house was the original building located on the slightly elevated Lot 1, but by 1899 another house was built on the east portion of this lot and by 1905 another house was built on the rear portion of the lot. The slope of the lot drops towards the rear.

The front (south) elevation is a generally featureless symmetrical façade with a short wood deck that provide access to the centered entry. The entry contains a flush-mounted, non-historic, solid steel door. A set of centered wood steps leads up to the deck on the south side, while a short set of steps alongside the house provides an additional access from the west side of the deck. A three-foot tall railing encloses the perimeter of the deck, with openings provided for steps on the south and west sides. The west steps lead to a concrete deck that extends down the west side of the house to an entry on that elevation. The other openings on the façade include two windows on each side of the entry on the first story and two second-story windows aligned above each of the first-story windows. All the windows contain non-historic, one-over-one-light, double-hung sashes.

No historic photograph of the house has been located.

The west side elevation includes the side gable of the main section of the house, the side of the historic addition, and the side of the post-1946 rear addition. Two openings are located on the west wall of the main house section. Each opening contains a non-historic, one-over-one-light, double-hung window. One window is centered on the front half of the first story, while the other window is centered on the back half of the second story. A cement deck leads to the entry located in the original rear addition or extension. A single board railing without balusters extends along the deck. The entry contains a flush-mounted, non-historic, solid steel door. The entry is located slightly to the right of the west wall's center. A non-historic, one-over-one-light, double-hung window is centered on the first story and is located to the left of the entry. A similar second-story window is located above this centered window. Three remaining openings on the west elevation are all centered on the west wall of the most recent rear addition. One opening each on the first and second stories contains a non-historic, one-over-one-light, double-hung window. The third centered opening is a basement entry cut into the exposed foundation of the addition. The entry contains a non-historic, solid steel door.

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The east side elevation includes the side gable of the main section of the house, the side of the historic addition with an enclosed one-story porch, and the side of the post-1946 rear addition. It contains only three openings. There are no openings in the east wall of the original side gable. A single opening is located in the left half of the older addition's second story. A one-story enclosed porch section on this addition also contains a centered opening. Both openings contain non-historic, one-over-one-light, double-hung windows. The remaining opening on the east elevation is a window located in the upper left corner of the newer rear addition. It contains non-historic, one-over-one-light, double-hung sashes.

The only rear elevation openings are located on the back gable of the most recent rear addition. An entry is located in the lower left corner of the elevation. It contains a flush-mounted, non-historic, aluminum combination storm door. An interior door is not visible. A first- and second-story, non-historic window is centered on the back wall. Each window contains non-historic, one-over-one-light, double-hung sashes.

8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The Isaac R. Mauck 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.

According to the *Muscatine Journal*, Isaac R. Mauck and his wife began living at the northeast corner of Fourth and Linn Street when they were married in 1843, though the current house was built in 1848, according to Charlotte's obituary. The 1859 directory shows him working for a wholesale grocer, which apparently gave him his start in that trade. Mauck is also not listed in any of the county biographies or histories. Although he and his wife were apparently some of the earliest residents of the community, neither appears to have made a significant contribution to the community's history. No significant historical event is known to have occurred on the site. In addition, although the house does appear to be one of the oldest on that block, it has some integrity issues. Door and windows have been replaced, modern siding installed, and one post-1946 addition constructed. It no longer is an excellent example of a mid-19th century house. Thus, the Isaac R. Mauck House does not appear to be individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A, B, or C.

However, the Isaac R. Mauck house does appear to be a contributing building in a potential "West Hill" neighborhood historic district. The Mauck house is one of the oldest in the area, and the overall form and design of the house remains intact. Though it has had some modifications, including new siding and windows, the overall house is recognizable as a mid-19th century dwelling. The Maucks moved into the neighborhood shortly after being married in 1843. Over the next few decades, their decision to initially move and then to remain on West Hill would have influenced other young couples. As the couple continued to remain in the house, eventually to pass it on to other family members, that connection and association to the neighborhood grew even stronger, creating an even greater influence on other potential residents.

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In a brief article noting the couple's 25th wedding anniversary in 1868, the Journal reported the couple had lived in the same spot, but not the in the same house since their marriage in 1843 (Muscatine Journal, February 3, 1868, 1). Charlotte's 1919 obituary confirmed the present house was built in 1848, which would fit into the time frame established by the property's initial sale. According to county transfer records, Isaac & Dan'l (relationship unknown) Mauck acquired Lot 1, Block 80 from (the) Commissioners (by Ogilvie) on July 6, 1841 (Book C, Page 186). Mary Nietzel noted in her 1949 history that this was one of a handful of houses listed in the 1856 city directory that remains standing roughly intact (Carlson 1997: 86). Based on this information, the 1848 construction date is likely correct. The 1846 business directory does not list him (Newhall, 1846, no page).

The 1856 city directory identifies Isaac Mauck as living on the "ns Fourth e Linn" and lists his occupation as a bricklayer. In the 1859 city directory, Mauck is listed as a grocer, which he is also listed as in the 1860 census. He is also identified in the census as owning \$10,000 worth of real estate and \$2000 in personal estate value. The census lists Isaac as 44, Charlotte as 36, Isaac N. as 4, and servant Christiana Hempy as 15. Later censuses identify four-year-old Isaac N. (Newton) Mauck as being a nephew. However, in Charlotte's obituary, Newton is identified as an adopted son who was not related by blood to either Charlotte or Isaac. The obituary also reported Charlotte had continuously lived on the same spot for 76 years and her house had been built in 1848.

After appearing in the 1856 and 1859 directories, Mauck continues to be recorded in later editions. The 1866 directory lists him as a commercial merchant, while the 1869-70 directory records him as a grocer again. The 1874-75 directory also lists Newton Mauck for the first time, but surprisingly, both Newton and I.R. (Isaac) are recorded on the "ws Iowa Av n 2nd." The 1876-77 directory does not list any Mauck. It is unknown why the Maucks moved from 1874-77, if the recordings are residential, not commercial. By the 1877-78 directory the family was again listed at 319 W. Fourth. Isaac R. Mauck, a grocer; was identified as the resident, while Isaac N. Mauck, who was assumed to be Newton, was listed as a boarder. Newton's occupation was not listed, but in the 1874-75 directory, he had been listed as a cabinet maker. It's possible the listings on Iowa Avenue were errors; or possibly, the family was forced to leave its home for repairs or renovations. Isaac Mauck continued to be listed at 319 W. Fourth through the 1889-92 directory. Newton was not listed. Isaac died on May 8, 1891. The newspaper edition in which his obituary is located is missing from the Musser Library.

The 1891-92 city directory only lists the nephew/adopted son Isaac N. Mauck. From the 1893-94 directory through the 1900 city directory, only Charlotte is listed. The 1899-1900 directory only lists Charlotte, but identifies her at 317 W. Fourth and not 319 W. Fourth. Between 1891 and 1905, the Maucks constructed two additional houses on Lot 1, 317 W. Fourth (see 70-01060) and 409 Linn (see 70-00849). The 1900 census only lists Charlotte Mauck living here, as a 76-year-old widow. From the 1904 through the 1919 directory, both Charlotte and Newton (or some variation, such as Isaac N. or I.N.) are both listed at 319 W. Fourth. The 1910 census also identifies Charlotte (age 86) as the owner, with her "nephew" Isaac Newton Mauck (age 53), a painter, listed as a resident. Charlotte died on October 18, 1919 at the age of 95. Her obituary identified her as the oldest resident of the city and reported she died after a three-day illness. According to the obituary, she was born on March 5, 1824 in Pickaway County,

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Ohio. She was 17 when she arrived in Muscatine with her parents. The family initially lived in a log cabin on the Burlington Road. She married Isaac Mauck on February 1, 1843 and the couple began keeping house on the corner of Fourth and Linn. They had two children, but both preceded her in death. The obituary then reported Newton was an adopted son. Title to the land apparently passed from Charlotte to Isaac Newton through the estate and no transfer record was found.

The 1920 census lists Newton I. Mauck, age 62, as the owner, and no occupation was listed. In the 1921 directory, Isaac N. Mauck is listed as a resident on the second floor, indicating the house had definitely been split into apartments by then. Mauck, who is recorded as being retired, continued to be listed as a resident on the second floor until the 1931 directory. The 1921 resident on the first floor, which retained the 319 W. Fourth address, was J.S. Conkling, a shipping clerk for Greathouse Manufacturing. Conkling and his wife Myrtle continued to be listed as residents of the house in the 1923-24 directory. H.F. and Sadie Pryor were recorded as the resident of 319 W. Fourth in the 1927 directory. He was a clerk for the CRI&P Railroad. Sanford Schmaltz, no occupation provided, was also listed as a second floor resident in this directory. Whether he shared the upstairs with Isaac Newton Mauck or had his own apartment is unknown. Both Schmaltz and Mauck were listed as second-floor residents in the 1929 directory. George W. and Myrtle Slater however were the recorded residents for the first floor. He was a button cutter. Mauck was the only recorded resident of the second floor in the 1931 directory, while Harry G. and Myrtle Eads were listed as the residents on the ground floor. Eads' occupation was not listed.

Isaac Newton Mauck died 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 as rentals. The Eads continued to be listed as residents in the 1934 directory, but Mildred Davis, an elevator operator at the Laurel Building, was recorded for the second floor. 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 (daughter Edna Truempy) and Willard Walls 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. In the 1936-37 directory, Charles J. and Calista McWilliams were the residents at 319 W. Fourth. He was a painter. Vincent and Mildred McWilliams occupied the second floor. He also was a painter. It is unknown what relationship existed between the two families. Charles and Calista McWilliams continued to be listed as the residents of the lower apartment in the 1938-39 directory, while Wayne and Nana Stump moved upstairs. Stump was a laborer.

The 1940-41 directory identified Mrs. Myrtle Syphrit as the downstairs resident, while the second floor was vacant. No occupation was listed for Syphrit. Syphrit also was listed in the 1943 directory, which also identified Charles and Betty Whisler on the second floor. He was recorded as being in the U.S. Army. Tenant turnover continued in 1946 when Jas. M. and Helen Monroe were listed as the residents of 319 W. Fourth. Whisler was in the Army. Stanley and Beatrice Werner were the second-floor residents. He was a driver for Carver Pump. Jas. Van Ysseldyk and his wife Dorothy were the lower floor residents in

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1949, according to the city directory for that year. William and Gwen Rick occupied the second floor, Van Ysseldyk's occupation was not listed, while Rick as identified as a laborer. Dorothy Van Ysseldyk and the Ricks continued to be listed through the 1958 directory. Dorothy Van Ysseldyk was listed as a clerk for Grain Processing. In the 1959 directory, Millicent and Alma Tompkins are the listed residents at 319 W. Fourth, while the upper floor is vacant.

The property passed to Josephine Sander, who was either a wife or daughter of Edward, in 1943. She sold the "West 33.33' EX N 48.96' of Lot 1, Block 80" to Charles or Veda Steward sometime around September 28, 1963. Josephine died in 1972.

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Photograph of building (digital image)

