

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

State Inventory No. 70-01122 **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 Irma Dooley Duplex
 other names/site number Field Site #: WH-152

2. Location

street & number 310 Linn 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) 52 Lot(s) Sly 52' Lot 6

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:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	_____	Contributing _____ Noncontributing _____
<input type="checkbox"/> district	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> object	_____	_____
	_____ buildings	<u>1</u> _____ buildings
	_____ sites	_____ sites
	_____ structures	_____ structures
	_____ objects	_____ objects
	_____ 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>01B02: Domestic /Apartment Building</u>	<u>01B02: Domestic/ Apartment Building</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)	Materials (Enter categories from instructions)
<u>01: No Style</u>	foundation <u>10A: Concrete Block</u>
<u>09D05: Hipped Roof</u>	walls <u>17: Other/Masonite</u>
_____	roof <u>08A: Asphalt Shingles</u>
_____	other <u>05: Metal - Front porch</u>

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 310 Linn Street

Site Number 70-01122
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

1956 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 two story, three bay, vernacular duplex built in 1956. The duplex sits on a concrete block foundation. The exterior of the duplex is clad in masonite. The roof is hipped and clad in asphalt shingles.

The building sits on a slight elevation, and steps lead up one section of the terrace to the sidewalk leading to the front porch. The small hip-roof front porch has decorative metal columns and rails typical of the 1950s, concrete steps, and a concrete slab floor on concrete block. The steps on a small terrace in front of the house also have metal railings. The entry is centered on this front (east) elevation. It has a metal storm door, and a wood interior door. There are four windows in the front elevation, two on each story. Each window has a set of metal casement sashes that swing out to the exterior edge. There is a basement/garage window on this elevation, behind some bushes. There is a metal soffit on the eave of the house.

The south side elevation includes a total of four windows, with the first story and the second story each having two casement windows. The front window on the first story has a set of metal casement sashes that swing out to the exterior edge. The other three windows are single casement windows with metal sashes. There is a small basement/garage window on this elevation near the front. The garage is located on this elevation in the basement. The garage door is in the rear bay, and the garage has no pedestrian entries from the outside.

The north side elevation includes a total of four windows, two on each story. The front windows on each story have a set of metal casement sashes that swing out to the exterior edge. The two windows on each story in the rear bay are single casement windows with metal sashes.

The rear (west) elevation has four single casement windows with metal sashes on the first story, with one of them somewhat hidden by a screen porch addition. The second story has three single casement windows with metal sashes and one window that has a set of metal casement sashes that swing out to the exterior. There is a small screen porch addition at the rear of the west apartment, with a foundation of concrete block. There is a wood door leading into the porch. The roof of this addition is gabled and clad with asphalt shingles. The porch only extends across the north half of this elevation, which is 310.

8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The Irma Dooley Duplex does not appear to be individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A, B or C. It does however, appear to be a contributing building to a potential "West Hill" neighborhood historic district.

The Irma Dooley Duplex appears falls in the context of 20th century neighborhood development. This building appears to be the only building built specifically as a duplex in the 1950's in Muscatine. The

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building permits for Muscatine in the 1950's show a couple of homes that were converted into duplex's during this decade, but no other buildings except this one appears to have been built specifically for use as a duplex. This fact does not appear to be particularly important, however, as there were a number of other homes that were duplex's at the time. The architecture of the building is vernacular, and the duplex does not stand out as particularly significant for its nature as a duplex. Thus, the Irma Dooley Duplex does not appear to be individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A or C. There does not appear to be any significant persons who have lived here, although, a couple of well known business people did live here briefly early on in the building's history. Thus the Irma Dooley Apartment does not appear individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion B either.

The Irma Dooley Duplex does appear to be a contributing building to a potential "West Hill" neighborhood district. It falls within the period of 20th century neighborhood development as many houses in this area become rental and multi-family dwellings. This apartment house will just meet the fifty-year requirement, having been built in 1956, and its integrity appears to be strong, although no photographs are known from the original construction. There is a small screened porch addition on the back of the house, but because of its small size, and location, it does not distract from the look of the building. Thus the Irma Dooley Duplex appears to be a contributing building in a potential "West Hill" neighborhood district.

The Irma Dooley Duplex was built in 1956, as evidenced by a building permit taken out by Irma Dooley on June 18th of that year ("Building Permits," December 29, 1956, sec. 3, p.16). Irma Dooley was the manager of the Addleman Insurance Agency. The Addleman agency was started by Irma's Father D.B. Addleman in 1903, and he was joined by Irma's husband, O.C. Dooley, in 1926. In 1930, after her father and husband had died, Irma took over the management of the firm ("Mrs. Irma L. Dooley is Owner of Insurance Firm," December 30, 1938; sec. 4, pg.5). Irma had been living at the front side of this lot, at the house located at 400 West 4th, for the previous eleven years. The first city directory after this house was built (1958), shows Irma Dooley and a Charles Murphy, living in this duplex. This directory does not distinguish who was living in which apartment, but later directories show Irma living at 310½. Charles Murphy was the chief engineer of the Celon Company, who were cellulose manufacturers. Irma Dooley continued to own the home at the front of the lot (400 West 4th Street), after she built and moved into this apartment house. Interestingly in the same year, in Irma's old house at the front of this lot, the vice-president of this company Louis Trecek moved in. Charles Murphy moved out by about 1960, and Irma Dooley about a year after that. Irma Dooley had apparently gotten married in the early 1960's to a Lincoln Barker outside of Muscatine County. She sold her house on Fourth Street in 1963, but did not sale the duplex until February 1968 (Book 236:593).

The only other well-known person to live in this duplex was George Shepley briefly in 1963. Mr. Shepley lived at 310 ½ and was at the time the President of the Muscatine Bank & Trust. He was later the President of Central State Bank, and only recently retired from that position. However, he lived at this location within the last 50 years and lived at other locations longer.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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Deed/Abstract Records, Records Office, Muscatine County Courthouse, Muscatine, Iowa.

"Mrs. Irma L. Dooley is Owner of Insurance Firm", *Muscatine Journal*, December 30, 1938, Sec. 4, pg. 5.

Location Map



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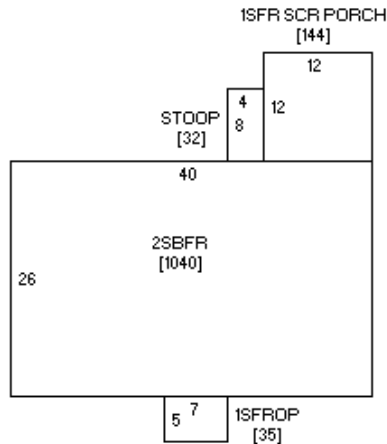
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Plans of buildings on site (from assessor's office)



(front – Linn Street)

Photograph of building (digital image)

