

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

State Inventory No. 70-01064 **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 Huttig House
 other names/site number Field Site #: WH-159

2. Location

street & number 403 West 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) 81 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	If Eligible Property, enter number of:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Enter number of:	Contributing Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> district	_____ buildings	<u>2</u> _____ buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____ sites	_____ _____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____ structures	_____ _____ structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object	_____ objects	_____ _____ objects
	_____ 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>07E: Late 19th & Early 20th Century American</u>	foundation <u>10A: Concrete / Block</u>
<u>Movements / Bungalow / Craftsman</u>	walls <u>06: Stucco</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 403 West Fourth Street

Site Number 70-01064
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

1910

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 one-story, Craftsman style bungalow that was built around 1911. The house sits on a rusticated concrete block foundation. The walls are wood frame, clad with stucco. The cross-gable roof is clad in asphalt shingles. The exterior window casings, sills and lintels on all windows are unique Craftsman details. The casings are tapered, with the small end on top, abutting a wood lintel that is slightly ogee shaped upward at each end. Two chimneys project about 5' above the ridge of the gabled roof.

The front, or south facing elevation reveals a full width porch recessed under the front gable of the house. A rusticated concrete block column with a simple wooden capital is seen at the two outer corners of the porch, providing support for the roof and front wall of the house from grade. A solid railing with a concrete cap is seen on the porch. The railing has end piers at the entry, each with a decorative concrete capital. A single-door entry is seen, centered on the front façade. It opens to a small foyer that projects onto the porch from the main building. On either side of the foyer, on the main building, is found a large, single, one-over-one-light, double-hung window. Above the porch on the front gable end is a set of three small, paired fixed windows. A single knee brace under the roof overhang is seen above the two concrete block piers.

On the east elevation, a large wall dormer with a bay window below is located in the center of the façade. On the left is seen the front porch with solid railing, then a set of three paired, one-over-one-light, double-hung windows, then the bay window. On the right are two widely spaced, single, one-over-one-light, double-hung windows. Above the bay window, under the dormer eaves, is a set of three narrow, paired one-over-one-light, double-hung windows. A decorative, wood keystone is seen above the set of three windows. At the far right is seen a side view of a screened in back porch with a flat roof.

The house has a projecting gable-roof wing on the west side. The west elevation of the gable end of the wing reveals three one-over-one-light, double-hung windows. On the right is a large stone fireplace and chimney, which reaches 10' to 12' above the roof eave, followed by a one-over-one-light, double-hung window. On the far right is seen the side view of the front porch with solid railing.

The rear elevation shows a screened in porch across the left half of the building. The porch has a flat roof. A single entry is seen inside the porch, with wooden access stairs to the right of the porch. Then a one-over-one-light, double-hung window is located on the rear façade of the wing to the right. There is a set of three small, paired fixed windows on the gable end, above the porch.

The property is steeply graded toward the streets on the front and on the east and toward the alley on the north. There are remains of a rusticated concrete block retaining wall on the front and east perimeters of the property, with concrete access steps on the southeast corner and on the east side. On the northwest corner of the property there is a concrete block garage with a high gambrel roof that dates to the construction of the house in 1911. It is seen on Sanborn maps from 1912 to 1946. The roof is clad

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with asphalt shingles. The end walls above the eaves are clad with wood fish scale shingles and shows a shuttered window on the east end. The garage door is a six panel folding wood door.

8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The William Huttig House does not appear to be individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A or B. However, it does appear to be eligible under Criteria C. Also, the William Huttig House does appear to be a contributing building in a potential "West Hill" neighborhood historic district.

This house does not appear to be associated with historically significant events in Muscatine. It was, however, built by an industrial leader in Muscatine, William Huttig. He was associated with the design and/or construction of many Craftsman Bungalow style houses in Muscatine through the Huttig Manufacturing Company. William Huttig is associated with three other houses in this district, as well as one on 5th Street that he spent most of his productive, prominent life. This house was not as significant to his life as other houses in Muscatine as he lived here while in his 70s and therefore would not be individually eligible under Criteria B for its association with him. Oscar Grossheim took a series of photographs of houses, mostly bungalows, for the Huttig Manufacturing Company in 1920 and 1921, including this house. It is unclear at this time if Huttig Manufacturing Company built these houses directly or if they supplied plans and/or materials. Over 50 houses were photographed, as well as at least a dozen garages. The Craftsman style was in great demand during the period in which this house was built. The simple Craftsman style was a complete reversal in taste from the highly ornate Queen Anne or other Victorian era architectural styles. Although this house is showing signs of neglect, its architectural integrity is intact. However, there are better examples of this style in Muscatine. Thus, the William Huttig House does not appear to be individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A, B, or C.

However, the William Huttig House appears to be a contributing building in a potential "West Hill" neighborhood historic district. This Craftsman bungalow is a prominent corner property and provides desirable style contrast to houses nearby that are Italianate, Queen Anne or other style. The construction of this smaller house type in this section of the district in the early 20th century demonstrates the changing housing trends. Additionally, it retains a high level of integrity. Thus, it contributes historically and architecturally to this proposed district.

According to Sanborn maps, the building shown at 403 West Fourth Street was a different size and configuration on the 1912 Sanborn map than on the 1905 and earlier maps. The house and concrete block garage depicted on the 1912 map is the same as the current buildings. According to city directories, Duncan S. McDermid and his wife, Henrietta, lived at this location from 1892 to 1909. Mr. McDermid is listed as an officer in the Huttig Manufacturing Company. He sold this property to William Huttig on May 16, 1910. (Deeds / Abstracts, Book 42, page 620) William Huttig likely built this house in 1910. Mr. Huttig is shown at 403 West Third Street, beginning in the 1911 city directory.

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William Huttig was co-founder of a successful lumber company, which would become one of three major lumber companies in Muscatine in the late 19th century. He was born in Saxony, Germany on February 5, 1836 to Frederick and Dorothea (Sieburg) Huttig. In 1855, William immigrated to the United States and settled in Muscatine. In August of 1860, William Huttig married Catherine Becker, who was born in Marietta, Ohio on August 6, 1839. The Huttigs had three children: Anna, Nellie and Harry. In 1868, he entered the lumber business with his brother, Frederick. In 1880, the Huttig Brothers Manufacturing Company was officially incorporated with Fred Huttig, President; Joseph Mulford, Vice President; and William Huttig, Secretary and Treasurer. In 1881, they constructed a large factory and plant on E. 2nd Street between Oak and Orange streets, and they began to expand operations beyond Muscatine. In 1883, they employed about 200 men manufacturing sash, doors, blinds, moldings, and glazed windows, shipping their products to Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Nebraska, Texas, Kansas, Missouri, Tennessee, and Colorado. William Huttig became active in other local business ventures. In 1888, he was president of the Muscatine Real Estate Company, the Ashton Flour and Feed Company and the Board of Trade of Muscatine. He was a member of the board of directors, and later president, of the Muscatine Bridge Company, which was formed to promote the construction of a new bridge over the Mississippi River at Muscatine. He was also an incorporator and officer of the Muscatine Oat Meal Company and the Terra Cotta Lumber Company (Richman 1911, Vol. 2: 566, 736; City Directory 1883-86; *Portrait and Biographical Album of Muscatine County* 1889: 281, 533).

The Huttig Brothers Manufacturing Company continued to increase its production in the 1890s, with William Huttig as president, Fred Lumpe as vice president, D.S. McDermid as treasurer, and Harry W. Huttig (William's son) as secretary and general manager, generally in charge of operations. Frederick and his sons operated the companies in Missouri. By 1898, they claimed the title of the "largest sash and door business in the world" with their main office at Muscatine and associated businesses in St. Louis, Kansas City, St. Joseph, and Wichita. They operated the second largest sash and door plant in Iowa, after a business in Dubuque, though it was generally conceded that Huttig did the largest business of any Mississippi Valley sash and door company. In 1902, it reorganized as the Huttig Manufacturing Company, and its new officers were William Huttig, president; Harry W. Huttig (William's son), vice president, treasurer, and general manager; and D.S. McDermid, secretary. In 1911, the Huttig Manufacturing Company was known as "one of the most substantial concerns of the kind in the west," distributing its "products to all the principal centers in the United States." In 1913, Huttig Sash & Door in St. Louis was reincorporated as Huttig Building Products, which would form the core company throughout the 20th century (Richman 1911, Vol. 2: 566, 736; City Directory 1883-86; *Portrait and Biographical Album of Muscatine County* 1889: 281, 533; "Huttig" clipping file, Musser Public Library).

The company appears to have later expanded their business to include manufactured housing (Photographs. Grossheim collection, c.1920). Oscar Grossheim took a series of photographs of houses, mostly bungalows, for the Huttig Manufacturing Company in 1920 and 1921, including this house. It is unclear at this time if Huttig Manufacturing Company built these houses directly or if they supplied plans and/or materials. It is possible that they were prefabricated or pre-cut houses, but no evidence has been found to support that claim at this time. Over 50 houses were photographed, as well as at least a dozen garages. It is likely that Mr. Huttig was living in a house that was built by his company as a prototype.

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Huttig Building Products, Inc., a subsidiary of the Crane Co., and a descendant of the original Huttig Manufacturing Company, is still in business. It is one of the largest domestic distributors of millwork, building materials and wood products used for residential construction and remodeling work. Huttig distributes its products through 46 distribution centers serving 47 states. (www.nbmda.org)

At the time that William Huttig moved to this location in 1910, he was 74 years old, and his wife Catherine was 71 years old. He was listed as retired in the 1910 census. They continued to be listed here until he died on April 6, 1915. The property was then sold by Mrs. Huttig to Robert K. Smith and his wife, Nellie on October 11, 1917 (Lots Book 50, page 650). Mr. Smith was listed in the 1919 city directory as a vice president of the First National Bank in Muscatine.

The Smiths sold the property on August 7, 1923 to Carl and Anna Mosqua (Lots Book 61, page 415). Mr. Mosqua was born in Hildesheim, Germany on August 22, 1860. He emigrated to Muscatine in 1890 and married Miss Anna Kaiser on January 22, 1891. Mr. Mosqua was identified with the Mississippi Box Company, the South Muscatine Lumber Company and the Royal Button Company during his working life. Carl Mosqua died on July 5, 1931 in Muscatine at 70 years of age ("Carl Mosqua, 70, Taken by Death", Muscatine Journal obituary, July 6, 1931, 1). His widow, Anna Mosqua, sold the property on October 16, 1931 to Jacob E. and Amanda Tuttle (Lots Book 187, page 44). Jacob Tuttle was a superintendent at the Muscatine Municipal Electric Plant. Jacob and Amanda Tuttle are listed in the 1934 city directory. The 1937 city directory lists only Mr. Tuttle. Amanda Tuttle died around 1936.

On May 27, 1938, Jacob Tuttle sold the property to Lucile and Glenn L. Pringle (Lots Book 89, page 86). The 1938-39 city directory lists Ray and Natalie Doan at 403 West Fourth Street. They likely rented from the Pringles for a short time because Glenn and Lucile Pringle are shown at this address beginning in 1940-41. Glenn Pringle is listed as the principal of Muscatine High School and his wife, Lucile, as a teacher in the city directories. They are shown living here until May 4, 1954, when the property was sold or bequeathed to the Grace English Lutheran Church. The church used the house as a parsonage for the Reverend Gideon E. Wick (1954) and Reverend Cranston R. Gesell (1956-1959), according to city directories.

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Location Map



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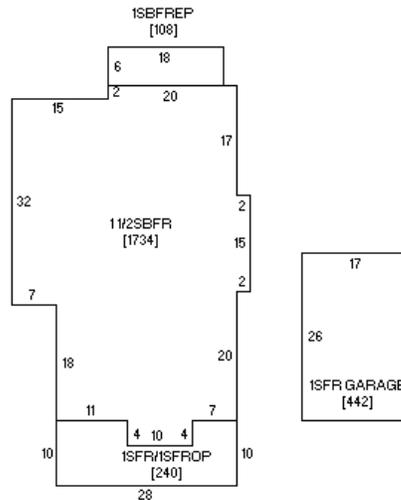
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Plans of buildings on site (from assessor's office)



(front – W. 4th Street)

Photograph of building (digital image)

