

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

State Inventory No. 70-01065 **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 Chester Lillibridge House
 other names/site number Field Site #: WH-160

2. Location

street & number 405 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) E 45' Lot 4

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:	
	Enter number of:	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	_____ buildings	<u>2</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>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) 01A01: Domestic / Single residence
Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions) 01B01: Domestic / Duplex

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions) 07E: Late 19th & Early 20th Century American
Movements / Bungalow / Craftsman
Materials (Enter categories from instructions)
 foundation 10A: Concrete / Block
 walls 02: Wood
 roof 08A: Asphalt / Shingle
 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)
 Yes No More Research Recommended A Property is associated with significant events.
 Yes No More Research Recommended B Property is associated with the lives of significant persons.
 Yes No More Research Recommended C Property has distinctive architectural characteristics.
 Yes No More Research Recommended D Property yields significant information in archaeology or history.

County Muscatine
City Muscatine

Address 405 West Fourth Street

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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 1913 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, front gable, Craftsman bungalow built around 1913. It is not depicted on the 1912 Sanborn map, but it shows up in a 1914 publication. The cross gables facing south, east, and west are all clipped gables. The house sits on a concrete block foundation. The walls are wood frame, clad in wood clapboards, covered with vinyl clad aluminum siding. The hipped roof is clad with asphalt shingles.

The front, or south facing elevation, reveals a full width porch that recessed under the main building roof and has a round column at each front corner and new wrought iron railing. The columns have simple capitals and their base rests on the porch. The recessed porch wraps around part of the east elevation. The entry foyer projects onto the porch a few feet, centered on the façade. The front façade is symmetrical, with a large one-over-one-light, double-hung window on the left and right of a single entry on the porch. A historic photograph (Record Printing Company 1914: 65) shows that there was a low, spindled railing around the porch and that the area to the east of the entry was screened-in. A deep support beam that spans between the columns across the front of the building is concealed by the new vinyl siding. A set of paired thirty-six-over-one-light, double-hung windows are centered above the porch and beneath the brow of the hipped roof. Above each column at the porch corners are single, curved knee brace brackets that project out to the edge of the roof eave. These are also located under the roof on the east and west sides.

The east elevation shows that the porch wraps around the building and is supported by a third column. Several small, fixed windows are seen on this part of the porch. A single entry to the upper level is located above the porch on this side and under the brow of the projected side clipped gable. A wood access stairway to this entry is seen on the east side of the building. The east elevation also shows a one-over-one-light, double-hung window on the right on the first story.

The west elevation shows a side view of an enclosed back porch on the left, followed by two small, one-over-one-light, double-hung windows and then a set of four, paired one-over-one-light, double-hung windows on the side of the rear section. On the side of the main house, there are three one-over-one-light, double-hung windows below the side clipped gable. One is located on the upper story and two on the first story. A small fixed window is also on the upper level.

The rear elevation shows a single one-over-one-light, double-hung window on the left of the first story. On the right is seen a small back porch with single entry. The porch is enclosed with small, one-over-one-light, double-hung windows. A hipped dormer with two small one-over-one-light, double-hung windows is seen on this elevation.

According to the Sanborn maps, the lot at 405 West 4th Street was empty in 1912. The house appears in the 1919 map in it's present configuration, except that a small back porch is shown and there is no garage. A garage is shown on the 1928 map at the northwest corner of the property and the back porch is enclosed by that time. The present garage appears to be the one constructed in the 1920s. It has a

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concrete foundation, wood frame with board and batten cladding on the walls, and a gambrel roof with asphalt shingles. While two windows have been filled in with plywood in recent years, there are two single, four-over-four-light, double-hung windows on the upper level. The garage is accessed from the front of the property, with a driveway along the west side of the house.

8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The Chester Lillibridge 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.

This house has sheltered notable families and individuals since it was built in 1913. Some of the occupants were locally prominent, while others were hard working, middle class, Muscatine citizens. Chester Lillibridge was in his 60s when building and moving to this house. There were no owners or occupants that were significant through their life's work while living in this house. Also, this house does not appear to be associated with historic events in Muscatine. This house was designed and built well in 1913 and has maintained its architectural integrity, even though there has been modifications to the building in recent years, such as the upper level entry and access stair on the east side, and the addition of aluminum siding and the replacement of the porch railing. These modifications appear to make this house ineligible for individual consideration under Criteria C. Even though this house looks like a house built by Huttig Manufacturing, there is no evidence that it is. Thus, the Chester Lillibridge House does not appear to be individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A, B, or C.

However, the Chester Lillibridge House does appear to be a contributing building in a potential "West Hill" neighborhood historic district. This is a rather spacious Craftsman style house that is flanked by similar Craftsman style houses of the early 20th Century. The Lillibridge House has retained much of the appeal of the photo published in 1914, and therefore contributes to its immediate neighbors, as well as to the potential "West Hill" neighborhood historic district.

This house was likely built by Chester Lillibridge in 1913. The house does not appear on the 1912 Sanborn map, but a photo of it is seen in the 1914 publication. (Record Printing Company 1914: 65). On November 29, 1910, Chester Lillibridge bought this property from J.D. Blanck (Lots Book 43, page 164). The Lillibridge family is shown to be occupying this house in city directories from 1913 through 1924. Chester Lillibridge was born in Bloomington Township, Muscatine County on October 7, 1844 to Amos and Amanda M. (Beardsley) Lillibridge. Chester married Mary C. Jackson on October 16, 1872. They had four children: Cora, Ralph, Bert and Edwin. Mr. Lillibridge initially worked at the J.A. Bishop grocery as a retail clerk; then formed a partnership with W. Beardsley in the grocery business. A year later he became a partner with J.A. Bishop in a store until 1871 when he sold out and in the fall of that year bought into the grocery business with James Jackson. He partnered with Mr. Jackson until 1884, when Lillibridge bought out Jackson and partnered with James H. St. John (*Portrait and Biographical Album of Muscatine County, Iowa*, 1889: 273). In 1890, he became a director of the Muscatine Bridge Company,

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selling stock to finance the construction of the first bridge to span the Mississippi River at Muscatine. He also undertook the selling of bonds to finance other public works projects, such as levees, bridges and toll roads. He also became a director of the Hershey State Bank. It appears that he also maintained ownership of his grocery building as well as farming a large tract of land in Rock Island County, Illinois (Richman 1911, Vol 2: 568). According to city directories from 1891 to 1919, Mr. Lillibridge was superintendent and treasurer of the Muscatine Bridge Company. The 1921 city directory lists him as retired. The 1920 Census shows that Mr. Lillibridge (75) was living at 405 West 4th Street with his wife Mary (71) and daughter Cora Lilly, widow (45) and her son, Chester (23). Chester Lillibridge died on June 3, 1923 ("Was One of Group Who Built Bridge", Davenport Democrat obituary, June 4, 1923, 10). His wife lived here for a few years more. She is listed at this address in the 1923-24 city directory as a widow. The 1927 city directory indicates that A.C. Adams and his wife, Adele lived here and appear to be renters. He was treasurer and manager of the U.S. Button Company.

The property was sold to Mary Thiesen on August 9, 1928 (Lots Book 68, page 484). Mrs. Thiesen then sold it to Hattie Kane after Mr. Thiesen died. The deed transfer took place on January 17, 1930 (Lots Book 72, page 300). Neither Mary Thiesen nor Hattie Kane lived at this address. H.L. Tucker and his wife Gladys were the next renters, listed in 1929. Then, Howard L. and Florence Kelly were renters. He was an insurance agent. Russell A. and Edith Mitchell are listed at 405 West 4th Street from 1934 until 1949. Mr. Mitchell was a vice president and later the general manager of the Barry Pulley Company, according to the city directories. Mr. Mitchell died on September 14, 1958 in Davenport, Iowa. (Obituaries From the Muscatine Journal, page 84)

The property was sold to Fred W. and Jennie Hoefflin on March 22, 1946. (Deeds / Abstract, Book 115, page 206. Fred Hoefflin died in November 1947. The property was passed on to Jennie Hoefflin, who further passed it to her daughter and her husband, Lucile J. and Glenn L. Pringle on December 6, 1949. The Hoefflins and the Pringles were residents of Muscatine, but not at 405 West 4th Street. The Mitchells continued to live here through this period.

On November 19, 1951, Glenn L. Pringle sold the property to William Reesink (Lots book 145, page 8). Mr. Reesink was born on July 6, 1883 in Muscatine. He married Ella Van Gent on January 1, 1908 in Muscatine. They had one son, George and two daughters, Ruth and Jennie ("William Reesink", Muscatine Journal obituary, March 18, 1969, 2). William Reesink is listed as a sash worker at Musser Co. in the 1902 and 1904 city directories. He appears to have taken up farming at about that time. He is next listed in the city directories as a farmer in the 1954 through 1959 editions.

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Location Map



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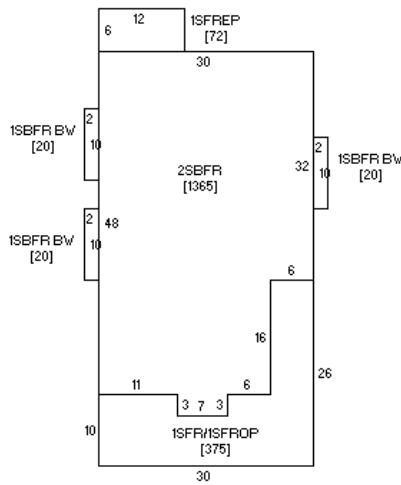
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Plans of buildings on site (from assessor's office)



(front – W. 4th Street)

Photograph of building (digital image)

