

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

State Inventory No. 70-01115 **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 C. E. Richard House
 other names/site number Field Site #: WH-163

2. Location

street & number 411 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) C

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>1</u> _____ buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____ sites	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____ structures	_____ structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object	_____ 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>01A01: Domestic / Single residence</u>	<u>01B01: Domestic / Duplex</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)	Materials (Enter categories from instructions)
<u>.05D: Late Victorian / Queen Anne</u>	foundation <u>10B : Concrete / Poured</u>
_____	walls <u>02 : Wood</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 type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input 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 411 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)

02: Architecture

Significant Dates

Construction date 1890 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, Queen Anne house that was moved to this lot in 1998. In January 1998, the building that occupied the lot at 411 and 413 West 4th Street was demolished. It was a two-story duplex that is shown on all Sanborn maps beginning in 1899. On May 28, 1998, the present building was moved from 116 West 4th Street to a new foundation on this lot ("110-Year-Old on the Move," *Muscatine Journal*, May 29, 1998, page 1A). The house sits on a concrete foundation. The walls are wood frame, clad in clapboards, covered with vinyl clad aluminum siding. The gable roof is clad in asphalt shingles. The area of the 100 block of West 4th Street, where this building was originally built, appeared as an empty lot on the Sanborn map of 1888. This house was first drafted on the Sanborn map of 1892 and remained unchanged through 1946. It is likely, therefore, that the house was built c.1890.

The front, or south facing elevation reveals a full width porch with a single-door entry on the right in a slightly projected vestibule. On the left on the first story are two one-over-one-light, double-hung windows. After the move in 1998, the porch railing, steps and roof supports were replaced. The columns are square with a simple, square capital and rest on the porch floor. The railing spindles are also square. On the left on the second story, under the front gable, are two one-over-one-light, double-hung windows. On the right is a square turret with a pyramid shaped roof, topped with a decorative, metal finial. On the south façade of the turret is a one-over-one-light, double-hung window on the second story. At the peak of the front gable on this elevation a small, fixed window is found. Above it is a bracket-supported triangular wood decorative detail with a sunburst pattern.

The east elevation shows the southeast corner turret on the left. Under the side gable, is a single one-over-one-light, double-hung window at mid-story level on the left and another on the right. Centered under this gable are a set of two paired, one-over-one-light, double-hung windows on each story. At the right on the first story is an enclosed back porch with a single, one-over-one-light, double-hung window on the far right.

The west elevation reveals a cross gable with a single one-over-one-light, double-hung window on each story on the right section. The gable end has a full height angled bay on the left and the right with a single one-over-one-light, double-hung window in each bay on each story. Centered on the gable end is a single, one-over-one-light, double-hung window on each story. At the left on the first story is a small, open porch with a single-door entry and a single, one-over-one-light, double-hung window on the first story. There are two small, one-over-one-light, double-hung windows on the second story. On the right there is a single one-over-one-light, double-hung window on each story of this elevation. Also, there is a set of paired, small, fixed windows near the gable peak.

On the elevation at the rear of the building, there is a single-door entry on the left and on the right. There are four one-over-one-light, double-hung windows on this elevation, two on each story.

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Tenants of this duplex and the duplex at 415 West 4th Street use a paved back yard area for parking as well as four parking spaces accessed from the alley that are allocated to the apartments at 411 and 415 West 4th Street. There is no garage. The houses at 411 and 415 W. 4th Street are duplexes, owned by the same investment partnership. The duplex at 415 West 4th Street is located near the northwest corner of the property.

8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The C.E. Richard House, currently at 411 West 4th Street, 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.

The previous, historic building at 411 West 4th Street, which was a duplex, was demolished in January of 1998, and this current house was moved to this site from 116 West 4th Street ("Demolition on West Fourth Street", Muscatine Journal, January 7, 1998, page 1). This property does not appear to be associated with significant events in Muscatine history. C.E. Richard and sons were locally significant meat providers to the citizens of Muscatine County. They processed meat and related meat products to consumers during the first half of the 20th Century. Their product distribution was limited only by the development of refrigeration technology. The Richard family were noted and highly respected Muscatine merchants and citizens, but were not considered significant on a regional or national level. Additionally, the association is diminished as the Richard family lived in this house at the previous location. The house is a well-built Queen Anne style house, but does not appear to be significant architecturally to qualify under Criteria C for eligibility for the National Register of Historic Places. Thus, the C.E. Richard House does not appear to be individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A, B, or C.

Also, the C.E. Richard House may be a contributing building in a potential "West Hill" neighborhood historic district. This house has been salvaged from the wrecking ball and re-used as a duplex, creating needed apartment space as several other houses in this neighborhood. It also is located within the same "West Hill" neighborhood as the historical site location, moved three blocks to the west on the same street. Its c.1890 construction and Queen Anne design is complementary in design to the houses in this area and appears to contribute to the potential "West Hill" neighborhood historic district.

The early history of this house is associated with its time at 116 W. 4th Street, before moving to this location in 1998. The city directory of 1891-92 shows that Charles E. Richard, butcher, lived on 4th Street, between Iowa and Chestnut. The exact address was identified by the next directory as 116 West 4th Street. The 1892 Sanborn map shows a smaller two-story house on this lot, replaced by this house by 1899. Mr. Richard owned and operated a meat market at 213 West 2nd Street and is the likely builder of this house. Charles E. Richard was born in March of 1856. He and his wife, Mary were married in 1879 and, according to the U.S. Census of 1900, they had seven children: Jessie (20), Stella (19), Clarence and Charles (17, twins), Chester (14), Elmus (12), and Philip (2). The older boys were already

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learning the meat cutting trade at their father's business. The two girls were more interested in music and developed their skills sufficiently to become music teachers for many years in Muscatine. Eventually, the five boys joined their father in the business, which became known as C.E. Richard and Sons. Charles Richard, Sr. died in about 1915, bequeathing the business to his sons. The business prospered and a second store was opened at 309 East 2nd Street and a packing house was established at 1300 Washington Street in about 1916.

In the ensuing years, the Richard children married and moved to other parts of town. Charles, Jr. remained at 116 West 4th Street with his wife, Ida. The 1920 Census records Charles (36) and Ida (25) Richard living at 116 West 4th St. as well as Charles' younger brother, Philip (21). Brother Elmus and his family are listed at 210 West 6th Street. In September 1918, during World War I, Charles Erdman Richard registered for the draft. His birth date was shown to be May 15, 1883. ("World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918", Ancestry.com) Charles' twin brother, Clarence died at the age of 45 in 1928. The business carried on with the remaining four brothers. The Charles E. Richard family lived at 116 West 4th Street until 1946, three years after his death.

The property was sold in 1946 to David F. Garner and his wife Martha. Mr. Garner was an upholsterer and lived there until after 1959. Allen F. Warren is listed as a renter of the second story apartment from the 1952 city directory until 1959.

At its previous address, this house was located at 116 West 4th Street, and in the 1990's it was adjacent to the Nichols Chapel Hill Funeral Home. It was owned by Jeff Nichols, operator of the funeral home and was likely to be demolished to make way for a parking lot. Mr. Nichols sold the property for one dollar to the Muscatine Center for Strategic Action, who sold it to a partnership of Brian Costas of Iowa City, Iowa and John Timm of Muscatine. The partnership, called TICO, decided to move the house to an empty lot up the Fourth Street hill to 411 West 4th Street. The house was moved to its new site by Hansen House Movers of New Hartford, Iowa on May 28, 1998 with great difficulty. The estimated weight of the building was 80 or 90 tons, but the mover later indicated that it was more likely 125 tons ("110-Year-Old on the Move", Muscatine Journal, May 29, 1998, page 1A).

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Location Map



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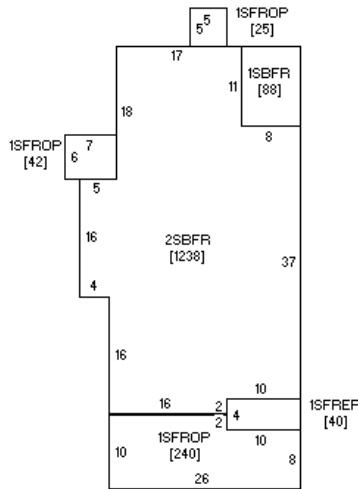
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Plans of buildings on site (from assessor's office)



(front – W. 4th Street)

Photograph of building (digital image)

