

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

State Inventory No. 70-01071 **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 Nyenhuis Rental House
 other names/site number Field Site #: WH-164

2. Location

street & number 415 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) B (rear portion of lot line bet. 1 and 2)

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>09A01: Other House / Gabled Front</u>	foundation <u>03: Brick</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 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 415 West Fourth Street

Site Number 70-01071
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 1923 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, gable front frame house. The house sits on a brick foundation. The walls are wood frame, clad in clapboards, covered with vinyl clad aluminum siding. The gable roof is clad in asphalt shingles. The Sanborn maps of 1928 and 1946 show a two story dwelling with a full width porch on the front and a short wing extending to the west, which replaced an earlier one story small L-plan house shown on the 1919 and earlier maps. The address was changed on the Sanborn maps to 415 West 4th Street from 413 ½ between 1919 and 1928 as well. Modifications also took place in recent years. A portion of the windows listed below are vinyl-clad replacements. The two entries, porch and landing on the east side, as well as new siding were done in the 1990's.

The front, or south elevation shows a full width porch that is two steps above grade. New spindle railing and turned wood support posts are on the porch. A single-door entry is seen on the right on the first story. A single one-over-one-light, double-hung window is located on the left of the first and second stories. A small, single one-over-one-light, double-hung window is above the porch on the right, which may have been resized and shrunken.

The east elevation shows that the full depth of the basement is exposed at the alley, which is at the north edge of the property. Concrete steps up from the alley level to the front of the house are seen. A stepped, concrete retaining wall is adjacent to the steps. A new single-door entry is on the far right of the basement level. A concrete landing is on the steps at the entry. A wood handrail is found on the perimeter of the landing and on top of the retaining wall. On the first story, a shed-roof porch is on the left, extending to a single entry located at the center of the east elevation. A single, one-over-one-light, double-hung window is located on the left and right of center on each story.

The west elevation has a small gable-roof projected section. The gable end has a single one-over-one-light, double-hung window on each story. Single one-over-one-light, double-hung windows are also on each story of the main building, seen at the right of this elevation.

The rear elevation is the north gable end of the main building and is three stories high, including the basement story at the alley level. The lowest is the basement level, which shows a single, small one-over-one-light, double-hung window on the left. Two widely spaced one-over-one-light, double-hung windows are seen on each of the upper stories. Ventilation louvers are seen near the peak of all gables on this building.

There is no garage or other building associated with this property. A large automobile parking pad is located along the east side of the building at the grade of the alley. Access is also provided to this house from the front by means of a driveway that is shared with the occupants of 411 West 4th Street.

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8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The house at 415 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.

None of the occupants of this house appear to be particularly prominent and the house does not appear to be connected with historic Muscatine events. Also, the architectural integrity of this house has been compromised due to the addition of vinyl siding and replacement windows. Thus, the house at 415 West 4th Street does not appear to be individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A, B, or C.

The house at 415 West 4th Street appears to be a contributing building in a potential "West Hill" neighborhood historic district. It was built as an income producing property and continues to be so. It is complementary to its immediate neighbors, which are also used for this purpose, and to the potential "West Hill" neighborhood historic district.

On August 19, 1922 this property was sold by Mary Exo King, widow of Dr. E.H. King, to Charles Nyenhuis. Mr. Nyenhuis also purchased the adjacent property at 417 West 4th Street and made it his home. The building shown at this location on the 1899, 1905, 1912 and 1919 Sanborn maps was of a small, L-shape house with a porch located on the southeast corner. Its address was listed on the Sanborn maps as 413½ West 4th Street. It should be noted that the city directories from this same time period do not list anyone at 413 ½ W. 4th Street. This house was recognized by city directory editors as 415 W. 4th Street. The building shown on the 1928 and 1946 Sanborn maps is drawn as it is currently seen, a larger two story house with a porch on the south elevation. It is likely that Charles Nyenhuis built a new building on this site around 1923.

Mrs. C.R. Mayer, a widow, and Chester Marvin and his wife, Eva, were renters of this property, according to the 1923-24 city directory. Mr. Marvin was a truck driver. The city directory of 1927 does not list anyone at this address. In the 1929 city directory, Minnie Crossley, widow of Fred Crossley, is listed at 415 W. 4th Street, along with her three children, Gladys, John and Charles. The 1930 Census identifies the occupant of 415 West 4th Street as Minnie M. Crossley (55), Gladys (19), John (18) and Charles (16).

Harold J. Clark and his wife, Opal, are shown in city directories as living here from 1934 until 1946. He was a machinist for the Auto Parts Company, an auto parts dealer on West 2nd Street in Muscatine. He is listed in the 1946 city directory as a machinist at Schmarje Tool and Engineering on Mississippi Drive. The 1930 Census shows that Harold (27) and Opal (26) Clark lived in Davenport, Iowa with their son, Leland (5) and daughter, Mary (3). He is listed as a tool and die maker. They apparently moved to Muscatine in the early 1930's.

Charles Nyenhuis died on January 25, 1940. His wife, Lulu, continued to live at 417 West 4th Street (next door) until after 1960. It is likely that she kept this rental house as a means of income and appears to

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have converted it into a duplex during the 1940's. In 1949, Clair Wright and Ardis Vetter are listed as renters, followed in 1952 by Dorothy Tyler and Curtis Lagel. In 1954, Robert L. Bishop and his wife, Barbara were listed at 415 West 4th Street. He was a woodworker at Roach and Musser Lumber Company. Richard D. and Shirley Miller were listed at 415 as well. Mr. Miller worked at the Muscatine Processing Company. Mr. Bishop remained here until 1958. In 1956, Constance Johnston is listed; in 1958, Robert G. Woodruff and his wife, Sharon are listed. He worked in the order department at Huttig Manufacturing Company. The 1959 city directory shows Arthur L. Williams and his wife, Donna, at this address. He was an Inspector at the Home-O-Nize Company.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Census Records, United States Census Bureau, 1930.

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Location Map



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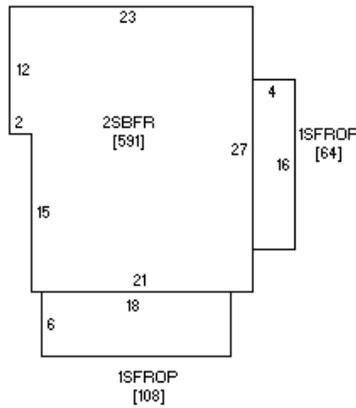
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Plans of buildings on site (from assessor's office)



(front – W. 4th Street)

Photograph of building (digital image)

