

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

State Inventory No. 70-00256  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 Julius Daniels House  
 other names/site number Field Site #: WH-165

**2. Location**

street & number 417 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) A (1)

**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 Enter number of:	If Eligible Property, enter number of: Contributing      Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	_____ buildings	<u>1</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>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**

<b>Historic Functions</b> (Enter categories from instructions)	<b>Current Functions</b> (Enter categories from instructions)
<u>01A01: Domestic / Single residence</u>	<u>01B01: Domestic / Duplex</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____

**7. Description**

<b>Architectural Classification</b> (Enter categories from instructions)	<b>Materials</b> (Enter categories from instructions)
<u>05B: Late Victorian / Italianate</u>	foundation <u>03: Brick</u>
_____	walls <u>03: Brick</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 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 417 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

31: Other / neighborhood-development

**Significant Dates**

Construction date

1855

Other dates

check if circa or estimated date

**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, two bay, Italianate brick house. The house sits on a brick foundation. The gable roof is clad in asphalt shingles. Typically, the windows are framed with brick, with plain, cut stone lintels and sills. All exterior surfaces on this house are painted. Small brackets are found under the eaves of the entire house.

The front, or south facing elevation, reveals a full width deck at the first story, which appears to have been a full porch. There is a protective porch roof only over the entry portion of the porch. The remainder of the porch is open, with a low railing with decorative spindles. Historically, a roof covered the entire porch. Also, a balustrade is seen on a photograph published in 1914. (Record Printing Company 1914: page 75) The remaining porch roof at the entry has two square, tapered, support columns with decorative brackets above. Also, there is decorative spindle-work at the porch eaves. The columns rest on concrete block piers. A single-door entry is located on the right. On the left of the first story of the front elevation is a one-over-one-light, double-hung window with a wood twenty-light storm window attached. The second story shows two widely spaced one-over-one-light, double-hung windows with shutters. Decorative brackets are seen at the roof eaves.

The east elevation reveals the existence of an oriel window on the second story, below the gable end peak of this side gable house. There is a two-story addition that had been built by 1899 is the northeast rear corner that extends to the east about twelve feet. This portion of the house has a hipped roof. There is a single, one-over-one-light, double-hung window on each story of the south elevation of this wing, and two similar windows on each story of the east elevation of the wing. All the windows have shutters. Decorative brackets are seen at the roof eaves on this elevation. An end view of a small, enclosed back porch is seen on the right of this elevation.

On the west elevation there is a single, one-over-one-light, double-hung window on each story, centered beneath the peak of this gable end of the building. The window on the first story is tall, with a twenty four light, wooden storm window attached. The rear ell extends from the main section of the house. There are single, one-over-one-light, double-hung windows on each story, on this section. There is a single entry below grade, located to the left on this elevation. An enclosed back porch with entry can be seen at the rear.

The rear elevation reveals the partial width, enclosed porch projecting to the north from the gable roof end and side addition. The porch has a shed roof. There is a single-door entry near the center of the building. On each side of the entry is seen a large, fixed window, which do not appear to be historic. A single one-over-one-light, double-hung window is seen on the second story of this gable end façade, along with a small one-over-one-light, double-hung window on the right. To the left of center and in the side addition is seen a door that appears to be sealed shut.

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This building is first seen on the Sanborn map of 1899. At that time, a full width porch is shown across the back of the house. There is also a large, two-story, livery stable at the north boundary of the property. The house and grounds remained the same until the 1928 map, when the back porch was enclosed and the livery became a garage. The garage was removed after the 1946 map was made.

A low stone wall is seen along the south (front) and the west edges of the property.

## 8. Narrative Statement of Significance

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

While the occupants of 417 West Fourth Street have been very notable individuals, civic and professional leaders all, they are not significant in a regional or national sense. Dr. King was probably no more significant than Drs. Klein or Weaver or Braunwarth. He does not seem to rise above the aforementioned doctors, who were prominent locally. He did not make a significant impact on local or regional history, that is known at this time. Also, this property does not appear to be associated with significant events in Muscatine history. The architecture of this building, however, is intact. There are modifications made to the front porch and the addition of modern windows in the rear façade. Likewise, the façade windows appear to have been replaced. It is a small Italianate style house that has retained its most attractive and distinctive feature. However, Italianate house are among the most common in this district, and others are better examples of this distinctive architecture. Thus, the Julius Daniels House does not appear to be individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A, B, or C

However, the Julius Daniels House appears to be a contributing building in a potential "West Hill" neighborhood historic district. While at the northern edge of the potential "West Hill" neighborhood historic district, the Julies Daniels House illustrates a contrast in architectural style to nearby Craftsman, Queen Anne and other Italianate style houses. Its history provides a direct connection with many of the houses along 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Streets. This house displays the elegance of its style and, in doing so, contributes to the potential "West Hill" neighborhood historic district.

This property was purchased by Laura J. Daniels from John G. Gordon and wife on April 20, 1855 (Lots Book Q, page 122). Julius and Laura Daniels likely built this house in 1855. Julius Daniels was born in London, England on August 18, 1814. He emigrated to the United States in 1834 and was engaged in business in Cincinnati, Ohio and New Orleans, Louisiana before finding his way to Palmyra, Missouri. There he met and married miss Laura J. Mahan on November 25, 1852. (Missouri Marriages, 1851-1900). Julius and Laura Daniels moved to Muscatine in April of 1855. The 1856 city directory lists Julius Daniels as a clerk, living on the north side of Fourth Street, east of Spruce. In the 1859-60 city directory, he is listed at the northeast corner of 4<sup>th</sup> and Spruce. The 1860 Census lists Julius Daniels as a 40-year-old grocer born in England. He had \$4,000 in real estate. His household included his wife Laura (28),

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their six children: James (6), George (5), Lucy (2), Frank (1); and Delia McDonough, an Irish servant. Julius Daniels was in the hardware business for a time (Daniels & Co.), then an auctioneer (Daniels & Hoover), and then as a grocer. The 1870 Census lists Julius Daniels as a 50-year-old auctioneer with \$20,000 in real estate. His household included his wife Laura (47), James (16, printer), Arthur (12), S.H. (13), Frank (10), Emmanuel (7), Randolph (4), and a German servant, Lena Beebush. Mr. Daniels was, for many years, a member of the board of the Muscatine Gas Light and Coke Company ("Death of Julius Daniels", Muscatine Journal obituary, April 18, 1882). After Julius Daniels died on April 17, 1882, his widow and family continued to live at 417 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street.

On February 28, 1893, Laura Daniels (widow) sold this property to Dr. Elbridge Harrison King, who had recently moved to Muscatine from West Liberty, Iowa. The property is described as the west 50' of lot 1, block 81, Original Town (Lots Book 24, page 569). Dr. King was born on September 10, 1843 in Whitefield, Maine. In 1857, he moved to Cedar County, Iowa. In 1869, he attended the Rush Medical College in Chicago and later, in 1870, he graduated from the Detroit Medical College. Dr. King moved to Steamboat, Iowa upon graduation and practiced medicine there for five years, returning to West Liberty in 1876, where he worked as a local surgeon for the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad. His first wife died around 1890, and he moved to Muscatine, where he continued his surgical practice. He then married Mary Exo in October 1895. City directories from 1893 to 1899 list Dr. E.H. King as a physician. Dr. King was instrumental in the organization of the Muscatine County Medical Society in 1899. (Richman, Vol. 2: 359; "Dr. E.H. King Succumbs to Pneumonia", Muscatine Journal obituary, February 14, 1918, 10).

The 1900 census lists E.H. King as a 56-year-old physician. He was married to Mary (37), who had no children. His household also included his daughter Ellen E. (21, teacher), son Joe E. (17), and daughter Miriam (13). The city directories from 1900 to 1916 list Dr. King as a physician and surgeon. The 1910 census list Elbert H. King (68, general practice physician) with his wife Mary E. (48). In 1911, he is identified as the "local surgeon for Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway and is a trustee and vice president of the Hershey Memorial Hospital" (Richman, Vol. 2: 359). He also served for over six years as the acting Muscatine County Coroner. He remained in practice in Muscatine until his death in 1918. He was recognized as a surgeon when he was chosen a fellow of the American College of Surgeons ("Dr. E.H. King Succumbs to Pneumonia", Muscatine Journal obituary, February 14, 1918, 10). He was also elected to the prestigious Society of Sons of the Revolution in the State of Iowa. His great, great, grandfather, Sargeant Benjamin King, fought in the American Revolution in 1775 (Muscatine County Genealogical Society). The 1920 census indicates that his widow, Mary (57) continued to live alone at 417 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street. Dr. King's widow, Mary, remained at this address through 1921, according to the city directories.

The property was then sold on August 19, 1922 to Charles A. and Lulu Nyenhuis. Mr. Nyenhuis was born on September 1, 1888 in Muscatine. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Nyenhuis. According to city directories, Mr. Nyenhuis was employed by attorney Martin W. Stapleton for a short time around 1908. Then, he worked as bookkeeper at the German – American Bank until about 1915. He married Lulu Palmer on August 23, 1915. Mr. Nyenhuis was the office manager of the Hawkeye Button Company

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when he reported for duty in the U.S. Army in 1917 (WW I Draft Registration Cards 1917-1918). He was the bookkeeper at C.L. Mull and Sons for many years and was the city treasurer from 1938 until his death in 1940. ("C.A. Nyenhuis, 51, City Treasurer, Stricken", Muscatine Journal obituary, January 25, 1940, 1) Lulu Nyenhuis continued to live at this address until after 1959.

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**Location Map**



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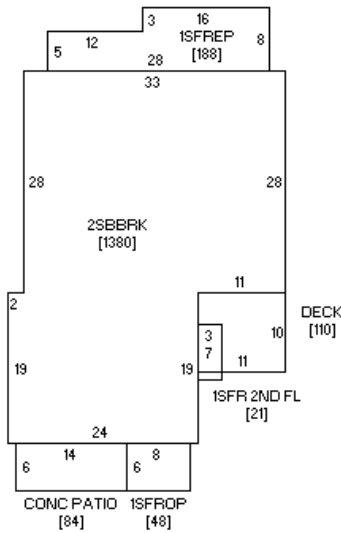
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### Plans of buildings on site (from assessor's office)



(front – W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street)

### Photograph of building (digital image)

