

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

State Inventory No. 70-01075  **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 Andrew Kirsch House  
 other names/site number Field Site #: WH-169

**2. Location**

street & number 506 W. 4<sup>th</sup> 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) 51 Lot(s) W1/2 Lot 7

**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)	_____	Contributing <u>1</u>	buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> district	_____	Noncontributing _____	sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____	_____	structures
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____	_____	objects
<input type="checkbox"/> object	_____	_____	Total
	_____	<u>1</u>	

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>01A01: Domestic / Single residence</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____

**7. Description**

<b>Architectural Classification</b> (Enter categories from instructions)	<b>Materials</b> (Enter categories from instructions)
<u>09A01: House / Front-Gabled Roof</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 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 506 W. 4<sup>th</sup> 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 1870  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

**11. Form Prepared By**

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city or town Muscatine state IA zip code 52761

**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, three-bay, front-gabled house. The house sits on a brick foundation. The walls are frame, clad in wood siding with corner boards. The gable roof is clad in asphalt shingles. Sanborn Map coverage is available to 1899 and shows the house as presently configured – two story with a one-story rear section and east side one-story square bay.

A full porch extends across the front (north) elevation. The front porch has a low frame side wall with wood siding spanning between two concrete block column foundations. The low hip roof sits on top of two tapered rectangular box columns resting on the concrete capstone over concrete block column foundations. The porch is entered from the east elevation from a flight of concrete steps with metal rail. The house entry, located to the west side of the front, is a wood door with three-quarter single light glass and single light door transom above. A large single light window is located in the east third of the first floor. The second story has three two-over-two-light double-hung windows with wood frame, sills, and slightly protruding window hood. The front gable has a single light attic window.

The east elevation has two vertically aligned two-over-two-light double-hung windows in the north portion of the elevation. A side porch with hip roof extends out from the east elevation towards the south of the elevation. The side porch has a two-over-two light double-hung window in its north and east elevations and a likely original half-glass wood door with two inset panels in the lower half of the door set in the south elevation of the side porch. Two concrete steps lead from the ground to the side porch door.

The west elevation has two two-over-two-light double-hung windows set in the second story at the back quarter of the house. A tall single-over-single light double hung window is set in the first story at the rear. A smaller single-over-single double hung window set between the first and second stories towards the front of the elevation. The west elevation of the rear single story section has no windows.

The rear elevation of the main house has a two-over-two-light double-hung window set in the second story to the west of the single story rear section of the house. A quarter-glass door is set beneath the west second story window. This main section has a rear end gable without openings. The rear first story section has a rear gable with two-over-two-light double-hung window set to the west of the peak's center. The first story has a rear porch addition that consists of sloped roof and two-single-light side-by-side windows.

The back yard is enclosed in a non-historic vertical wood fence. The house has no garage.

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## 8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The Andrew Kirsch House appears to be individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C. It does appear to be a contributing building in a potential "West Hill" neighborhood historic district.

This modest, early 4<sup>th</sup> Street house represents a working class house from the late 19<sup>th</sup> Century. The occupants included the probable builder, Andrew Kirsch, marble/stone cutter, and several individuals working in the lumber industry - Peter Koensaecker, Huttigs and Edward E. Hatfield, Roach and Musser Millwork Co. lived here. Frank Wilford was a civic leader during the 1920s-1940s serving as secretary of the Masonic Temple and on the county board of supervisors. While the social history is significant in the context of the lumber industry and neighborhood and community development, none of the individuals were of the stature to qualify the house under Criterion B. The house retains excellent integrity retaining its windows and wood siding with corner boards. The porch was probably updated in the 1910s/1920s based on the rusticated concrete block porch column piers and the styling that was consistent for that time, as typical with many houses in the community. This home is a very representative and fine example of a modest working class home typical of the mid-late 19<sup>th</sup> Century. The gable-front form with the two-over-two-light double-hung windows is typical of this period, and the retention of integrity in this frame example is excellent. Thus, the Andrew Kirsch House appears to be individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C.

The Andrew Kirsch House does appear to be a strong contributing building in a potential "West Hill" neighborhood historic district. The house illustrates neighborhood evolution as an early working class home in the neighborhood, with porch update in the 1910s/20s. Several lumber industry workers lived here and a county board of supervisor. The house represents important social history in the context of the lumber industry and neighborhood and community development

Magdalena Knoblauch (Kirsch) purchased the property from C.B. Williams/A. Jackson on October 15, 1866 (1866-1874 Transfer book: 50-51). A. Jackson is listed as owning Lot 7 but later in the page, for the sale, Williams is listed as the seller. Andrew Kirsch, stone cutter, age 36 was listed with his wife, Magdalene, age 33, in the 1870 census. Andrew Kirsch, marble/stone cutter at W.W. Webster Marble Works, was listed at south side of 4<sup>th</sup> West of Spruce in 1874-75 city directory, moving here from the south side of 3<sup>rd</sup> between Linn & Spruce where he lived in 1869. Thus, it appears that he built this house between 1869 and 1874. Andrew was listed as a marble/stone cutter from 1869 through 1899. The 1880 census listed Andrew Kirsch (45) with wife Magdalena (40), son Albert (17), daughter Anna (8), and daughter Bertha (2). Audie? Kirsch purchased the property from Magdalena Kirsch (Knoblauch) on October 5, 1881 with consideration of \$1000 (1878-1887 Book of Lots, P 20-21). Miss Anna Kirsch, seamstress, was also listed here in 1889-92. Anna Kirsch was not listed in the 1893, 1897, and 1899 directories. Andrew's wife, Mary Magdalena, was also listed from 1900 through 1908 here. It appears that Andrew retired about 1900. The 1900 Census lists Andrew Kirsch, age 67, having been born in Germany in 1832 and married for 33 years to Magdalene who was born in Germany in 1835. They had seven children, three of whom were living. One daughter, Bertha, age 26, lived at home. Andrew Kirsch

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lived here until his death on April 15, 1909. His obituary indicates that Andrew Kirsch died two weeks after his wife of 40 years died. Andrew Kirsch was born in Barus, Germany in 1826 and was brought to America as a young man. He fought for the Union during the Civil war as a member of the First Illinois Light Artillery. He was a member of the Shelby Norman Post. He was survived by one daughter, Mrs. A.E. Othmer and one step-son, G.A. Knoblauch (Obituary, 1909).

The property was transferred to Annie Kirsch Othmer on April 30, 1909 (1909 Transfer book, P. 73). The house appears to have rented for a number of years. No listings for 506 W. 4<sup>th</sup> were found in the 1910 city directory. The 1910 Census lists Arthur L. Parrott, jeweler, 24, married for 4 years to wife Molly, 23 with two daughters, Adaline and Evelyn ages 4 and 3 as renting 506 W. 4<sup>th</sup> St. In 1911, Arthur L. Parrott, Lowe & Co, and his wife Mollie lived here, moving to 608 Pine by 1913. Peter Koensaecker, and wife Elizabeth moved from 421 W. 7<sup>th</sup> to this location by 1913, and he was working at Huttigs. George J. (working at W.G. Block) and Myrtle (assistant bookkeeper at Battersons) boarded at 506 W. 4<sup>th</sup>. In 1916, Peter, Elizabeth, and Myrtle had moved to 117½ E. 6<sup>th</sup> leaving George J. Koenigsaecker and wife Genevieve at 506 W. 4<sup>th</sup>. W.P. Strahn purchased the property from Annie Kirsch Othmer on August 1, 1916 (1909 Book of Lots, P.73).

C.A. Carpenter and wife, Vera, purchased the property from W.P. Strahn on January 6, 1917 (Transfer book, P.73). From 1917 through 1922, C.A. Carpenter and wife Vera lived here. C.A. Carpenter was the proprietor of Carpenter Rubber Co. (tires). The 1920 census lists Charles A Carpenter, age 30, as being born in Iowa and a proprietor of an auto accessories store. He and his wife, Vera B., age 29 have two children, daughter, Grace E., 6, and son, Charles, 4 years. The census indicates the Carpenters owned the property.

On March 14, 1923, Frank G. Wilford and wife Alice purchased the property from C.A. and Vera E. Carpenter (Deeds Book 58:405) and moved from 1509 Washington to 506 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, where they would stay into the mid-1940s. Frank was a bookkeeper at Northern Gravel Co. in 1921 and was the secretary of the Masonic Temple from 1923 through 1939. From 1940 through 1946 Frank was a member of the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors, serving as chair in 1943. By 1946 the Wilfords had moved to 1008 Sycamore.

A series of people lived here from 1946 to 1961. Mark E. and wife Catherine P. Scannel lived here after purchasing on November 3, 1945. They moved 1221 Mulberry after selling the house to Donald M. or Norma D. Hudnall on January 19, 1948. Mark Scannel was an engineer for Grain Processing Corporation becoming a salesman for the Iowa Business Exchange. From 1948 through 1954, Donald M. Hudnall, carpenter, and wife Norma are listed at 506 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street. On August 11, 1956 the Hudnalls sold the property to Edward E. or Shirley L. Hatfield. From 1956 through 1961, Edward E. Hatfield and wife Shirley L. lived at 506 with Ed working at Roach and Musser Millwork Co. The property was sold to William Z. or Ethel Kemerer on July 26, 1962.



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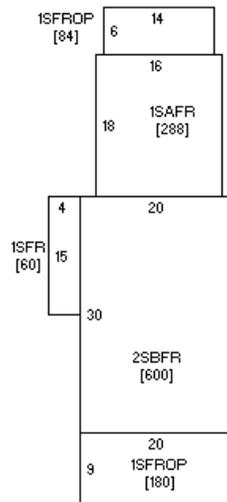
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## Plans of buildings on site (from assessor's office)



(front – W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street)

## Photograph of building (digital image)

