

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

State Inventory No. 70-01077 **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 Joseph S. Mulford House
 other names/site number Field Site #: WH-170

2. Location

street & number 508 W. 4th 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) E1/2 Lot 8

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)	_____	<u>2</u>	buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> district	_____	_____	sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____	_____	structures
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____	_____	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 A Historical and Architectural Survey of the "West Hill" neighborhood, Muscatine, Iowa Historical Architectural Data Base Number 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>01A01: Domestic / Single residence</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)	Materials (Enter categories from instructions)
<u>09A01: House / Front-Gabled Roof</u>	foundation <u>03 Brick</u>
_____	walls <u>05E Metal - Aluminum</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 508 W. 4th 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 1873 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

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, two-bay, front gable house. The house sits on a brick foundation. The walls are frame, clad in wood siding. The gable roof is clad in asphalt shingles. The open front porch has a gabled front roof of shallower pitch than the main house roof. The house has a square one-story bay protruding from the east elevation.

A front porch extends across the front (north elevation) of the house. The front porch has a wood sided frame quarter wall spanning the front between two concrete piers. Two tapered rectangular box columns rest on the concrete column foundations and support the roof. The detailing suggests that the porch was added in the early 20th century, perhaps replacing an earlier porch. The wood floor porch has a vertical lattice vent between the quarter wall and the ground. The porch entry is from the east elevation via two flights of concrete stairs with modern metal handrail. The gable porch roof has a plain, angled soffit and fascia. The front entry is located in the west portion of the elevation of the house. The single-door entry has adjoining single-light sidelights and three-light door transom. The door is a twelve-light door. A set of three windows is located in the east half of the elevation on the first story. The windows are wood frame single-over-single-light double-hung windows with the center window larger than the adjoining side windows. The second story has two widely spaced single-over-single-light double-hung windows and a plain front gable and eave. The north elevation of the east side square bay window has a single-over-single-light double-hung window.

The east elevation has a one-story square bay that projects from the rear portion of the house. There is a single-over-single-light double-hung window set in the east elevation of this bay and one adjoining in the first story. The two second-story single-over-single-light double-hung windows are smaller than the first story windows. The square bay's shed-roof slopes from the main house to the east and has vertical wood siding enclosing the roof triangular section in the north and south elevations. The rear porch has a single-over-single double-hung window in the east elevation.

The west elevation has a single-over-single-light double-hung window in each story vertically aligned at the rear of the house.

The rear elevation has an enclosed rear porch with hip roof. The rear porch has a door entry located to the west side of the porch and a set of three equal size single-over-single-light double-hung windows. The rear elevation of the side porch has a door opening that has been enclosed with vertical wood siding. The second story of the main house has two irregularly spaced single-over-single-light double-hung windows with the center window raised higher in the elevation due to the rear porch hip roof peak. The main house rear roof is a plain gable end with no openings in the second story. The rear porch of the house appears to have been altered between 1919 and 1928 based on Sanborn Map review. The rear porch appears to have been altered again between 1946 and present based on present configuration and 1946 Sanborn. The present porch is about half of the length of the 1946 porch.

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The two-story, side-gable garage has a concrete block first story built into the hill with overhung plastic garage door set in a wood frame with masonite siding for the south elevation. The door opens to the rear alley. The second story is a frame with masonite siding. There are no openings for the east, south, and west elevations. The north elevation has a single wood door entry. The garage was added to the property between 1928 and 1946, based on the Sanborn Maps.

8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The Joseph S. Mulford 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 is an older, late 19th Century gable-front house that is modest with a simple composition. The house retains an early entry with sidelights. The gable-roof porch appears to date to the early 20th century. Its integrity has been somewhat compromised by cladding in aluminum siding and modifications to the rear between 1928 and 1946 and again after 1946. The social history of the home is interesting with several working families including the Mulfords and Russells, who worked in the sash and door industry. However, the social history is not considered especially significant. Thus, the Joseph S. Mulford House does not appear to be individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A, B, or C.

However, the Joseph S. Mulford House does appear to be a contributing building in a potential "West Hill" neighborhood historic district. The house is notable as a typical working class home during the late 19th and 20th Centuries and its history illustrates the evolution of the neighborhood.

Suel Foster bought all of lot 8 blk. 51 on December 16, 1852 from Dan Smith (L:176), and then sold off the West half of the lot to Michael Anson on August 12, 1854 (N:363). Suel Foster was residing on the north side of Foster Road, 2d from 8th in 1869-70, and 1874-75 directories. Joseph Mulford bought this section of the lot on October 6, 1873 from Suel Foster for \$400 (8:206). Joseph Mulford (Cadle & Mulford - Planing Mills) was listed at the ns of 4th between Linn & Spruce in the 1869-70 directory. By 1874-75 he is listed as working at George D. Magoon & Co., (Joseph Mulford, Wm. Alberts, Frederick Lays) door, sash, blinds, brackets, and moldings and living at the south side of 4th W. of Spruce. In 1876-77 he is listed with Cadle, Mulford & Co., - Mfg sashes, doors, blinds and residing at 63 W. 4th. In 1879 he is listed with Cadle, Mulford & Co., and residing at the south side of 4th east of Locust. In 1883 he is listed as working at the Hutting Brothers and living at 508 W. 4th Street. He was listed as a foreman at Huttigs in 1886-87. Joseph Mulford purchased 514 W. 3rd a month before his death on February 8, 1886. Mrs. J. S. Mulford, widow listed at 514 W. 3rd with Miss Ella and Miss Alice Mulford, teacher in the 1886-1887 directory.

Louise Dillaway bought the property from Alice, Ella, and Harriet Mulford on March 30, 1891 (Lots Book 22:624). William Dillaway, son of George W. Dillaway, lived here from 1891 to 1900. He lived at 411

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Walnut in 1890 and with his father at 501 W. 4th prior. He worked at G.W. Dillaway's- jobber crockery, silver, and glassware. His wife, Louise, was listed with him in the 1900 directory. The 1900 census indicates that William, 43, crockery dealer, was born in 1857 and married Louise, 35, in 1888. No children are listed, and they are listed as owning the property.

John McNulty bought the property from Louise Dillaway on May 16, 1902 (Lots Book 35:583). In 1902, John J. McNulty and wife Elizabeth J. had moved from 514 W. 4th to 508 W. 4th. John worked as a postal clerk. The 1900 Census lists John McNulty, RR mail clerk, 38, as born 1862 and married to Elizabeth, 38, in 1888. They have two children, Anson, son, 8, and James M., son, 6. The 1910 census indicates that they own the property, and it lists John, Elizabeth J, and the children Anson and James M. The McNultys would live here until 1916.

William Randall and wife, Margaret bought the property from John McNulty on June 1, 1916 (Lots Book 50:82) and moved from 313 Chestnut to 508 W. 4th Street. William worked at W.F. Bishop Co. in 1916, and Traveller's Insurance in 1919. The Randalls moved to 1515 Mulberry by 1920. The 1920 Census lists William D. Randall, 23, his wife Margaret, 20, and his mom Mrs. Mattie E. Randall, 67 (widow of E.M.)

Ella Russell bought from William Randall and wife on October 1, 1919 (Lots Book 53:325). Mrs. Ella M. Russell moved from 514 Walnut to 508 W. 4th in 1920 and lived here through 1927. She is listed in the 1920 census as 52, widow of Charles, with her family – Florence, daughter, 16, filing clerk at the sash and door mill; John W., 20, son, office boy as sash and door mill; and Velma, 17, daughter-in-law, machine operator at overall factory.

Julius Schmidt bought the property from Ella Russell March 2, 1928 (Lots Book 70:351). Ella is not listed in 1929 and John and Velma moved to 112 W. 6th Street.

Julius R. Schmidt purchased the property from Ella M. Russell on March 2, 1928 (Lots Book 70: 351). In 1929, Julius R. Schmidt, carpenter, is listed at 508 W. 4th Street. No wife is listed. He is listed with no occupation and wife Anna in 1931. In 1934, he is listed with wife Anna C.

Helen and Florence Ashton bought the house from Anna Schmidt on September 7, 1935 (Lots Book 82:216). They apparently rented the house out for the next decade. By 1936, Frank L. and wife Lula R., Kyes had moved from 310 Chestnut to 508. Frank was a clerk with the CRI&P railroad. The Kyes moved to 106 W. 5th by 1938 and the house was vacant from 1938 to 1942. In 1943 David F. Garner and wife Martha M. had moved in to 508 from 313 ½ Cherry. David was U.S. Navy having worked in upholstery in the 1930s. Mrs. Martha was a technician at Lysle C. Howe, M.D.. By 1949 the Garners had moved to 116 W. 4th.

Walter Russell and wife Edna G. purchased the property from Helen and Florence Ashton on February 6, 1946 (Lots Book 112:571). Walter Russell and wife Edna G. is listed at 508 W. 4th in 1949. Walter was the managing editor of the *Muscatine Journal* and his wife Edna was a clerk at H.J. Heinz. Betty K.

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Russell assistant at Musser Public Library was listed at this location in 1949. Walter and Edna continued to live at 508 through at least 1961.

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Location Map



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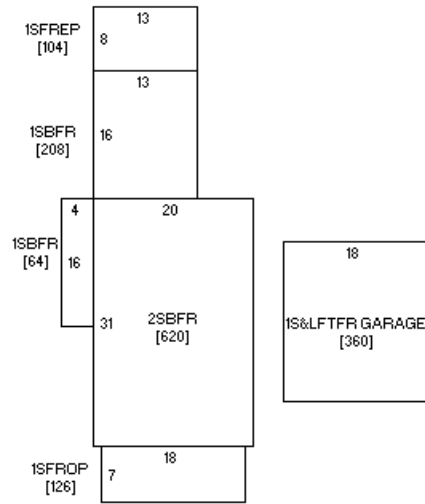
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Plans of buildings on site (from assessor's office)



(front – W. 4th Street)

Photograph of building (digital image)

