

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

State Inventory No. 70-01079 **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 Mary E. Anson House
 other names/site number Field Site #: WH-171

2. Location

street & number 510 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) W1/2 Lot 8 & E 191/2' Lot 9

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

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)	Materials (Enter categories from instructions)
<u>07A: PRAIRIE SCHOOL / CRAFTSMAN</u>	foundation <u>03 Brick</u>
_____	walls <u>06 Stucco</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.

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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 1913 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, three-bay, house with some Prairie School influence. The house sits on a brick foundation. The walls are stucco. The side gable roof is clad in asphalt shingles, and the house has wide eaves. This house constructed slightly later than the adjoining Foursquare at 514 W. 4th. This house first appears on the 1919 Sanborn Map as it currently appears. It replaced an earlier house present on the lot from at least 1899 through 1912. A 1916 Grossheim collection photo shows the present house.

A porch extends across the front (north) elevation. The front porch was originally an open porch with low stucco wall spanning between two stout stucco columns at each corner of the porch. The porch was enclosed later using six sections of screen windows. The porch entrance is in the east elevation and is entered by concrete steps and walk to the house that is slightly elevated above the street. The front porch has a hip roof. The house entry is slightly west of center and is a half glass single light wood door with storm door. Two single-over-single-light double-hung windows are in the first story with the west window adjacent to the entry. Two single-over-single-light double-hung windows are in the second story with a small single light window centered between. The windows have wood sashes and frames. The roof has wide boxed eaves. The front has a four-window shed-roof dormer. Each window is a single-over-single-light double-hung window. This house has had very little exterior alteration from the 1916 Grossheim Collection photo. The front porch has been screened in and the windows have had aluminum storm windows added.

The west elevation has five larger single-over-single-light double-hung windows with two in the first story, two in the second story and one in the gable. The first and second story windows are vertically aligned at the south and north ends of the elevation. A large stucco chimney sits just to the front of the roof peak and dominates the middle section of the elevation. A smaller single-over-single-light double-hung window is located even with the tops of the second story windows and just to the south of the chimney. The gable end is stucco.

The east elevation divided into four bays – three on the main house. The front bay of the main house has a pair of single-over-single-light double-hung windows set in the first story and a single-over-single-light double-hung window in the second story. The center bay has a small shed-roof bay window with two smaller single-over-single-light double-hung windows in the first story, a pair of single-over-single-light double-hung windows in the second story and a pair of single-over-single-light double-hung windows in the stucco end gable. The second story has a single-over-single-light double-hung window at each end. The rear bay of the main house has a single-over-single-light double-hung window set in each story and a full height brick chimney at the rear corner of the house.

The rear elevation is dominated by a full width two-story porch. The first story of the porch is enclosed with screen windows – two windows to the west of the screen door and four to the east. The east elevation of the porch has a large single light window set at ground level in the south corner and a set of

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three single-over-single-light double-hung windows in the first story and the second story. The center window of the first story set is narrower than the two outer windows. The porch is clad with vertical wood siding. The second story of the porch is enclosed with seven single-over-single-light double-hung windows in the south elevation and two windows each in the east and west elevations. The porch roof is a flat hip roof. The first story has an entry off center to the west and a single-over-single-light double-hung window to the east. The second story has a large double door entry almost centered and one single-over-single-light double-hung window set to the extreme west of porch. The roof has a shed-roof dormer with three six-light-over-single-light double-hung windows.

The garage has a concrete block foundation that extends approximately three feet up from the ground. The rest of the garage is frame with wood siding. The south elevation has a single-light-by-single-light window set high in the wall. The west elevation has the metal overhead garage door with a cantilevered roof end gable above. The gable cantilever is supported by a wood brace at each corner of the garage. The east elevation does not have any openings and has a gable end roof section.

8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The Mary E. Anson House appears to be individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C. The Mary E. Anson House also appears to be a contributing building in a potential "West Hill" neighborhood historic district.

This two-story, side gable, stucco house is an interesting house with some Prairie School influence. The house has wide eaves and shed roof dormers in the front and rear. The front dormer has four windows and the rear dormer has three windows. This house retains excellent historical integrity and has had very little exterior alteration from the 1916 Grossheim Collection photo. The front porch has been screened in and the windows have had aluminum storm windows added. Thus, the Mary E. Anson House appears to be individually eligible under Criterion C. The house is the third house for the Alice Anson family in this neighborhood replacing an early house at this location after the adjoining house at 514 W. 4th Street was built. The Anson family was a large Irish family involved in painting and clothing businesses. By 1891, Alice Anson was operating a ladies furnishings business - Alice Anson & Co. at 113 W. 2nd. The house was primarily occupied by Mary E. Anson and her sister, Alice P. Anson. The two sisters operated a millinery for a number of years although the details are not known. While the home represents a home of women who operated their own business, the business and their prominences does not appear to be especially prominent or important. Thus, the Mary E. Anson House does not appear to be individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A or B.

The Mary E. Anson House does appear to be a contributing building in a potential "West Hill" neighborhood historic district. The Anson house illustrates neighborhood development as one of three Anson family houses in this block with this succeeding an earlier house at the same location after the

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adjoining 514 W. 4th Street was constructed. The home is significant for its long association with this industrious Irish immigrant family.

This property was in the Anson family for a long time with the Anson's living in an earlier house at this location from 1893 to 1913. The Michael and Alice (Murphy) Anson family is an old Muscatine family coming to Muscatine from Ireland by way of St. Louis in 1848. Michael Anson was a painter with a successful business and fine workmanship. Michael and Alice were married in Muscatine in 1852. Michael and Alice Anson had nine children P. Frank, husband of Alice E. Barry, Phillip, Mary, Elizabeth, the wife of J. J. McNulty; Joseph; Alice; Mark M., Lawrence, and Margaret, the wife of William Stapleton. Michael died in 1893 and Alice, his wife, in 1908. P. Frank started the Anson Clothing Company in 1896 (Richman 1911, Vol. 2: 593). The 1900 census lists that Alice Anson was born in 1833, came from Ireland, was a widow, and bore 9 children with 7 still living in 1900. Other family members at 510 W. 4th in 1900 include Mary, daughter, 41, milner; Alice, daughter, 38, milner; Joseph, son, 34, commercial traveler, M. Mark, son, 30, commercial traveler; Margaret A., daughter, 26. Alice Anson, Alice Anson & Co, ladies furnishings died on September 15, 1908 at age of 75. Mrs. Alice Anson would continue to live at 510 W. 4th in the previous house on this site until her death on September 24, 1908. The 1904 city directory lists Alice (widow of Michael) at 510 W. 4th with Alice P., boarding, Joseph R., lumberman, boards, Mark M. sales Roach & Musser, boards, and Mary E. boards. Mrs. Alice Anson died on September 24, 1908. She had seven children – Frank P., Mary E., Alice P., Joe R., Mary M., Mrs. Elizabeth McNulty, and Mrs. Margaret Stapleton (Obituary, 1908).

The 1910 Census lists Mary E. Anson, 48, no occupation, as owning 510 W. 4th and living with her sister, Alice P., 47. The 1911 directory lists Mary Anson, no occupation. It appears that the Mary E. Anson constructed the house between 1912 and 1916, after living for several years in the earlier house on this site. The older house is shown on the 1912 Sanborn map, and a photograph labeled the "Anson residence" shows the current house in 1916. The 1913 through 1924 directories list Mrs. M. E. Anson, no occupation, and Joseph R. Anson, sales man for American Fixture Co. at 510 W. 4th. The 1920 Census lists Mary E. Anson, 59, no occupation, as owning the property and living with sister Alice P., 55, and brother, Joseph, 49, traveling salesman for door milling company. Joseph died on April 5, 1927. Joseph Anson was born in Muscatine on February 6, 1866 son of Michael and Alice Anson. He was a salesman for Roach & Musser Company early in his career and then moved to American Sash and Door company, Kansas City, MO. where he became vice president. He returned to Muscatine two years prior to his death because of poor health. He was a member of St. Mathias Church Knights of Columbus and the Woodmen and Maccabee lodges (Obituary, 1927).

Mary E. Anson and her sister, Alice P. Anson, no occupations listed, continued to live here after Joseph's death, through 1949. Mary died on April 2, 1949 and Alice died almost a year later on February 8, 1950. Mary E. Anson as born in Muscatine, the daughter of Michael and Alice Murphy Anson and was a proprietor of a millinery shop for a number of years (Obituary, 1949). Alice P. Anson was the daughter of Michael and Alice Murphy Anson and owned and operated a millinery shop in Muscatine for many years. She was a member of St. Mathias church, the Rosary Society of that church, and the Catholic Daughters of America (Obituary, 1950).

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Richard C. Knight and wife, Betty R., purchased the property on January 30, 1952 and lived in the house from 1952 through 1956. Richard Knight was a foreman at Bendix Aviation in Davenport. Richard H. Stoddard and wife, Anna, purchased the house on August 25, 1956 and lived here through 1961. Richard Stoddard was a staff manager for Prudential Insurance.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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"Mrs. Alice Anson Dies at Her Home", Obituary, Muscatine Journal, September 25, 1908, P. 2.

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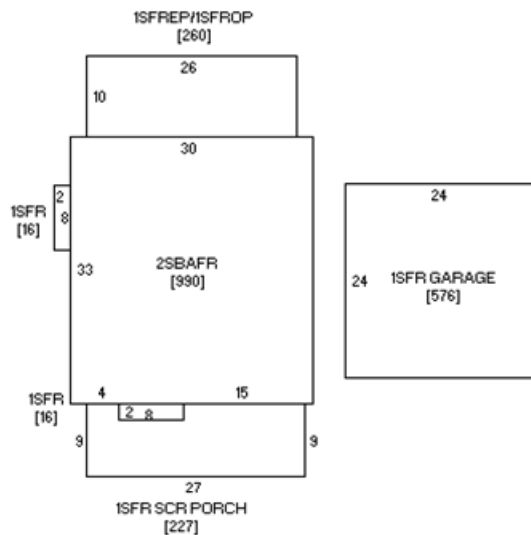
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Location Map



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



(front – W. 4th Street)

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Photograph of building (digital image)

