

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

State Inventory No. 70-01082  **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 Catherine Noll House  
 other names/site number Field Site #: WH-173

**2. Location**

street & number 516 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) E1/2 Lot 10

**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>05D: Late Victorian / Queen Anne</u>	foundation <u>03 Brick</u>
_____	walls <u>05E 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 Address 516 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street Site Number 70-01082  
City Muscatine 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 1903  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, two-bay, Queen Anne house. The house sits on a brick foundation. The walls are frame, clad in aluminum siding. The combination hip roof with cross gables is clad in asphalt shingles. The front (north) and east elevations have two story bay windows with a gable roof. The rear section of the house extends the home to the south from the cross gable front section.

The shed-roof porch spans the west half of the front (north) elevation. The porch is an open porch with concrete stoop and decorative iron porch columns at each roof corner. Though a porch is shown in this location on the 1905 Sanborn map, this porch appears to be later. Two sets of concrete steps lead from the street level to the house elevation. The entry is set in the center of the west bay and has a four section wood door with the top section as a single light glass window. A small single-light window sets high in the elevation to the west of the entry door. The two-story bay window with the gable roof dominates the east half of this elevation. The center window of each story of the bay window is a single light window with a transom. The bay's side windows are single-over-single-light double-hung windows. A single-over-single-light double-hung window is set in the west bay of the second floor. The gable roof section over the bay window has a short section of sloped roof that separates the gable from the second story. A two-light (side-by-side) window is set in the middle of the gable. Eave and cornice are plain and the gable is clad in horizontal siding. The hip roof extends back to a small gable set back from the front. The small roof gable has a small two-light (side-by-side) window is set in the middle of the gable.

The east elevation has three bays and is dominated by a centered two-story bay window with the same configuration as the front bay window including the gable. The rear bay is the rear extension of the cross gable section of the house with a slightly lower roof peak. The rear bay of the east elevation has a first story side porch that is open with the same decorative iron column at roof corner and sloped roof the front porch. The porch has a side entry and a single-over-single-light double-hung window adjacent and one in the second floor above.

The center bay of the three-bay west elevation has a pair of single-over-single-light double-hung windows set in the first story, and two single-over-single-light double-hung window in the second story, with one smaller than the other. The west elevation has a gable similar to the east elevation centered over the south portion of the elevation. The rear bay is the rear extension of the cross gable section of the house with a slightly lower roof peak and has a vertically aligned single-over-single-double-window in each story at the rear of the house.

The rear elevation has a rear section that projects out from the front cross-gable roof section and has a slightly lower roof peak. The rear section has an end gable with three vertically aligned and centered single-over-single-light double-hung windows, one in each story and the gable.

The concrete block garage was constructed after 1946, as is not on the 1946 Sanborn Map. The south elevation has a plastic overhung garage door that opens to the alley. The door is set in wood framing

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with concrete block along each side. The remaining three sides are concrete block partially built into the hillside. The west elevation has two side-by-side-single light windows set high in the wall. The east elevation has two side-by-side-single light windows set high in the wall and a six section wood door at the northeast corner of the garage.

## 8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The Catherine Noll 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 later Queen Anne house is very nicely composed with multiple roof gables and classic two story, three bay front window. However, the house has lost some historic integrity due to aluminum siding and replacement windows. Thus, it is not a particularly outstanding architectural example. The home appears to be important as a working class residence and a home related to the Batterson Wessels Co., a wholesale button dealer in Muscatine. The Korte-Noll marriage and connection to the Batterson Wessels Co. and subsequent residence at this location of Henry Fayle, Batterson Wessels vice president is intriguing. However, these people do not appear to have made a significant impact on the history of Muscatine. Nor is the house associated with a significant historic event. Thus, the Catherine Noll House does not appear to be individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A, B, or C.

However, the Catherine Noll House does appear to be a contributing building in a potential "West Hill" neighborhood historic district. The home appears to be important as a working class residence and a home related to the Batterson Wessels Co., a wholesale button dealer in Muscatine. Bernard Korte was a clerk at Batterson prior to his marriage to Catherine's daughter Anna Noll who was also working at Batterson Wessels Co. Subsequent to their departure from 516 W. 4<sup>th</sup>, Henry E. and Helen Fayle (Catherine's daughter) moved in with Henry, who was a vice president at Batterson.

The east half of Lot 10 is vacant on the 1899 Sanborn map, with this house shown in 1905. Catherine Noll bought the E1/2 of lot 10 from Michael Cosgrove et ux. on March 27, 1902 (35:506). The 1903 city directory continues to list her at 1097 Lucas, with Miss Annie G. Noll, John W. Noll, and Miss Minnie Noll. Thus, construction does not appear to have been complete until 1903. Mrs. Catherine Noll, widow of William, is listed here in 1904, and she continued to live here through 1927. The 1910 Census lists Catherine Noll, widow, 58, as owning 516 W. 4<sup>th</sup> and having six children, four of whom were still living. Anna, daughter, 26 and Helen C., daughter, 20 were also living at 516 W. 4<sup>th</sup>. Anna G. Noll, buyer for Batterson Wessels Co., was listed as boarding at 516 W. 4<sup>th</sup> from 1908 through 1913. Bernard Korte was listed as boarding at 514 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street and working at Roach and Musser in 1913. By 1916 Bernard Korte and Anna Noll were married and living at 516 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, and both worked at Batterson Wessels Co. The 1920 census lists Helen Korte, 35, married, as owning 516 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street. Her daughter Helen, 3 1/2, and mother Catherine Noll, 67, were also listed here. By 1923 Anna Korte was a widow and would

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continue to live at the location through 1927, moving with Catherine Noll to 316 W. 6<sup>th</sup> by 1929. Anna Korte was the secretary–treasurer for the Batterson-Wessels Co. Henry E. and Helen K. Fayle was listed here in 1927 with Mrs. Catherine Noll. From 1929 through 1934, only Henry E. and Helen K. Fayle were listed at 516 W. 4<sup>th</sup>. Henry E. Fayle was vice president of Batterson Wessels Co.

Catherine Noll died on August 29, 1934. Her obituary notes that Catherine Noll (Knopp) was born in Muscatine on February 19, 1852. She married William Noll on October 7, 1879 and he died on March 11, 1890. They had six surviving children – Mrs. Minnie Wessels, Mrs. Anna Korte, Mrs. Henry E. Fayle, and John W. Noll. (Obituary, 1934).

The house was vacant from 1936 through 1939.

Anna Korte inherited/bought the property from Catherine Noll, Mabel Noll, Irene Noll et ux. on June 12, 1941 (135:5). Five days later, on June 17, 1941, Everett and Mary Lange bought the house on contract from the Noll's (100:229). A correction to the Warranty Deed is noted on January 12, 1950, which shows Mabel Noll et.al. to Anna Korte, subject to rights of Lange (135:5). The Langes lived in the house with Lawrence F., painter, Kathryn D. Martin and family – William D., student; Elizabeth H., student nurse; living at 516 in 1940-41. Then, they appear to have rented out part of the property. Arthur S. and Ella Mapes lived here from 1943 through 1946. Arthur Mapes was a driver for Lagomarcino Grupe Co. Everett H., salesman, and Mary Lange were listed here in 1949.

Arthur M. and Gladys M. Steinbaugh purchased the property from Everett Lange on April 7, 1950 (133:201) and lived here through 1961. Arthur Steinbaugh was a bookkeeper at Henderson Garage. Leon W. or Janet Kardux purchased the property on February 2, 1962.

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**Location Map**



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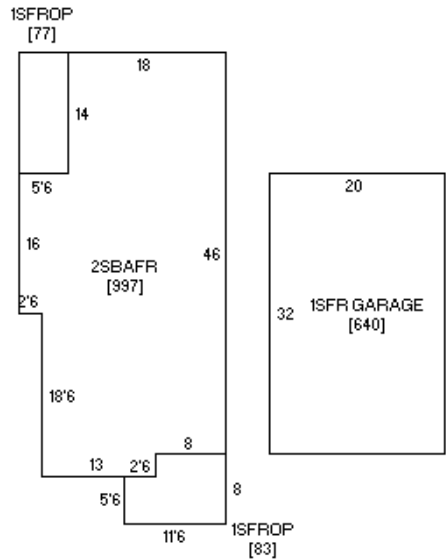
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**Plans of buildings on site (from assessor's office)**



(front – W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street)

**Photograph of building (digital image)**

