

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

State Inventory No. 70-01074 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 House
 other names/site number Field Site #: WH-176

2. Location

street & number 505 W. 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) 82 Lot(s) W 30' Lot 4

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:	
	Enter number of:	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	_____ buildings	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> district	_____ sites	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____ structures	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____ objects	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> object	_____ Total	<u>1</u>	<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

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>09A02: House/Cross Gable</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 type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" 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 505 W. Fourth Street

Site Number 70-01074
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

1902

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

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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, cross gable house. The front and rear gables that intersect with the cross gable are offset. The front gable is attached to the east end of the cross gable while the back gable is attached to the cross gable's west end. The house sits on a brick foundation. The walls are frame, clad in aluminum. The combination roof is clad in asphalt shingles. A one-story rear addition covers the back gable and wraps around the gable's northeast corner. It then extends along the gable's east wall and attaches to the rear of the front gable portion. This addition was constructed in 1955. The windows all appear to be wood and likely are original.

The front (south) elevation shows two openings on the front gable section. An entry is also located on the portion of the west cross gable's south wall that is not covered by the front gable. One of the front gable section openings is a centered, first story, single light, fixed sash window. The opening includes a transom. The second opening is a one-over-one-light, double-hung window that is centered on the second story. The remaining front elevation opening is an entrance located on the west end of the cross gable. A small shed roof overhangs the entrance, which includes a one-over-one-light, double-hung storm door and a wood door with a nine-light glass insert in the upper half.

The east elevation contains a set of three second-story openings on the side of the front gable. Each opening contains a one-over-one-light, double-hung window. The openings are equally spaced across the gable side. The first-story openings on the same wall are aligned with the two outside openings on the second story and are similar in design. The remaining openings on this elevation are all part of the one-story rear addition. All of them are windows that contain one-over-one-light, double-hung sashes. One window is located at the south end of the addition, near its junction with the back wall of the front gable. The remaining window is centered on the addition's east wall.

The west elevation contains two second-story openings and three first-story openings. All of them contain single-light, fixed-sash windows. The two second-story windows are located in the north half of the wall. One of the first-story windows is located in the north half of the wall, while another is aligned over the entrance. The third window is located towards the south end of the wall.

The rear elevation contains an entry located to the left of center in the one-story addition. The entry has a solid wood door that is flush with the back wall. A pair of one-over-one-light, double-hung windows is located on each side of the entry. The remaining opening is a second-story window that is located to the right of the back gable's center. The window contains one-over-one-light, double-hung sashes.

According to building permits, the rear addition was added in 1955 (Muscatine Journal, December 30, 1955, Section 2, Page 19).

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An unattached cement block garage is located at the rear of the building lot. The north elevation of the garage contains a metal overhead door, while the two sides each contain rectangular openings that are either boarded up or contain no windows. The east elevation also contains a four-panel wood door.

8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The house at 505 W. Fourth Street 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.

It is uncertain who built this house, but it appears to be Lucretia Lane, whose family lived next door at 501 W. 4th Street. She primarily used the house as a rental property from around 1903 to 1921. It does not appear to be associated with any significant events or people. In addition, although the house actually retains much of its integrity, there are numerous examples of similar style homes in the neighborhood and throughout the community. Overall, with the aluminum siding, it is not a particularly outstanding example of architecture. Thus the house at 505 W. Fourth Street does not appear to be individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A, B, or C.

However, the house at 505 W. Fourth Street does appear to be a contributing building in a potential "West Hill" neighborhood historic district. The house represents a small, modest building that provided affordable housing to tenants and an investment opportunity for its builder. These twin issues contributed to the continued development of the community and the local neighborhood during both the 19th and 20th centuries. These associations provide a strong connection to the history and architecture of the area.

An earlier house was shown on the 1899 Sanborn map, but the current house was shown on the 1905 Sanborn. The property had been in the Schreuer (also spelled Schreur) family since J.A. Schreuers acquired it from Sam Horn and his wife on March 6, 1849 (Book H, Page 337). John A. Schreuers transferred it to Johanna Schreuers, relationship uncertain, but possibly a daughter, on January 3, 1890 (Book 26, Page 34). The property description remained the same. Muscatine County death records indicate Johanna Schreuers died on December 23, 1897. The 1900 census shows a family, possibly the George Pattersons, although the record is difficult to read, living at 505 W. Fourth. This appears to be in the earlier house.

The lawsuit involving George H. Schreuers, believed to be a brother of Johanna, was then settled in 1902 and a referee's sale conducted at which the property was sold to Lucretia Lane for a \$1900 consideration on October 29, 1902. Lane was a resident of the house in the early 1900s, but does not appear to have been the first. The 1900 census lists her as living with her mother at 505 W. Fourth. It may have been this transfer that sparked the demolition of the house owned by Schreuers and construction of a new residence. If the estate was unsettled from Johanna Schreuers' death on December 23, 1897 to the settlement in 1902, it seems unlikely that a new house would have been built during this period. Two families were listed at this address in 1899-1900 and 1900, suggesting it was

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used as a multiple family apartment. By 1904 the house was no longer being used for multiple residences, although the turnover rate was high. The Sanborn map of 1905 shows the new house, suggesting a narrow frame of construction between 1902 and 1905. The residents listed in the 1904 city directory are F.G. and Dollie White. White was a bookkeeper for Gobble's, which was likely J.M. Gobble & Co, wholesale grocers. Lane, a music teacher, was living there in 1907, according to that year's directory. However, she only lived here for this short period of time.

The 1908-09 directory listed F.S. and Gertrude Pentzer as the residents. He was an attorney who also was involved with real estate and loans. George and Bessie Birch were residents from 1910 through 1913, according to city directories and the 1910 census. Birch was a general freight agent for the Muscatine North & South Railroad Company. The 1916 city directory listed C.W. Kemble and his wife Celia as residents. Kemble was the manager for the Grand Opera House. Paul and Adela Fischer lived there in 1919, according to the directory. He was associated with Fischer Brothers, a boots dealer. The Fischer family was also listed at 505 W. Fourth in the 1920 census.

Lucretia Lane sold Lot 4, Block 82 to Adam and Sophie Schuessler on June 29, 1921 (Book 59, Page 523). They were identified as a retired couple and were listed in the 1921 directory, along with W.F. and Frieda Lamprecht, as residents of the house. Lamprecht was a real estate agent. The Schuesslers continued to be listed as residents in the 1923-24 and 1927 directories. They were the only ones listed for those years. However, W.F. and Frieda Lamprecht were listed as the only residents in the 1931 and 1929 directories, perhaps indicating these two families were related and shared the house.

F.B. Volkringer acquired the property on June 11, 1930 from Sophie Schuessler, widow. However, for the first time, the deed shows a split in the property, with the ground going to Volkringer described as the "W ly 30" of Lot 4, Block 82" rather than all of Lot 4. This description would remain throughout future transfers up to the present time. The property was listed as vacant in the 1934 directory. Fred and Bertha Smith were listed as the residents in the 1936-37 directory. He was associated with the Avenue Cash Grocery store.

The house was listed as vacant again in the 1938-39 directory. Then, on May 27, 1938, Addie DeCamp acquired the house (Book 89, Page 91). She is not listed as a resident in any directory. Clifford and Gertrude Freyermuth do live there from 1940 through 1942, according to the city directories from those years. He was a salesman. The 1943 directory listed Lee and Ethel Henley as the residents. He worked for the Municipal Water and Electric Company.

On October 12, 1944, Addie and Earl DeCamp transferred the property to Agnes Hawk Chatfield and Raymond Chatfield (Book 108, Page 499). The 1946 city directory lists Raymond and Agnes Chatfield. Chatfield was a city street worker.

On April 24, 1946, the Chatfields sold the property to Charles and Elizabeth M. Gaeta (Book 117, Page 171). There is no record the Gaetas lived in the house, but they did rent it. Harold and Dorothy Sheerer were listed as the residents in 1949. Sheerer was a high school teacher.

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On July 26, 1951, Martha M. Morgan bought the house from the Gaeta family (Book 138, Page 578). Martha, widow of Earl, was living there in 1952, according to the city directory. No occupation was listed for her. Martha married Donald E. Young after purchasing the property, and from 1954 to 1956 they were the sole residents. Young was a city police officer. In the 1958 directory, Mrs. Florence Young, widow of Josili, was also listed as living there with Donald and Martha. It is unknown what relationship there was between the three.

Evavle E. and Carolyn Morgan purchased the property from Martha Young, widow, on April 20, 1965 (Book 219, page 287).

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Photograph of building (digital image)

