

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

State Inventory No. 70-01078 **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-178

2. Location

street & number 509 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 23.5' Lot 3

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>2</u> | _____ buildings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> district | _____ sites | _____ | _____ sites |
| <input type="checkbox"/> site | _____ structures | _____ | _____ structures |
| <input type="checkbox"/> structure | _____ objects | _____ | _____ 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>09A04: 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 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 509 W. Fourth Street

Site Number 70-01078
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

1894

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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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, gable-front house that contains two bays on the first story and one bay on the second story. The house sits on a brick foundation. The walls are frame, clad in vinyl. The combination roof is clad in asphalt shingles.

The front (south) elevation contains a flat roof that extends over a first-story bay window that is located to the right of an entry. This bay window is shown on the first Sanborn map of the area in 1899. A small post in the southwest corner supports the porch roof. The bay window contains three one-over-one-light, double-hung windows. The entry contains a crossbuck combination storm door with a single glass insert. The interior door contains a nine-light insert in its upper half. The second-story openings include a pair of one-over-one-light, double-hung windows centered on the gable front. There are no decorative details on the roof eaves or other trim. An attic vent is located in the upper gable.

The east elevation contains four openings on each story. A flush-mounted, first-story entry is centered on the wall. The entry does not appear to be in use. To the left of the entry is a single, one-over-one-light, double-hung window. To the left of this window, towards the front of the elevation wall, is a pair of one-over-one-light, double-hung windows. The remaining first-story opening is a single window with one-over-one-light, double-hung sashes that is located towards the rear of the elevation. Second-story openings are all windows containing one-over-one-light, double-hung sashes. Each opening is aligned with the first-story opening.

The west elevation contains one opening, a two-over-two-light, double-hung window located in the back half of the wall.

The rear elevation includes a pair of two-over-two-light, double-hung windows on the second-story. The left window is located close to the wall edge, while the right window is centered in the right half of the wall. The remaining rear elevation opening is an entry in the southeast corner of the elevation. A flat top overhang extends over a small deck that provides access to the flush-mounted entry door, a solid, metal door.

An addition to the house was constructed in 1962, according to a building permit issued on November 6, 1962 (Muscatine Journal, December 12, 1962, Section 4, Page 15). However, it is questionable as to the extent this work altered the appearance of the house. Sanborn maps between 1899 and 1946 do not differ, indicating the house has remained at its basic shape and length throughout that period. The sketch of the house from the county assessor identifies the current depth of the house to be 50', with a four-foot front porch. Based on the position of the house on the Sanborn maps, the historic dimension of the house is approximately 50'-60'. If those estimates are accurate, it would appear to show the 1962 addition did not add any appreciable depth to the house. That could mean a portion of the house was demolished, but more likely means the addition was not extensive. No dollar amount was provided in the permit report.

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A garage is also located at the rear of the property. The cement block building has a gable roof, with wooden hinged doors facing the alley. An entry is located on the east wall.

8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The house at 509 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.

The history of this house is conflicted, as it appears that Michael Shaughnessy lived in a house on Lot 3, Block 82 by 1866. However, the 1874 birds-eye view does not confirm the existence of the current house, and other information suggests that Robert Bodman constructed, or at least significantly remodeled, the house around 1893-94. The current appearance with the bay window and one-over-one-light, double-hung windows appears to date to the 1890s. Neither Michael Shaughnessy nor Robert Bodman appears to have been particularly significant within the community. No historically significant events are known to have occurred at this house. Although the house does retain its basic historic design and wood windows, the metal siding and non-historic doors have reduced its integrity, and it does not appear to be a particularly outstanding example of architecture. Thus, the house does not appear to be individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A, B, or C.

However, the house does appear to be a contributing building in a potential "West Hill" neighborhood historic district. Although only a laborer, Shaughnessy was able to acquire the property and build a substantial house. His commitment reflects the desires of many residents to grow with the neighborhood and become part of a developing community. The house retains its basic integrity, despite the alterations that have occurred. An addition that was added to the property was completed in 1962, putting it within a few years of reaching the 50-year threshold for being considered historic. The size of the house does not appear to have been substantially changed by the 1962 addition. As a result, this house does contribute historically and architecturally in this potential historic district.

It appears that Michael Shaughnessy might have built this house around 1866, based on property and city directory records. Shaughnessy was a native of Ireland who immigrated with his wife Mary and family to the United States sometime between 1843 and 1850. The family was in Ohio as late as 1854, but was living in Muscatine in early 1859. The 1860 census records Shaughnessy's real estate holdings at \$1000. On October 24, 1866, Shaughnessy acquired the "W 31' of Lot 3, Block 82," from Theo and Josephine Day on October 29, 1866 (Book 6 Lots, page 167). The Days had acquired all of Lot 3 apparently as heirs of Irad C. Day, who had acquired it through a series of tax sale transactions and quit claims in 1844 (Book E, page 207; Book D, page 456). Shaughnessy had previously acquired the east 29' of the lot in 1859 (Book T, Page 540), so by 1866 he owned all of Lot 3. Shaughnessy was also listed in the 1866 directory as maintaining two residences. One was located at "Fourth ns 3 w of Spruce," while the second was recorded at "Fourth ns 1 e of Locust." The first description seems to apply to 507 W. Fourth, on the

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east portion of the lot. The second residence identified for Shaughnessy in 1866 is assumed to be 509 W. Fourth, as at the time only John Mackey's house would have existed to the west, at 513 W. Fourth. Shaughnessy is also listed in the 1860 census as living next door to John Mackey. Mackey's residence at that time might correspond to the current 513 W. Fourth. However, that would prevent Shaughnessy's house as being identified as "1 e of Locust", since 513 W. Fourth would most likely be listed as the first house east of Locust at that time – unless it indicates 1 east of the house at the corner. An 1874 bird's-eye sketch of Muscatine also shows only gable-fronted houses along this section of Fourth Street, and the current Mackey house has a hip roof. A smaller gable-front house appears at the location of 509 W. 4th Street, as well as 507 W. 4th Street. Thus, it appears that the original houses at 513 W. Fourth, 509 W. Fourth, and 507 W. Fourth were replaced after 1874. The 1869-70 city directory lists one address for Shaughnessy, recording him on the "ns of 4th between Spruce and Locust," which could fit the location of either 507 W. Fourth or 509 W. Fourth. There is no listing for Michael Shaughnessy in the 1874-75 or 1876-77 city directories. The family also is not recorded in the 1870 census, either under its own name or as neighbors to the Mackey family, which continued to live on W. Fourth during this time. However, deed records show he continued to own the property until February 8, 1876, when all of Lot 3 was sold to Robert Bodman for \$600 (Book 10 Lots, Page 530).

The other possibility is that Robert Bodman constructed this house around 1893-94, moving here by 1895. The current appearance suggests construction or remodeling in this period, and the integrity dates to this period, even if an older house is incorporated into the current building. Robert Bodman appears in the 1877 city directory on the "ns Fourth 2 e Locust." The current Lot 3 house closest to that description would be 509 W. Fourth. However, the city directories from 1883-86 to 1894 list Bodman as living at 507 W. Fourth. Bodman, a tallyman at the CRI&P Railroad Company depot, is listed at 509 W. Fourth in the 1895-96 directory. Bodman took out a \$900 mortgage on May 16, 1893 (Book 25 Lots, Page 241). This is in addition to a \$600 mortgage on May 28, 1881 (Book 13 Lots, Page 757) and a \$300 mortgage on June 24, 1889 (Book 20, Page 353). While some of those might have been refinancing loans or work on 507 W. Fourth, the 1893 mortgage with the change in address between 1894 and 1895 suggests that Bodman constructed a newer home at 509 W. Fourth around that time. That would account for the discrepancy in the birds-eye map and the 1890s appearance of 509 W. Fourth. The \$900 mortgage appears larger than just a remodeling effort. Bodman was listed as retired but still living at 509 W. Fourth in the 1897-98 directory. The 1899 Sanborn map, the first to cover this block, shows a two-story narrow house on this portion of the lot, with a bay window on the front.

The 1899-1900 and 1900 city directories listed James and Sue Mayes as residents of 509 W. Fourth. Mayes was a reporter for the News Tribune. Bodman was listed at 507 W. Fourth and identified as a clerk for R.T. Wallace and Son, a coal, lime and cement merchant. The 1900 census however fails to confirm Mayes at their address by omitting 509 W. Fourth. Instead the census records two 507 W. Fourth addresses, with Bodman at one and George Eitman and his family at another. The Bodman household includes Robert, 57; his wife Caroline, 47; and daughters Louise, 21; and Charlotte, 9. The census taker appeared to be confused and there are a number of corrections on this page, indicating the addresses might not be valid. In the 1904 directory Robert and Carrie (possibly Carolyn) Bodman were again listed at 509 W. Fourth. He was now identified as a harness maker. Robert Bodman continued to be listed in

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city directories at 509 W. Fourth until 1923-24. Between the 1904 and the 1911 directories he continued to be recorded as a harness maker. From the 1912 to the 1923-24 directory, he was listed as retired. Carolyn died July 3, 1913. Her obituary reported she had married R.D. Bodman on March 20, 1887. A daughter, Charlotte, survived. Robert Bodman had also been married earlier to the former Catherine Funck. She had died on March 23, 1887, leaving one daughter, Etta (Muscatine Journal, 1927. 10).

Robert Bodman, unmarried, transferred the W 23'6" of Lot 3 on April 30, 1926 to Charlotte Bodman (Book 66 Lots, Page 634). She is listed as the resident in both the 1927 and 1929 city directories. On May 9, 1919, Bodman had sold the E. 37-1/2' of Lot 3, Block 82 to Grace A. Carpenter (Book 52 Lots, Page 492).

A series of renters then occupied the property from 1931 until 1957, when Barney and Emma Adams acquired the property. These included John and Zilla O'Hair, the tenants listed in the 1931 city directory. He worked as a baggageman. The tenants in the 1934 directory were William and Dixie Walcott. He was an engineer. Otis and Bertha Hicklin were the tenants listed in the 1936-37 directory. His occupation was listed as a timekeeper. The house was listed as vacant in the 1938-39 directory. Carpenter Ralph Chandler and his wife Catherine were the listed residents in the 1940-41 through 1941-42 city directories. Grover and Ethel Barker were the listed residents of 509 W. Fourth in the 1943 city directory. He was the manager for the Myron B. Browner service station. The 1946 and 1949 directories included only Kenneth Uebe at the residence in the 1946 directory. However, Uebe and his wife Dorothy were both identified as residents in the 1949 directory. He was working as a salesman, according to that edition. Jesse and Lillie Stewart were also list as residents in the 1949 directory. Stewart was a button cutter. Mrs. Chalotte McKee, widow of William, was the listed resident in the 1952 directory. No occupation was identified for her. The house was listed as vacant in the 1954 directory. In the 1956 edition, Joseph and Nola Schuhow were listed. He worked as a roofer. Barney and Emma Adams began living on the property after they purchased the property through a guardian's deed on November 26, 1957 (Book 175 Lots, page 386).

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Location Map



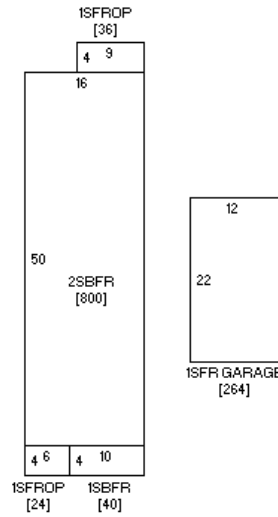
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Plans of buildings on site (from assessor's office)



(front – W. 4th Street)

Photograph of building (digital image)

