

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

State Inventory No. 70-01080  **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 Mackey Rental House  
 other names/site number Field Site #: WH-179

**2. Location**

street & number 511 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) E 28' Lot 2

**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>                               | <u>1</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>                               | <u>1</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**

|  |   |
|--|---|
| <b>Historic Functions</b> (Enter categories from instructions) | <b>Current Functions</b> (Enter categories from instructions) |
| <u>01A01: Domestic / Single residence</u>                      | <u>01A01: Domestic /Single residence</u>                      |
| _____  | _____   |
| _____  | _____   |

**7. Description**

|  |   |
|--|---|
| <b>Architectural Classification</b> (Enter categories from instructions) | <b>Materials</b> (Enter categories from instructions) |
| <u>09A04: House/Front-Gabled Roof</u>                                    | foundation <u>10A: Concrete/Block</u>                 |
| _____  | walls <u>15B: Synthetics: Vinyl</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 511 W. Fourth Street

Site Number 70-01080  
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

1896

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

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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, one-bay, gable-front house. The house sits on a concrete block foundation that appears to be a replacement of an earlier foundation. The walls are frame, clad in vinyl. The combination roof is clad in asphalt shingles. The overall plan, with the front bay window and enclosed side entry vestibule, is shown on the first Sanborn map of the area in 1899. The bay window feature would likely be original.

The front (south) elevation shows a two-story bay window with a gable roof. The window styles vary. The two outside windows on the first-story and the second-story center window contain one-over-one-light, double-hung sashes with simple wood sills and no visible lintels. The two outside windows on the second-story also contain one-over-one-light, double-hung sashes, but these are shorter than those of the other windows. The final opening of the front gable bay is the first-story center opening, with is a large single-light window with a transom window. The entry is setback in the south side of the entry vestibule on the west elevation.

The west elevation contains a small vestibule to the house that provides the primary entry for the building. The partially enclosed shed-roof vestibule extends out from the west wall and is shown as partially enclosed on the 1899 map. The front half is open and a set of steps lead up to a small landing in the open portion. A combination metal storm door faces the open portion of the porch. A one-over-one-light, double-hung window is located on the west wall of the vestibule. The other west elevation openings are on the main house section. A first-story window to the left of the entry contains one-over-one-light, double-hung sashes. The second-story openings include a pair of one-over-one-light, double-hung windows that are located above the first-story window opening. A smaller one-over-one-light, double-hung window is located to the left of the window pair.

The east elevation does not appear to contain any openings since there are only a few inches separation between 511 W. Fourth and 509 W. Fourth.

The rear elevation includes an elevated wood deck that extends along the entire width of the building. An entry is centered on the back gable wall. The entry includes a flush-mounted, single-light combination metal storm door. A small overhang is located over the entry. A one-over-one-light, double-hung, second-story window is aligned above the entry.

Two detached garages are located at the rear of the property and behind the house. The garage closest to the house has a gable roof and is clad in metal. It apparently was constructed around 1978. The second garage is located behind the metal garage. It has a hip roof and wide clapboard siding. Hinged doors face the alley. Its construction date is unknown, but it appears to be the original garage for this property.

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## 8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The Mackey Rental 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 appears to have been constructed by members of the Ellen Mackey family in the 1890s, probably as a rental or a second family residence. Ellen Mackey was the wife of John Mackey, a local blacksmith who died in 1881. Ellen and John had built an earlier family residence on the west half of the lot around 1880. Because of her age at the time 511 W. Fourth was built, it is assumed some or all of her children might have been associated with its construction. The most likely child to have been involved was Philip Mackey. He founded Mackey's Model Clothing in 1892 and also worked as a jeweler and authored several books on local history. The other children, Fred C., Mary Felicatas, and Lizzie worked in various positions with Mackey's Model Clothing or other dry goods stores. No family members appear to have lived in 511 W. Fourth. None of the children appear to have made any significant impact on the community. Also, no significant events are known to have occurred at this property. Additionally, several alterations have been completed on this property, although its over-all appearance is likely close to its original design. The installation of vinyl siding and replacement of the original foundation with concrete block substantially reduces its integrity. Thus, the Mackey Rental House does not appear to be individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A, B, or C.

However, the Mackey Rental House does appear to be a contributing building in a potential "West Hill" neighborhood historic district. Ellen Mackey had already raised her family when this house was constructed around 1895. While the Mackey family might have planned to use the house for its own uses, it apparently ended up being constructed as a rental house. In either case, the construction would have boosted similar ideas from other local residents and helped increase the neighborhood's growth, while maintaining family connections to the area. Although the vinyl siding, foundation replacement and other changes have altered the house's original appearance, it does retain its basic design and footprint. Because of these points, the house contributes historically and architecturally to this potential historic district.

Blacksmith John Mackey purchased all of Lot 2, Block 82 from William C. Brewster on October 12, 1866 (Book 2; page 543). In the 1869-70 directory, Mackey has moved to "ns Fourth bet Locust and Spruce." This was likely 513 W. Fourth, which has been established as the family's residence (see 70-00259). The family apparently lived in a small gable-front house on the west half of the lot for several year before building the two-story house at 513 W. Fourth Street, probably around 1880. The earliest Sanborn map to show this area of W. Fourth Street is the 1899 map and both houses on Lot 2 are outlined on it. He continued to be located at this address through the 1877-78 directory. The couple had four children, including Phil Mackey, who eventually became one of Muscatine's most prominent businessman and local historians (Muscatine Journal, 1907, 1). On August 5, 1879, John Mackey transferred ownership of all of Lot 2 to Ellen Mackey (Book 11, page 367). John Mackey died on March 15, 1881 at his home at

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513 W. Fourth (Muscatine Journal, March 15, 1881, p. 4). After John Mackey died, the family remained at 513 W. Fourth.

While the construction date is unknown as the Mackey family continued to own all of Lot 2, the style suggests construction in the 1890s, and the 1899 Sanborn map confirms a house built by 1899. There are two crossed-out entries in the 1897 city directory and a handwritten note indicating Chas and Maria Dreier lived at 511 W. Fourth in 1897-98. The crossed-out addresses showed both Maria, a widow; and Chas, a farmer, at 510 W. Eighth. It is unknown which citation is correct, but it is assumed the original information is accurate. Chas was not listed in the 1895 directory while Maria Dreier was listed at 511 W. Fourth in the 1899-1900 directory. Others listed at 511 W. Fourth with Maria were Dora Dreier, student; Edward Dreier, clerk at Dillaways; and Lutz Dreier, who worked at Wilson and Cherry. The Mackeys continued to retain ownership of Lot 2 throughout this period. No listing for the house could be identified in the 1900 census. (Marie) Dreier was actually listed at 123 W. Second in that census. A variety of blue-collar and semi-professional individuals then were listed in the directories. The 1900 directory listed C.B. Sauder at 511 W. Fourth. He was not recorded in the alpha listing of the directory, so his occupation is unknown. Insurance agent B.L. Ament and his wife Madge were the recorded residents in the 1904 directory. The 1907 directory listed H.C. and Mary Thiessen as the residents. He was a druggist.

Ellen Mackey died on September 5, 1907 (Muscatine Journal, September 7, 1907, p. 1). The following month, on October 2, 1907, Fred C. Mackey, a son, transferred a one-quarter share, his inheritance, for the E ½ of Lot 2, Block 82 to his brother and two sisters (Book 41, Page 208). Philip and Mary apparently both continued to live at 513 W. Fourth and rented 511 W. Fourth to tenants. The 1910 census confirms both at 513 W. Fourth. The 1908-09 directory showed 511 W. Fourth was vacant, while R.A. Huey was the resident recorded in the 1911 directory. There was no alpha listing for him. The house was listed as vacant again in the 1913 directory. Phillip Mackey died December 11, 1914 (Muscatine Journal, December 11, 1914, p. 1). Mary Mackey continued to live in 513 W. Fourth and rented 511 W. Fourth to tenants. Lucy Wall was the resident listed in the 1916 directory. In addition to her, A.J. Wall was listed as a boarder, along with Alice, Harry and Verne. A.J. and Harry worked at Barry Manufacturing. No jobs were listed for the other residents.

On October 4, 1917, acting as administrator of her brother Philip's estate, Mary sold an undivided 1/3 interest in the E ½ of Lot 2, Block 82 to U.P. Bryne (Book 1 Adm. Deed, Page 211), who immediately sold it to J.F. Devitt (husband of sister Elizabeth Mackey) (Book 56, P. 38). Also on the same day, Mary Mackey sold her share of the E ½ of Lot 2, Block 82 to J.F. Devitt (Book 50, Page 639). Devitt, an attorney, is not listed in the city directory at 511 W. Fourth, indicating they also rented the property. According to the 1919 city directory, John and Effie Schmidt were the residents. He worked for the city as a laborer.

On March 29, 1920, J.F. and Elizabeth Devitt sold 511 W. Fourth (E 28' of Lot 2, Block 82) to Henry and Charles G. Lorenz (Book 56, Page 49). H.C. and May Lorenz are listed as residents of the house in both the 1921 and 1923-24 city directories. Lorenz was the manager of the Clean Towel Service.

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They sold the house on May 18, 1923 to J.N. Greathouse (Book 61, Page 318). Greathouse lived elsewhere and rented the property. Greathouse then sold it on October 23, 1925 to Maggie M. Hitchcock (Book 66, Page 142). Hitchcock sold it on May 16, 1927 to Katherine Ramer (Book 70, Page 65). Harry and Katherine Ramer are listed as the residents in the 1927 through 1934 city directories. Ramer was a meat cutter. However, on the same day they bought the property from Hitchcock, the Ramers gave a quit claim deed to the Titus Loan & Investment Company (Book 70, Page 60).

They apparently lost the home to the company, because on June 28, 1937, it gave a warranty deed to Harry P. Oberhaus (Book 88, Page 195). Oberhaus, a grocer, owned property at 517 W. Fourth and apparently had an arrangement with a prospective buyer because he sold 511 W. Fourth on contract the same day to Charles F. (Sr.) and Hazel Kruger (Book 98, Page 41). The Kruegers were listed as living at 511 W. Fourth in the 1936-37 through the 1941-42 directories. He was a custodian for the YMCA. Charles apparently died and Hazel continued to be listed as the resident until the 1946 directory.

Hazel later married John Carlson and they sold the property to Lyle E. Krueger, relationship unknown, on November 4, 1948 (Book 126, Page 313). Krueger's first wife Margaret apparently died shortly after that and he later sold the property to R.G. Tipton on September 12, 1950 (Book 138, Page 212). The Kruegers were listed as residents however in the 1949 directory. Lyle Krueger then married his second wife Catherine and they bought the house back from Tipton on July 3, 1951 (Book 138, Page 545). He and Catherine are listed as the residents from the 1952 directory through the 1958 directory. He was a salesman for Muscatine Seed and Supply.

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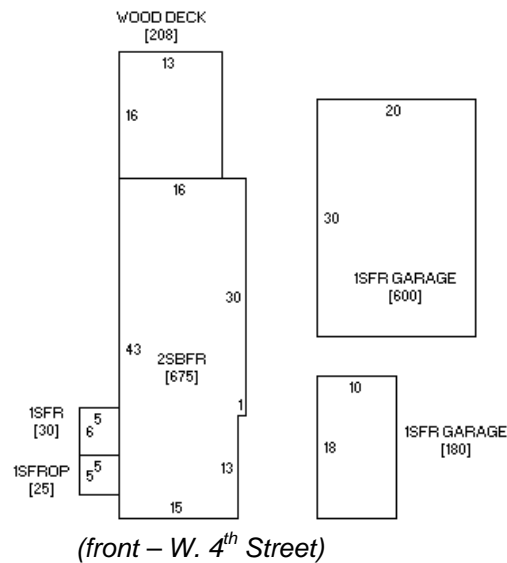
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**Location Map**



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



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## Photograph of building (digital image)

