

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

State Inventory No. 70-00259 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 House
 other names/site number Field Site #: WH-180

2. Location

street & number 513 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 31'6" 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>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>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

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>09A: House/Late Victorian/Italianate</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.

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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

1880 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, three-bay, Italianate house with a hip roof. The house sits on a concrete foundation. The walls are frame, clad in vinyl with some aluminum siding mixed in. The hip roof is clad in asphalt shingles. The lot drops sharply in the back, possibly because of additional excavation that has been done to accommodate a rear addition. The addition includes a basement that is now partially used for a two-stall garage. The hip roof includes traditional Italianate overhangs, but any brackets that might have been present have been removed.

The front (south) elevation has a generally symmetrical façade, although a front enclosed entry in the southwest corner extends out from the main building. An open entry porch is shown here on the 1899 Sanborn map. The three first-story openings include two windows on the right and the enclosed entry on the left. The enclosed shed-roof entry vestibule contains a one-over-one-light combination aluminum storm door on the south wall. The east wall of the enclosed entry has a single window with one-by-one-light sliding sashes. Two one-over-one-light, double-hung windows are located to the right of the entry. These windows have recently replaced larger, longer windows and the siding has not been replaced under them. The three second-story windows all contain non-historic, one-over-one-light, double-hung sashes, equally spaced across the front. The opening size appears to be original.

The east elevation contains four windows on the main house and three windows on the rear addition. The main house windows are not paired, but are centered in the middle of the wall on both the first and second stories. Each contains one-over-one-light, double-hung sashes. The addition's windows are centered in the east wall of that section and are also one-over-one-light, double-hung windows.

The west elevation contains only two windows in the main house and two windows in the rear addition. A second-story, one-over-one-light, double-hung window is centered on the west wall. The only first-story window is a similar design window located near the junction of the addition to the main house. The two rear addition windows are located at the front and back of the addition. Each contains one-over-one-light, double-hung sashes.

The rear elevation is dominated by the rear addition, which covers the first story of the main house. A building permit was issued by the City of Muscatine in 1997 for its construction. A permit was also issued in 1996 to repair the foundation (Muscatine PZ& BS, 1996 & 97). There are two second-story windows of the main house that are visible. Each is a one-over-one-light, double-hung window that is centered in the east and west halves of the wall. The rear wall of the addition contains a two-story, cutback wood stairway that leads to a covered porch that contains the rear entry. The only remaining openings in the addition's rear wall are a two-stall garage opening into the basement and a single light, fixed sash window that is centered between the porch and the addition's east wall. The window is flanked by two narrower single-light, fixed sash windows, which are part of the same opening.

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8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The Mackey 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.

John Mackey, an Irish immigrant, appears to have built this house after living for several years in a smaller house on the lot. He arrived in Muscatine around 1855 and worked as a blacksmith. The 1856 city directory lists 10 blacksmiths in the community at that time, including Mackey. He bought this property in 1866. The 1874 birds-eye view shows a smaller one-story, gable-front house on this lot. This house appears to have been built after this period, possibly not until after his death in 1881. It does not appear John Mackey was a significant figure in the history of Muscatine. Ellen, also an Irish immigrant, spent most of her life in Muscatine. Ellen was well known in the community for her local charity work, but she does not appear to have made a significant impact on Muscatine. Mackey's son Philip is also directly associated with this property. Philip Mackey was born in Iowa in 1859. He is listed as a resident of 513 W. Fourth with other members of his family from the 1877-78 city directory through the 1913 directory. Mackey was a successful businessman and hobby writer, but he also does not appear to have substantially affected the community's history. Mackey Model Clothing also was not a significant business in the community. No historical event of any significance is known to have occurred on the property. In addition, the house has been extensively altered, especially the rear elevation because of a recent addition. Thus, the Mackey House does not appear to be individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A, B, or C.

However, the Mackey House does appear to be a contributing building in a potential "West Hill" neighborhood historic district. Mackey's business and cultural affairs directly affected a large segment of the population of his time. The family was one of the first to settle and build in the neighborhood and their efforts undoubtedly convinced others to join them. Although the house has been altered, its basic footprint and image could be recognized by the Mackey family, simply because the house was probably a rather plain building to start with. Therefore it would contribute to the history and architecture of the neighborhood.

Lot 2, Block 82 was included in a group of 49 parcels purchased by William C. Brewster from Thomas M. Isett, his business associate, on July 27, 1864 for \$1000 (Book W, Page 273). On October 12, 1866, Mackey bought all of Lot 2, Block 82 from Brewster for \$300 (Book 2, Page 543). Although this was a relatively low price, even for a lot with only a small house on it, it compares well to the 1860 and 1870 census records. The 1860 census shows Mackey not owning any real estate. The 1870 census shows him in the same area, but owning \$500 in real estate. In comparison, when Alex Jackson sold Lot 5, Block 82 (501 W. Fourth), a two-story frame house just down the block, to George W. Dillaway on March 13, 1866, the price was \$4000 (Lots Book 1, Page 614). Thus, the current house was not built by 1866. He arrived in Muscatine around 1855. However, he was a veteran of the Mexican War, which indicates he arrived in the United State prior to 1848 (Obituary 1881, 4). John Mackey and his father Patrick are listed in the 1856 city directory as blacksmiths and in the 1859-60 city directory they are listed as P.

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Mackey and Son under the blacksmith's category. He married Ellen Murphy, an immigrant from Ireland, around 1859. John Mackey apparently moved around prior to purchasing this land. According to the 1859 city directory, Mackey was living on the "ss Seventh b. Chestnut and Pine." The 1860 census seems to indicate that he lived in the 500 block of W. 4th Street, based on the adjacent names. According to the 1860 census, Mackey, 27; and his wife Ellen, 19; also had their son Philip, 1, living with them. Three others, including Thomas Mackey, 29, a blacksmith, whose relationship to John Mackey is unknown; Thomas Curren, 23, another blacksmith; and Catherine Kelley, 11. Curren's and Kelley's relationship to the Mackeys is also unknown. John Mackey served for two years in the Civil War with the 35th Iowa Regiment, primarily as a recruiter. The 1866 city directory records John Mackey, blacksmith, with a residence at "Pine es 1 s Sixth". This directory was likely published prior to the October purchase. John Mackey (blacksmith) is at the "ns Fourth bet Spruce and Locust" in the 1869-70 city directory. The 1870 census showed the family growing. In addition to John, Ellen and Philip, the household also included Elizabeth, 10; Mary 3; and Ellen's mother, Jena? Murphy, 68.

The 1874 birds-eye view of Muscatine shows a small, one-story, gable-front house on this site. Thus, while John Mackey lived here for several years at this point, it does not appear that the current house had been constructed by this period. The 1874-75 city directory listed only John Mackey (blacksmith) on the "ns Fourth e Locust." The 1876-77 city directory recorded Mackey's address as 64 W. Fourth. The 1877-78 city directory listed him on the "ns Fourth 1 e Locust." For the first time it also listed him as a partner with Michael Fahey. Mackey and Fahey was identified as "horseshoers and general jobbers." In addition to John Mackey being listed at the house address, Philip J. Mackey, clerk for grocer P. Shannon, was also listed as boarding at "ns Fourth 1 e of Locust." John Mackey transferred Lot 2, Block 82 to his wife's name on August 5, 1879 (Book 11, page 367). The 1879 directory continued to list him with Mackey and Fahey and recorded his address at the "cor Fourth and Locust." The 1874 birds-eye shows that a ridge wraps into Lot 1 at the corner, so Lot 2 had the house nearest the corner. Philip Mackey, jeweler, was also listed at the "cor Fourth and Locust." The 1880 census continued to confirm the family's growth and location. The census showed the family on Fourth Street, with John, Ellen, Philip, Elizabeth and Mary. In addition, Joseph P, 9; and Fred C., 7, were also listed. John Mackey was listed as disabled because of consumption. Philip Mackey was identified as working in a clothing store. The 1880 census did not provide any real estate value figures. John Mackey died on March 15, 1881 (Obituary, 1881, 4).

Following John's death, the family continued to live at 513 W. Fourth. While it is possible that this larger two-story house was built between 1874 and 1881, as the family grew and prior to John's death, it is also possible that the house was built after his death in 1881. The 1883-86 city directory was the first to identify the family at that specific address. Mrs. E. Mackey was listed as a widow. Others living there included Phillip J., head clerk at S&L Cohn; and Miss E. Mackey, a clerk. Both the children were listed as boarding at 513 W. Fourth. The family listing continued into 1886-87. Mrs. Ellen Mackey (wid), was identified as the resident, with Joe Mackey, a clerk for dry goods dealer Ross, Inness and Company; Jos. P. Mackey, a clerk for New York One-Price Clothing Store and Phil J. Mackey, a clerk for S&L Cohn, all listed as boarding at 513 W. Fourth. The 1889-92 directory also continued to show most of the family at 513 W. Fourth, including Mrs. E.M. Mackey, wid.; Miss Lizzie Mackey, cashier; Miss M. Felicatas (Mary)

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Mackey, saleslady; and Phil J. Mackey, coml.. traveler. There were a few occupational changes recorded in the 1891-92 directory. Ellen M. Mackey, wid.; Felicatas Mackey, clk for Lilly & Hine; and Fred C. Mackey, clk at Sternamens; were all listed at 513 W. Fourth. In addition, Lizzie L and Phil J. Mackey were also recorded at 513 W. Fourth, but no occupations was listed for either. Several members of the family were identified as working for Mackey Model Clothing in the 1893-94 city directory. In addition to Phil J., who founded the company in 1892, Fred C, a clerk in the store; and Lizzie L., the bookkeeper, were also listed as residents of 513 W. Fourth. Felicatas continued to live at home and work as a clerk at Lilly and Hine's. Ellen M. Mackey also was still listed at the house. The 1895 directory did not show any change from the earlier directory. Lizzie did not appear at the house in the 1897-98 or later directories and it appears she married J.F. Devitt during this time. The rest of the family stayed together however, although the 1897-98 directory incorrectly identified them at 413 W. Fourth. The current house is shown on the 1899 Sanborn map, the first to depict this block. The map also showed that the Mackey's had constructed a rental property on the east ½ of the lot at 511 W. Fourth Street by this time. Directory information indicates no Mackey family members, including Elizabeth after she was married, ever lived at the house.

The Mackeys were correctly listed at 513 W. Fourth in the 1900 directory. Family members recorded there included Ellen M. Mackey, wid of John; Miss M. Felicatas Mackey, no occupation listed; Fred C. Mackey, no occupation listed; and Phil J. Mackey, prop Mackey's Model Clothing House. While the clothing business was listed in the 1899 directory of leading businesses, it basically ceased operating after Mackey became involved in the pearl trade in the early 1900s. The family also started separating after 1900. The census recorded Ellen, 58; Philip, 39; Felicatas, 32; and Fred C. 26, as residents of 513 W. Fourth. Philip and Fred were both identified as working for clothing stores, while Felicatas and her mother did not have any occupation listed. Ellen was listed in the 1904 directory, while both Ellen and Philip were recorded at 513 W. Fourth in the 1907 directory. Ellen died on September 5, 1907. After Ellen died, Philip Mackey was listed as the resident through the 1913 city directory. In addition to his clothing operation, Philip Mackey also became involved in pearl buying and the booming pearl button trade. He eventually established connections with jewelry dealers in New York and supplied the pearls for many of the fine pieces that were displayed and sold there. According to Philip's obituary, his sister Mary (Felicatas) also assisted him in that business (Muscatine Journal, 1914, 4). Mackey also became involved with local history and in collaboration with Charles C. Braunwarth, prepared "Hunters and Hunting at Muscatine, Iowa," a brief history of the area (Obituary 1914, 1). It is likely his sister Mary Felicatas also lived in the house. It appears that Lot 2, Block 82 was split and the west half of Lot 2 transferred to Philip either before or shortly after Ellen died. The 1910 census does in fact shows both Philip, 50; and Felicatas, 42, as the residents, with Philip listed as the head of the household and property owner. No record of the transfer to Philip could be located. He died on December 11, 1914 (Obituary, 1914, 1). Felicatas was then listed as the resident of 513 W. Fourth in the 1916 through the 1923-24 city directories. She was listed as a clerk at McColms in the 1923-24 directory. The 1920 census also listed her as the only resident and owner.

On March 31, 1920, Mary Mackey acquired the W 2' of the E ½ of Lot 2, Block 82 from her sister and brother-in-law, J.F. & Elizabeth Devitt (Book 61, Page 501). Mary then sold that parcel, along with the W

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½ of Lot 2 (513 W. Fourth), to Edward D. Maher on the same day (Book 61, Page 492). The east half of Lot 2 had been initially split out through an earlier estate settlement, but Philip's death in 1914 apparently led to a final estate settlement of the property in 1917. J.F. and Elizabeth Devitt acquired the other family members' share of the E ½ of Lot 2, which allowed them transfer the W 2' of the E ½ to Mary Mackey in 1920. The Mahers are not recorded as living there. The 1927 directory listed Omar E. and Margaret Gettemy as the residents of 513 W. Fourth Street (w ½ of Lot 2). He was a city policeman. From the 1929 to the 1934 directory, Andrew P. Maher, the son of Edward, was identified as the resident. Andrew's wife Margaret was listed in the 1934 directory only, possibly indicating he was unmarried during the earlier years. He was listed as working in the storeroom at the municipal electric plant. Washington School custodian Frank J. Kreil and his wife Clara were recorded as the residents from the 1936-37 directory to the 1941-42 issue.

Carl and Marie Ahlf purchased the property on December 23, 1940 during a sheriff's sale (Book 9 Sheriffs Book; Page 89). The Ahlfs were registered as the residents from the 1943 directory through the 1958 directory. He was identified as a welder for Berry Pulley.

Russell D. and Anna B. Hill acquired the property from other Ahlf family members on January 19, 1971 (Book 252, Page 435).

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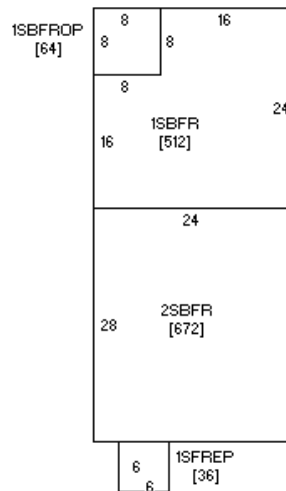
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Plans of buildings on site (from assessor's office)



(front – W. 4th Street)

Photograph of building (digital image)

