

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

State Inventory No. 70-01090 **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 Hugh Smith House
 other names/site number Field Site #: WH-193

2. Location

street & number 613 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) 83 Lot(s) E 39-7/10' of 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:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Enter number of:	Contributing	Noncontributing	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	_____ buildings	<u>1</u>	_____	buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____ sites	_____	_____	sites
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____ structures	_____	_____	structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object	_____ objects	_____	_____	objects
	_____ 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>09A01: House/Gabled Front</u>	foundation <u>03: Brick</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 613 W. Fourth Street

Site Number 70-01090
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 1882 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, three-bay, gable-front house with a short, two-story cross-gable wing extension on the west elevation. The house sits on a brick foundation. The walls are frame, clad in vinyl. The gable roof is clad in asphalt shingles. The back of the lot drops sharply off an embankment, which is separated from the flatter portion of the lot by a six-foot wood fence. A one-story addition with a gable roof is attached to the rear. This addition is shown on the 1928 Sanborn map.

The symmetrical front (south) elevation includes a one-story, full-width porch with a flat roof. Four square wood posts support the roof, which have short overhanging eaves. A short railing extends around the perimeter of the porch. Access is up two steps located in the southeast corner of the porch. The entry to the house is aligned with the steps. It includes a glass storm door with an interior wood door with a glass insert in the upper half. A transom is located above the entry door. Two additional first-story openings are located to the left of the entry. The closest to the entry is a window centered on the wall that contains two-over-two-lights, double-hung sashes. The third opening is also a window, but it contains two-over-two-lights, double-hung sashes. The second-story openings include three windows, all aligned under the first-story openings. The two windows on the right each contain two-over-two-lights, double-hung sashes. The window on the far left has two-over-two-lights, double-hung sashes. The final opening on this elevation is a small two-over-two-lights, double-hung attic window located in the upper front gable.

The east elevation contains three first-story openings and two second-story openings. The only opening located in the front half of the east wall is a small first-story window with one-over-one-light, double-hung sashes. The other four openings, two on each floor, are aligned with each other in the back half. Each opening is a two-over-two-light, double-hung window. The east elevation of the one-story addition does not contain any openings.

The west elevation contains the extended cross gable wing. The south side of the extended wing contains a single, two-over-two-lights, double-hung windows on each floor. The gable end of the extension contains two first-story windows. Each window contains two-over-two-light, double-hung sashes. The second-floor openings include a pair of two-over-two-light, double-hung windows centered in the right half of the wall. A single window with two-over-two-light, double-hung sashes is located along the left wall edge. A two-over-two-lights, double-hung attic window is set in the upper gable.

The rear elevation includes several features, including an attached, one-story addition with a gable roof. The addition contains a single one-over-one-light, double-hung window in the upper gable. If there are any other openings, they are obscured by the fence. The back gable of the main house section contains a window, assumed to contain two-over-two-lights, double-hung sashes, located on the upper left of the second-story. A two-over-two-lights attic window is located in the upper gable. The other feature on the rear elevation is an elevated wood deck located off the right end of the cross-gable wing. The deck entry is located under a gable roof and includes a glass entry door.

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8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The Hugh Smith 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.

Hugh Smith, possibly with the assistance of Henry W. Moore, appears to have built this house around 1882. Hugh Smith was listed in the 1886-87 city directory as an employee in Henry W. Moore's hardware store, and also may have worked there between 1883 and 1886. In addition to his work in the hardware store, Smith was also a janitor, watchman, sawyer and Muscatine police officer. He arrived in Muscatine as a young man. His widow, Christie, continued to live in the house until she died in 1946. Neither Hugh nor Christie Smith appears to have been a significant figure in the history of the community. The house retains a large amount of integrity, although the original siding has been replaced. Despite its integrity, the home does not display any special architectural features that are particularly significant. No significant historical event is known to have occurred at the property. Thus, the Hugh Smith House does not appear to be individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A, B, or C.

However, the Hugh Smith House does appear to be a contributing building in a potential "West Hill" neighborhood historic district. Despite the more modern siding, the house does retain a significant amount of integrity and would easily be recognized by the previous owners. Following others into the neighborhood, the Smiths helped solidify the area's development, and with her lengthy residence at the house, Christie Smith provided a solid connection between 19th and 20th century neighborhood development by her continuous occupancy of the house. Her daughter's continued residency helped maintain the strong neighborhood connection. This house contributes to historically and architecturally to this potential historic district.

Henry W. Moore purchased the E 39.4' of Lot 2, Block 83 from Lucy Ogilvie and husband on March 27, 1879 for \$500 (Book 12, Page 521). The Ogilvies had purchased Lots 1 & 2 of Block 83 from Nancy Vanetta on July 20, 1878 for \$800. Moore sold the E 39.4' of Lot 2 to Christie Smith on July 18, 1882 for \$500 (Book 16, Page 572). The same price would seem to indicate no construction while Moore owned the property. The 1883-86 city directory recorded Moore, iron and hardware merchant and president of the Muscatine Savings Bank, living at 716 W. Third. The Smiths were recorded at 613 W. Fourth, with the notation "with H.W. Moore" in their listing. It is unknown what this notation actually means, since Moore was recorded as the resident of 716 W. Third. Possibly this was a reference to a contract sale or some arrangement that restricted the immediate transfer of the property. Thus, there may have been an association between Moore and Smith, and the house may have been previously built before Moore sold the property to Smith. Henry W. Moore was a pioneer settler and well-known businessman of early Muscatine. Moore was born in Maine in 1818 and after working in Burlington for several years, arrived in Muscatine in 1848. He opened a wholesale and retail hardware store.

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Hugh Smith and Miss Christie Becker, who immigrated to America from Germany in 1858, were married January 1, 1873 (Muscatine Journal, 1910, 4). He was born in Ohio in 1851. The 1877-78 directory had shown Hugh Smith on the "ws of Walnut, 3 n of Fourth." The Smiths continued to be listed at 613 W. Fourth from the 1886-87 directory through the 1908-09 city directories. During that time, Smith worked as in Moore's hardware store (1886-87 and possibly 1883-1886), a janitor (1889-1998); lumberyard watchman (1900) band sawyer (1900-1904); and other positions, including two stints as a city policeman. He was working as a police officer in 1910 when he died, apparently of a heart attack. The 1900 directory also listed both Hugh and Christie Smith at 613 W. Fourth. In addition to the Smiths, their daughter Cora, 22, is also listed as a resident. Hugh died in early 1910 and the 1910 census identified Christie as a widow, still living at 613 W. Fourth. Cora was also listed there. Her occupation was recorded as a saleslady, while no job was listed for Christie. Christie was listed as a resident from the 1911 directory through the 1946 directory. She died at her home on April 13, 1946 (Muscatine Journal, 1946, page 7).

After her death, the property passed to her two daughters, Cora Smith and Mrs. Jennie Nietzel. Cora Smith was listed as the resident at 613 W. Fourth in the 1949 directory. In 1952 and again in 1954, Jennie Nietzel, widow of John, was listed as the resident. She worked as a matron at the YMCA. Nietzel was also listed in the 1956 directory, but Harry and Frances Eis were also listed there. It is possible the Eises were related to Nietzel. Eis was a button sorter. Cora Smith and Jennie Nietzel sold the property to Frances M. Eis in December 1959. Harry Eis was listed as the resident in the 1959 directory. They continued to own it until 1968.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Location Map



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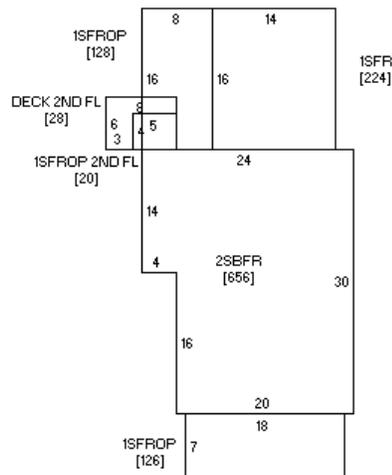
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Plans of buildings on site (from assessor's office)



(front – W. 4th Street)

Photograph of building (digital image)

