

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

State Inventory No. 70-01094  **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 Charles Schreiber House  
 other names/site number Field Site #: WH-198

**2. Location**

street & number 709 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) 84 Lot(s) Ex Irr Tract N PT 20' W Side of 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 Enter number of:	If Eligible Property, 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 A Historical and Architectural Survey of the "West Hill" neighborhood, Muscatine, Iowa Historical Architectural Data Base Number 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>09A01: House/Front- Gabled Roof</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.

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City Muscatine

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Site Number 70-01094  
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

1875

Other dates

check if circa or estimated date

**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, two-bay, gable-front house. The house sits on a brick foundation. The walls are frame, clad in vinyl siding. The roof is clad in asphalt shingles. An irregular mass of additions is located on the rear elevation. The only Sanborn maps that show this property are the 1928 and 1946 editions. They each show the additions as a single alteration. However, an on-site view shows a combination of roof shapes and designs that indicate several different additions have been constructed. The largest addition, which is attached to the left side of the main house, contains a combination gable with a slight catslide on its left side. A shed roof overhang extends over an entrance located on the south wall of the catslide. It likely was constructed as more than one addition. A shed roof addition is attached to the right side of the main house and the right side of the larger rear addition. It appears to have been constructed in one phase. The lot's backyard quickly slopes down towards the north.

The front (south) elevation includes a simple, one-story, full-width porch. Three small, square posts support the porch's shed roof. The porch's cement floor is non-historic. An entry is located on the far right side of the elevation. The entry contains a flush-mounted solid metal door. Two one-over-one-light, double-hung windows are located to the left of the entry. The second-story openings contain two different window designs. The left opening contains a four-over-one-light, double-hung window. The right window contains one-over-one-light, double-hung sashes.

The west elevation contains four openings on the original house's west wall, with another opening located on a portion of an addition that extends beyond the original house's west wall. The only second-story opening on this elevation is a small, one-over-one-light, double-hung window that is centered in the original wall. Three first-story openings include a larger, one-over-one-light, double-hung window that is centered in the front half of the wall. A pair of small windows that contain one-over-one-light, double-hung sashes is centered on the back half of the wall. The single window that is part of the short, extended addition is a one-over-one-light, double-hung window that is located on the extended south wall.

The east elevation of the original house contains only first-story openings. Both are one-over-one-light, double-hung windows. The larger of the two windows is centered on the front half of the elevation, while the smaller window is centered on the back half. A one-story addition extends from the rear of the original house. The right side of the extension also extends past the original east wall. The south wall of this extension contains two openings. The left opening is an entry containing a flush-mounted combination aluminum storm door. The right opening is a one-over-one-light, double-hung window. The east wall of the extension also contains a small window centered in the back half of the wall. A shed roof overhangs the entry and window on the south wall of the extension.

The rear elevation appears to contain at least two separate additions resting on an elevated brick foundation. The left addition was likely constructed over two phases, with one phase containing a gable roof and the other a shed roof. Each of these phased additions, along with the shed roof addition on the

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right, were shown on the 1928 Sanborn map as a single, wide addition. The right addition is covered by a shed roof, while the addition on the left side is covered by a gable roof with a slight catslide on the left side. The section with the catslide extends past the east wall of the main house. The south wall of the catslide section contains the far right entry of the front elevation. Each addition contains a one-over-one-light, double-hung window that is located to the left of center of that addition's north wall.

## 8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The Charles Schreiber 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.

Laborer Charles Schreiber (numerous variants) either built a new house or added to an earlier, smaller house on Lot 3, Block 84 around 1875. Little information was located for Schreiber. No census records for a Charles Schreiber, or similar spellings, appear, although he is first recorded in the 1866 Muscatine City Directory. It appears, given Schreiber's occupation and the lack of information about him, that he did not significantly affect the city's history. The house is a rather plain working class residence with few architecturally significant features. The overall integrity of the house is good. Some alterations have been made to the building, but these appear to be prior to 1946, the final Sanborn map year. The only more recent change appears to be the removal of the original side porch, which extended down the east side. There are no architectural features that set this building off from other similar houses in the neighborhood or community. Thus, the Charles Schreiber House does not appear to be individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A, B, or C.

However, the Charles Schreiber House does appear to be a contributing building in a potential "West Hill" neighborhood historic district. The house provided a small, affordable home for a young family near the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. This would be the case regardless of whether Schreiber constructed it from scratch or enlarged an even smaller, earlier house. In fact, the modification of an earlier house would be especially interesting from a historical development view. It would show the neighborhood in the period after the Civil War was still attracting a variety of residents. It also would show the impact from new public improvements, in this case the construction of a city reservoir in the nearby public square. In addition, many of the surrounding homes were similar in design and function and this house maintained the stability and growth of the neighborhood. It contributes both architecturally and historically to this potential historic district.

According to the earlier transfers, Elizabeth Hawley purchased Lot 3, Block 84 from Lucius Bearsley on August 8, 1855 for \$150 (Book Q, Page 367). The Muscatine County Sheriff sold the property on June 24, 1863 under a writ of special execution issued by the district court. Morton Brownson, a partner in Taft, Brownson and Company, purchased the property for \$225 (Book V, Page 469). Brownson sold the lot on May 17, 1866 to John B. Hyink for \$200 (Book 2, Page 325). No house appears to be in this location in the 1860 census, as also indicated by sale prices. Hyink appears to have constructed the

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original small gable-front house around 1866. He did not appear in either the 1856 or the 1859 city directories, but was listed in the 1866 directory at "Fifth n s 2 e Locust." In the 1869-70 directory however, he was "on alley n of Fourth near Broadway." This was clearly in the vicinity of the current house and indicated some construction between 1866 and 1869. Hyink was a Dutch immigrant who is listed in several sources as a resident of the neighborhood. John B. Hyink was listed after Christian Zeik (705 W. Fourth) in the 1870 census. He was identified as a 33-year-old teamster with \$700 in real estate. Other household members included his wife Hannah, 29; and daughters Emily, 5; and Jeanette, five months. The couple also had a son, Harry, listed. Harry was two. All the children had been born in Iowa.

Hyink sold the property on December 19, 1872 to Charles Schriber (var.) for \$500 (Book 7, Page 478). The sale price indicates a small house on the lot, and the 1874 birds-eye view of Muscatine shows a small one-story gable-front house on this lot. Schriber sold it on March 24, 1881 for \$1000. Since Schriber doubled his original cost for the lot, it seems to indicate a larger house was constructed on the lot. It is also possible the earlier house was enlarged with an upper story. Since the 1874 birds-eye continues to show a smaller house, it is likely this construction occurred in 1875 or the later 1870s while Schriber owned the house. The first reservoir was built on the square in 1875, and this construction appears to have spurred some improvements around the square. The 1877-78 city directory listed Charles Schreiber as living on the north side of Fourth, 4 west of Broadway, which is this house. Earlier listings for (a) Charles Schreiber included an 1869-70 listing on the "e s Lucas Grove Road 2<sup>nd</sup> n of 8<sup>th</sup>." The 1874-75 city directory did not list a Charles Schreiber (or other variants) except for one listing that identified a \_\_\_\_\_ Schrib, boatman, on the "s s Fifth e of Cherry." Conceivably this could be the location of Lot 3, Block 84. However, since neither the name nor the occupation matched Schreiber, this could be just a coincidence. No Schreiber was located in the 1870 census. The 1876-77 directory listed Chas Schriber at 88 W. Fourth. One year later he was identified on the "n s Fourth 4 w of Broadway." A "Charles Shriver", likely a misprint, was listed in the 1879 directory on "Fourth e of Cherry."

Schriber sold the property to Barnhard Straker on March 24, 1881 for \$1000. An 1877-78 city directory listing of Straker identified him as a night watchman at Musser's mill. Straker's name might also have been Americanized in a later reference source. A Barnard Stroecker was identified on Eighth Street in the 1880 census. This individual was recorded as working in a sawmill. He was a 60-year-old immigrant with a wife, Anna, 60; and a daughter Lisa, 25. No occupation was listed for either woman.

Straker later transferred the property to Nicholas Kile. The transfer record from Straker to Kile could not be found. Also, no record could be found that showed Straker and Kile were related. Elizabeth Kile is listed in a 1902 county land transfer book as the owner of Lot 3, Block 84. Kile is listed as the resident at 709 W. Fourth beginning with the 1889-92 directory. Kile (also listed as Kill, Kiel, Keil and Kiff in various references) worked at Hershey's Lumberyard. His sole listing continues through the 1899-1900 directory. The listing in the 1900 directory includes his wife Lydia (also spelled Lida) and indicates he was still working at the lumberyard. The listing of Lydia as Nicholas' wife is confusing since most later records indicate his wife is Elizabeth. It is assumed the 1900 directory was incorrectly recorded, although the 1916 directory goes back to Lida. It may be a middle name or possibly there was a death and

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remarriage, resulting in some confusion of the records. The 1910 census confirms his location at 709 W. Fourth and lists him as the owner with no mortgage. The census records his age as 58 and that he had been born in Germany. It appears he came to the United States in 1877. He had been married for 24 years, or married around 1886. In addition to Nicholas, other residents at the address include his wife Elizabeth, 53, born in Missouri of German parents; son Bernard, 22; daughter Clara, 19; and daughter Martha J., 12. The children are listed as born in Iowa. Bernard's occupation is a harness maker while Clara is identified as a stenographer. In the 1911 directory Nicholas is listed as a worker at Huttigs. The 1913 directory lists both Nicholas and Lida at that address. The 1916 directory lists Mrs. Lida Keil (wid – Nick), indicating Nicholas died between 1913 and 1916. No obituary for Nicholas, or later for Elizabeth, could be found.

The 1919 directory lists Mrs. E. Kile as the resident. The 1920 census also shows her as the owner and head of the household of 709 W. Fourth. Her age is recorded as 63 and her birth state is Missouri, confirming these are the same people. Others listed in the census include Clara George, 29, widowed daughter; Irene, 3, granddaughter; and Bernard, 11 months, grandson. Clara appears to have moved in with her mother after her husband George died unexpectedly in 1919. They had lived at nearby 611 W. Fourth (see 70-01089). Between the 1919 and 1927 directory, Mrs. E. Kile or Kiel was the listed resident, although Mrs. C. George (widow of Ernest) was also listed as a resident in the 1927 directory. No occupation was ever listed for Elizabeth Kiel. Between the 1929 and 1936-37 directories, the only resident listed at 709 W. Fourth was Eliz Kiel. Although she is not listed in the directory, it is likely Clara continued to live with her mother at 709 W. Fourth. Elizabeth appears to have died around 1937.

From the 1938 to the 1954 directory, the resident was listed as Mrs. Clara George (wid. Ernest). The 1940-41 directory listed her as a stenographer.

The 1956 directory lists Joe and Betty Sibert, Jr., a photographer with the Helen Bamford Photography Studio, as residents. They were followed by Francis and Margaret Mangold in 1958, according to that year's directory. He was the news director for KWPC. Either one or both of Clara George's children continued to own the property until 2002.

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**Location Map**



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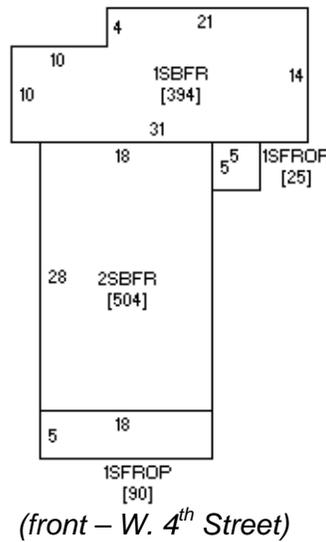
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## Plans of buildings on site (from assessor's office)



## Photograph of building (digital image)

