

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

State Inventory No. 70-01139  **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 George Hahn House  
 other names/site number Field Site # WH-209a

**2. Location**

street & number 900 West Third 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) 42 Lot(s) 6 & 7

**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>	<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>	<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>05D: Late Victorian / Queen Anne</u>	foundation <u>03: brick</u>
_____	walls <u>02 : Wood</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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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

1902

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

The house at 900 West Third Street is a two-story, Queen Anne house that sits on a brick foundation. The walls are wood frame, clad in clapboards and covered with vinyl clad aluminum siding. The roof is clad with asphalt shingles. Two chimneys rise high above the house at front and rear.

The front (north) elevation reveals a two-bay façade below a hipped roof. The left bay is a two-story, full height angled bay with three one-over-one-light, double-hung windows on each story. The angled bay has a large, gabled dormer with pent at the roof. A small, one-over-one-light, double-hung window is centered beneath the gable ridge. The bay at the right shows a porch with a single-door entry and a fixed window. The porch has been modernized with vinyl clad, fluted support posts at the porch corners and concrete steps and floor slab on a concrete block foundation. The original porch had a spindled handrail with an opening at the steps. A single, one-over-one-light, double-hung window is seen on the second story, above the porch. An early photograph of the George Hahn house is seen in a promotional publication. ("The Pearl City", 1914)

The east elevation faces Ash Street and shows a house with a hipped roof and large dormer extensions on the left and right. (South and North facades) This elevation is three bays wide. The center bay is a full height angled bay, identical to the left bay on the front elevation, with three one-over-one-light, double-hung windows on each story and a gabled roof with a one-over-one-light, double-hung window. The bay at the left on the first story, shows an enclosed porch with a single-door entry. The porch windows are modern, operable, jalousie windows. The historic photograph reveals an open porch with spindled handrail. The remainder of this façade shows three one-over-one-light, double-hung windows. One is seen on the first story in the right bay and two on the second story, one in the left bay and one in the right bay. The grade of the yard is sloped approximately 3 feet from the front, or north elevation to the rear, or south elevation of the house. Wood lattice skirting is seen below the porch.

This house first appears on the Sanborn maps in 1928 and again in 1946. The maps are identical and reveal the same footprint as the current house, except that a porch shown at the rear of the house on the maps has been enlarged and enclosed after the 1946 map. A garage at the rear of the property is also seen on the Sanborn maps. The current garage is in the same location, but appears to be newer than 1946.

The rear (south) elevation shows the original house to be two bays wide with the remodeled, enclosed porch located on the left bay of the first story. It has a large, fixed, modern "picture" window with snap-in muntins adjacent to a single-door entry. On the main house, a small, one-over-one-light, double-hung window is seen in the bay on the right of the first story. The second story reveals a narrow, one-over-one-light, double-hung window in the left bay and two larger, one-over-one-light, double-hung windows in the right bay. A large, windowless dormer with pent is seen capping the right bay. On the hipped roof on this elevation is seen a small shed roof dormer with two small, operable windows. A recent addition to the rear elevation is a gabled, screened-in porch, attached to the remodeled entry. It too, has a single-

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door entry to the screened area. A large wooden deck is seen at the rear entry and screened porch area. The deck and rear entry is accessed by wooden stairs, which rise from a lower wooden deck near grade. The west elevation is three bays wide. A profile view of the small entry porch is seen to the left of this elevation. The first story shows a stained glass, fixed window in the bay on the left. It is mounted high on the wall of the first story and turned horizontally. The center bay shows a third full height angled bay, identical to the angled bay on the opposite side of the house. In the bay at the right of the first story is seen two small, one-over-one-light, double-hung windows. At the right is seen a recently constructed screened-in porch addition with gabled roof. It is supported by wooden columns and is approximately six feet above grade. Five small, fixed windows are located in the brick foundation on this elevation. The second story shows a single, one-over-one-light, double-hung window in the left bay as well as in the right bay.

The house resides on Lot 6, near the southwest corner of West Third Street and Ash Street. Lot 7, to the west, is approximately 20 feet lower than the grade of Lot 6 and West Third Street above. The neighboring Lot 8 is a deep, forested ravine, without buildings of any kind. Recent owners of this house have made use of Lot 7 by adding a brick barbecue grill, a metal utility shed and other landscaping features.

## 8. Narrative Statement of Significance

*This house was slightly west of the area included in the West Hill survey in 2005-06, conducted by the Muscatine Historic Preservation Commission under a CLG grant. It was noted to share a similar history within the houses included in the potential West Hill Historic District and likely be considered a contributing building in the district. This form has been researched and written by the commission in 2007 in preparation for the nomination of the district to the National Register of Historic Places.*

The George Hahn House at 900 West Third Street does not appear to be individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. Historically, the photograph taken in 1914 reveals a solid, comfortable house with few decorative features at 900 West Third Street. The removal of spindled railings on the two porches and the addition of vinyl clad siding has compromised the architectural integrity of the building. There does not appear to be anyone of historic significance associated with the property and no significant historic event is known to have occurred here. However, it does appear to be a contributing building in a potential "West Hill" neighborhood historic district. It falls within one historic context identified for the district: "20<sup>th</sup> century residential and neighborhood development."

According to city directories, George Hahn is shown to be a resident at his father's house at the corner of Ash and West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street until 1900. (John Hahn, Sr. House – #70-00342) An article published in the Muscatine Journal on the day after the Hahn – Coyner wedding stated that the wedding was held in the "elegant new home recently erected by the groom, at the corner of West Third and Ash streets" and that the couple "will be at home in their new residence after Oct. 15" ("In Cupid's Clutches", Muscatine Journal, October 2, 1902, page 2). An earlier house stood on the lot, as evidenced on the 1874 map and city directory listings. However, the current house is consistent with a 1902 construction date.

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George Adam Hahn was born in Muscatine on November 28, 1862 to John and Anna Gertenbach Hahn. ("George A. Hahn Taken by Death") He was one of nine children in the Hahn household at 901 West Second Street (later 200 Ash Street), which is located on Lots 3, 4 and 5 of this same block. He was educated in the Muscatine school system and spent his entire life in Muscatine. In 1880, John Hahn, Sr. established a produce marketing and shipping business with two of his sons, Henry B. Hahn and George A. Hahn. The firm was known as Hahn Brothers (Muscatine Journal, Centennial Edition, 1940). Produce from the "Muscatine Island", such as watermelon, cantaloupe, sweet potatoes and cabbage were shipped by train and truck throughout the United States. John, George and Henry Hahn were also in business in 1889 with Joseph and Emerson Hoopes, a locally prominent family of growers of produce. ("Portrait and Biographical Album of Muscatine County, Iowa") The partnership with the Hoopes' did not appear to last long. However, the Hahn Brothers prospered during the next twenty years. According to city directories, the Hahn Brothers business was first located at 221 Iowa Avenue (1891-92). The directories of 1893-94 and 1895-96 show them at 119 West Front Street. None of these buildings survive. Near the turn of the century, George branched out to form his own business, while Henry carried on his father's business with his sons Walter, Harry, Fred, Robert and Bernard.

George Hahn married Anna Jane Coyner in Muscatine on October 1, 1902. Anna was a grade school teacher in Muscatine for 11 years prior to her marriage. She was born to E. J. and Emma Jane Elder in Nichols, Iowa on April 6, 1874. George and Anna had one daughter, Marie. The George Hahn family is shown in a photograph taken by Oscar Grossheim in the home at 900 West Third Street ("OG-#674-C", 1907). George Hahn established his business at 113-115 West Front Street in Muscatine. (OG-#19498, 1914) This address is the same as that shown for the Hahn – Hoopes business alliance in 1889. The George A. Hahn Company continued in business at this location until around 1915, when it was moved to 215-219 West Front Street. After George died in 1931, the business was operated by Warren G. Baker, son-in-law of George and Anna Hahn. Warren Baker married Marie Hahn on October 25, 1930 in Muscatine. Mr. Baker died suddenly, at age 48, in 1939 and was survived by his wife and two daughters. ("W.G. Baker, Head of Local Firm, Called") The city directories show that Marie Hahn Baker then operated the company until after World War II. The Rhonda Button Company is then shown at this address.

George A. Hahn and his wife, Anna J. Hahn are first shown in the city directories at 900 West Third Street in 1907. However, the 1920 census shows George and Anna Hahn at 900 Ash. This likely is an address change, which is also seen with George's sisters, Ida and Ella, who are variously located at both 901 Ash and 901 W. Third. George and Anna continued to live at this address for the next 24 years. George died on June 5, 1931. ("George A. Hahn Taken by Death") His widow, Anna, continued living at 900 West 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, according to city directories until her death on May 1, 1962. ("Mrs. George A. Hahn", Muscatine Journal) Marie Hahn Baker, her husband, Warren and their family are shown to be living at 900 West Third Street in the city directories of the 1930's. Mrs. Baker and daughters remained there after Mr. Baker's death.

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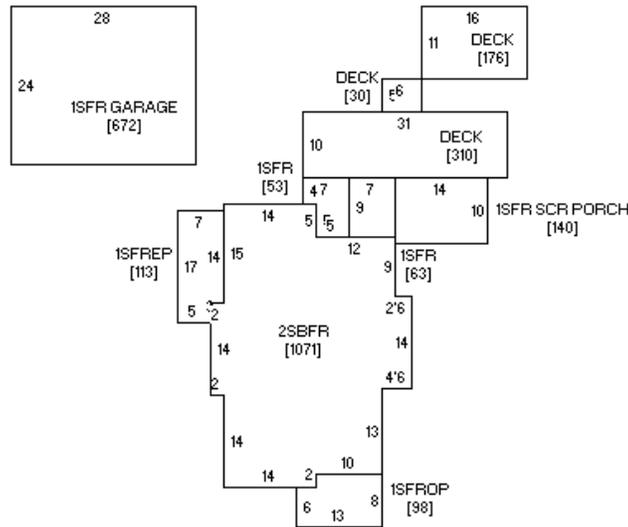
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**Location Map**



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



(front - 3<sup>rd</sup> Street)

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## Photograph of building (digital image)

