

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

State Inventory No. 70-01140 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 Samuel Wigim House
 other names/site number Field Site #: WH-210a

2. Location

street & number 901 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) 47 Lot(s) Tri Tract SE Cor Lot 4 & Ex Tri Tract NW Cor Lot 5

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

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>05D: Late Victorian/Queen Anne</u>	foundation <u>03: Brick</u>
_____	walls <u>05E: Metal/Aluminum</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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Address 901 West Third

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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

1903

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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Roll/slide sheet #	_____	Frame/slot #	_____	Date Taken	_____

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 901 West Third Street is a two-story, Queen Anne style house that sits on a brick foundation. The walls are wood frame, clad in clapboards, which are covered with vinyl clad aluminum siding. The roof is clad with asphalt shingles. A tall brick chimney near the center of the house appears to have been removed. The roof is hipped, with large, gabled dormers on the east, west, north and south facades.

The front (south facing) elevation reveals a two-bay façade, with the left bay slightly set back from the right. There is a full-width porch with square spindled handrails and lattice skirting. The hip roof of the porch is supported by three wood columns. Wide, wooden steps are seen left of center on this elevation, providing access to the porch from grade. The first story shows a single-door entry that appears to be historic and a small, one-over-one-light, double-hung window in the left bay. A large one-over-one-light, double-hung window is seen in the right bay. Above the porch roof on the second story is seen a one-over-one-light, double-hung window in the left bay. A larger, one-over-one-light, double-hung window, similar to the window below on the first story, is seen at the right. The bay at the right has a large, gabled dormer with pent at the roof.

No historic photograph of the house was located.

The west side elevation is three bays wide, revealing a two-story, full height angled bay in the center. It has a large, gabled dormer with pent at the roof. There are three one-over-one-light, double-hung windows on the first story of the angled bay. There are two one-over-one-light, double-hung windows on the side bays of the second story. A single, one-over-one-light, double-hung window is seen at the right on the second story. It is likely that a window in the center of the angled bay on the second story was blocked in when the aluminum siding was installed.

The east elevation is seen from Ash Street. The front porch appears at the left. This elevation is three bays wide. The bay at the left reveals a single, one-over-one-light, double-hung window on each of two stories. The center bay shows the remains of a full height angled bay and large dormer at the roof. The center window on each story of the full height angled bay has been replaced by a modern, wood framed chimney, which vents two new fireplaces inside. It rises high above the dormer at the roof. A single, one-over-one-light, double-hung window is seen on each of the angled portions of the center bay on each story, flanking the chimney. The bay at the right shows a small porch on the first story, sheltering a single-door entry. A single one-over-one-light, double-hung window is seen above the porch on the second story.

The rear, or north elevation reveals a two-bay façade. The bay at the left has a large gabled dormer at the roof with a partial pent at the eaves. This bay projects forward about three feet from the main building and shows a single one-over-one-light, double-hung window on each story. There is a large, double sliding door entry on the first story of this elevation. The right bay is windowless.

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The double-hung windows on this house appear to be original to the house, as is the front entry door. A large, detached two-car garage with access from Ash Street is seen at the rear of the house. It is a recent addition (c. 1995) to the property. An interlocking block retaining wall was constructed at the front of the property in 2007.

This house was likely built at about the same time as the house across the street at 900 West 3rd Street (George A. Hahn house). They are similar in design and may have been built by the same contractor.

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 house at 901 W. Third 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.

Although this c.1903 building retains most of its integrity, it was resided in 2004 with aluminum siding and several new windows installed. There may also have been earlier renovations that removed distinguishing features, but without historic photographs that is unknown. However, a photograph taken in 2004 before the residing project shows few significant architectural features. The larger first-story window and transom under the porch is likely original, but most of the remaining windows appear to be replacements. The front interior door is also likely historic, if not original. No Sanborn maps extend to this area, so the original footprint of the house is unknown, but there does not appear to have been any additions constructed to the building. Despite its relatively good integrity, this house is not architecturally significant because of the absence of any distinguishing features and the presence throughout the neighborhood and community of a large number of similar houses, many with more significant architectural aspects. In addition, the property does not appear to have any association with any significant individuals or events in the community. Therefore, the property at 901 W. Third does not appear to be individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A, B, or C.

However, 901 W. Third does appear to be a contributing building in a potential "West Hill" neighborhood historic district because of its association with 19th and 20th Century Neighborhood Development. This area of "West Hill" appears to have been settled by relatively well-known and respected upper middle class residents. Many of the properties in this area have retained much of their original integrity. The house at 901 W. Third provides an excellent example of such a building, with the only visible alteration to its original footprint an enclosed chimney on the east elevation.

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Local farmer Samuel Wigim appears to have constructed this building in 1903 as a family residence. The 1902-03 Muscatine City Directory identifies a house located at 901 W. Third under construction. Wigim was born in County Tyrone, Ireland on March 17, 1833. He immigrated with his parents to the United States in 1850. The family settled in Seventy-six Township, where Wigim became recognized as one of the county's prominent stockmen (History of Muscatine County, Iowa, Volume II, 1911, 633). He married Martha Beatty, an 1843 immigrant from the same Irish county as Wigim. After she died in 1874, he married Margaret (Maggie) Trueman on October 29, 1877. Five children were born to the first marriage and two to the second. No record of any public service or other significant social or economic activity by Wigim could be located, although a son, Adam, was listed in the 1911 History of Muscatine County, Iowa. However the son was born in Seventy-six Township in 1852 and does not appear to have ever lived at 901 W. Third. Samuel Wigim died on November 23, 1911. Prior to his death, the family apparently moved from 901 W. Third to another residence on "West Hill." However, no Samuel or other Wigim appears in directory or census records from that period, so that address could not be determined.

Margaret and Samuel Wigim purchased the "tri (Fract.) Lots 4 & 5 of Block 47" from the estate of Mary Nolte on October 10, 1901 for \$850 (Book 34, Page 226). It is assumed because of the relatively high cost that a residence was located on this property at that time. However, that house likely was on the larger portion of Lot 4 and based on the 1902-03 city directory, which records 901 W. Third "in construction," Wigim apparently built a new house east of it on the larger fraction of Lot 5. The 1874 birds-eye map of Muscatine does show a house at the corner of Ash and W. Third streets with the correct orientation towards Third Street. However, the house is located too close to the corner to be the existing house (905 W. Third) that is now on the larger portion of Lot 4, unless the 1874 mapper incorrectly located the building, which is a possibility. Property transfers associated with 905 W. Third and listing the consideration paid for the property, also do not support any suggestion that a house was still present in the 1880s or later periods. An 1887 transfer for "Tri Lots 4 & 5 of Block 47" showed Mary Nolte paid only \$100 for the property, which would seem too low to include even a small house.

Margaret Wigim sold the "Fract. Lot 5, Block 47" to D.S. (Duncan) McDermid (sometime also spelled McDermott) on August 1, 1910 for \$3000 (Book 43, Page 73) and apparently moved to 307 W. Third. The large increase in the property's value from 1901 to 1910 indicates a more substantial house was constructed during this time. McDermid was identified as merchandise broker. However, the 1910 census listed Ella Hahn and her sisters Lizzie and Ida as the residents of 901 W. Third. The census also recorded Hahn as the owner of the property, but no record of that transfer could be located. Possibly, the census recorder misidentified the Hahn residence, because in the 1920 census, Ella and Ida are recorded at 201 Ash. There is also a possibility of an address change, with the Ash Street addresses switching to West Third numbers. A similar discrepancy between Ash and Third street addresses appear with the George Hahn house, with Hahn variously listed at both 900 Ash and 900 W. Third. McDermid and his wife Henrietta were listed as the residents of 901 W. Third in city directories from 1911 until 1938-39, around the time he is assumed to have died. McDermid is identified as a broker in several of the city directories and it is assumed that was his occupation throughout most of the time he lived at this house. Henrietta McDermid, widow of D.S., continued to be listed there through at least the 1949 city directory. She was identified in that directory as a serum distributor.

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McDermid sold the "Fract Lot 5 of Block 47," on January 12, 1948 to R.G. Tipton (Book 123, Page 446). Tipton immediately transferred the "Fract Lot 5 of Block 47" to Margaret M. Mull on the same day (Book 123, Page 446). According to the deed, the consideration was less than \$100. Mull began being listed as the resident in the 1952 directory. Interestingly, she was also recorded as a serum broker, indicating she might have been associated with Henrietta McDermid in some way. Mull continued to be listed through the 1959 directory. A survey of the partial Lot 5 of Block 47 was completed for Margaret Mull on April 14, 1949 (Book 130, Page 75). It appears to define what is currently 901 W. Third. Following this survey, there were two exchanges of property between Margaret Mull and Anna J. Hahn. On August 9, 1951, Mull purchased a fractional part of Lot 4, Block 47 from Hahn (Book 141, Page 56); then on August 20, 1951, Hahn purchased a "tri tract in w ly part Lot 5" from Mull. The survey and property exchanges apparently created the current property descriptions.

No subsequent transfer of "Tri Tract SE Cor LT 4 & Ex Tri Tract NW Cor Lot 5, Block 47" from Mull could be located. The current owners acquired it in 2006.

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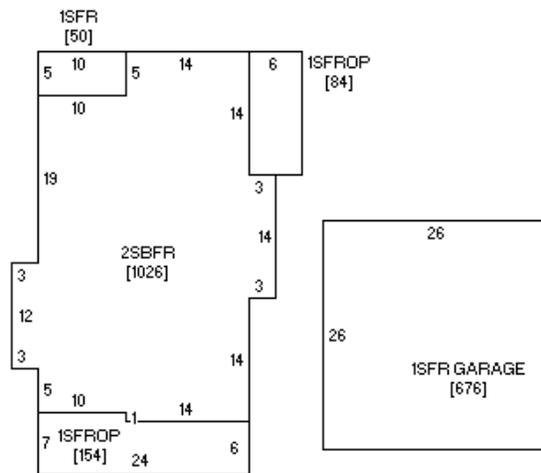
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Location Map



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



(front – W. 3rd Street)

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Photograph of building (digital image)

