

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

State Inventory No. 70-00940 **New** **Supplemental**
 Part of a district with known boundaries (enter inventory no.) _____
 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 Kresge 5 & 10
 other names/site number Field Site #: FS-055

2. Location

street & number 109 E. 2nd 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) 33 Lot(s) E 30½' 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)	_____	Contributing _____ Noncontributing _____
<input type="checkbox"/> district	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> building	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> object	_____	_____
	<u>1</u> Total	_____ buildings _____ sites _____ buildings _____ objects _____ 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 and Architectural Survey and Evaluation of the Downtown Commercial District Historical Architectural Data Base Number 70-013

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)	Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)
<u>02E03: Commerce/Trade/Specialty Store/Dry Goods</u>	<u>02E03: Commerce/Trade/Specialty Store/Dry Goods</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)	Materials (Enter categories from instructions)
_____	foundation <u>04C: Stone</u>
_____	walls <u>03: Brick</u>
_____	roof <u>unknown</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 type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" 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 Address 109 E. 2nd Street Site Number 70-00940
City Muscatine District Number _____

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 building.
- 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)

Significant Dates

Construction date
1880 check if circa or estimated date
Other dates
c.1970

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 buildings 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 buildings 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 originally three-story, two-section commercial building has been extensively altered since it was constructed sometime prior to 1883. The largest change was the demolition of its top two floors in the late 1960s or early 1970s. A c.1965 postcard of the downtown shows the building with three stories still ("Streets of Muscatine (card # 1923-72)," c.1965). The storefront was likely remodeled at this time as well, during this period of urban revitalization that was conducted in the community during the 1970s.

Four different historic photos provide an image of the original building. The photos indicate the top two floors included bay windows. A pediment, possibly triangular, with a pinnacle extends above the roof. The 1916 photograph of the fire in the neighboring Lilly building apparently also damaged a portion of the Kresge building, because a small portion is also visible in the Grossheim photo. The portion of the Kresge building that is visible appears to have a new façade. Another undated photo that appears to have been taken after construction of the Laurel Building in 1917 provides the best view of the storefront. Two recessed store entryways bracket a centrally located set of stairs that provides access to the top floors. Each entry contains double-doors surrounded by storefront windows. The bulkhead and transom of each window appears to be solid. The doors appear to be wood with metal kick plates and probably full-length glass inserts. A cloth awning is rolled up above the storefront and above the awning is a sign identifying the store as the S.S. Kresge Co. 5-10-25^o Store. This photo also shows the second story with a single row of six, one-over-one, double-hung windows. The three windows on the left each have the name of L.A. Crull on them. The far left window identifies his practice as law and insurance. A brick lintel extends across each set of three windows. It appears from the photo that the third floor may have the same fenestration as the second floor, but the photo does not extend high enough to be certain ("1705b," 1916, Grossheim collection; "1801," 1916, Grossheim collection; "1834," 1916, Grossheim collection; "54," Lodge personal photo, date unknown).

Although the current appearance of the building substantially differs from the original or other historic images, some common features can be seen. The storefront arrangement of two sets of double-door entries into the store is still present, and each entry is still surrounded by storefront windows. The current doors and windows are plate glass. A storefront window has replaced the original central stairway opening. The current bulkhead appears to have marble cladding. An awning is still present, with the store sign fastened above the awning. A non-historic brick veneer has been installed above the sign.

The original pressed tin ceiling also remains inside the building, as does the original maple floor.

8. Narrative Statement of Significance

This building does not appear to be individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A, B, or C, nor does it appear to be contributing in a potential downtown historic district. The current appearance, including the height, façade, and storefront, dates to after 1965 and likely to the early 1970s. Although the history of the building falls within two historic contexts identified for the district:

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“19th Century Business and Industry” and “20th Century Business and Industry,” it has lost the integrity to convey this significance and history. The alterations have significantly modified the 19th century building within the last 50 years.

As early as 1883, Mrs. William White was providing millinery and fancy goods to local residents at this location. She maintained her business in this store until 1900 when Miss M.J. Banker assumed its management. Throughout this time, John Hanley, who was later joined by his son Charles, used the second floor as an office for his attorney’s practice. The 1899 Muscatine County Atlas Landowners included Hanley in its directory of leading business houses in Muscatine. The third floor was apparently used as a residence. Such arrangements of retail businesses on the first floor, professional offices on the second and residential on the third floor was a common 19th century arrangement.

The focus of the building however changed in 1907 when the P & L 5 & 10¢ began operating in the first floor storefront. The 5&10 stores were beginning to attract customers and the P & L was in the vanguard of this new marketing ploy. In 1916, after a fire destroyed an adjacent building and apparently damaged the building at 109 E. Second, the S.S. Kresge Company began operating on the first floor. P&L is not listed in any subsequent city directories and it is assumed that business either folded or moved outside of Muscatine, replaced by Kresge’s.

For the next 47 years, Kresge, the parent company of K-Mart, continued to operate a discount store at the site, closing in 1963. During that time, the second and third floors continually went vacant. Jupiter moved into the building in 1963. The building continued to be three stories around 1965 (“Streets of Muscatine (card # 1923-72),” c.1965). When urban revitalization programs began being pushed in the late 1960s or early 1970s, it was apparently decided to demolish the top two floors of the building. The storefront remodeling is assumed to have occurred at the same time, as an upper story entry was no longer needed.

9. Major Bibliographical References

“1705b,” January 15, 1916, Historic photograph, Oscar Grossheim Collection, Musser Public Library, Muscatine, Iowa.

“1801,” September 11, 1916, Historic photograph, Oscar Grossheim Collection, Musser Public Library, Muscatine, Iowa.

“1834,” December 18, 1916, Historic photograph, Oscar Grossheim Collection, Musser Public Library, Muscatine, Iowa.

City Directories, Muscatine. Various publishers, 1856-present. Available at the Musser Public Library.

Lodge, John & Clyda, building owners. Interview and building tour by Glenna Howard, July 13, 2004, Muscatine, IA.

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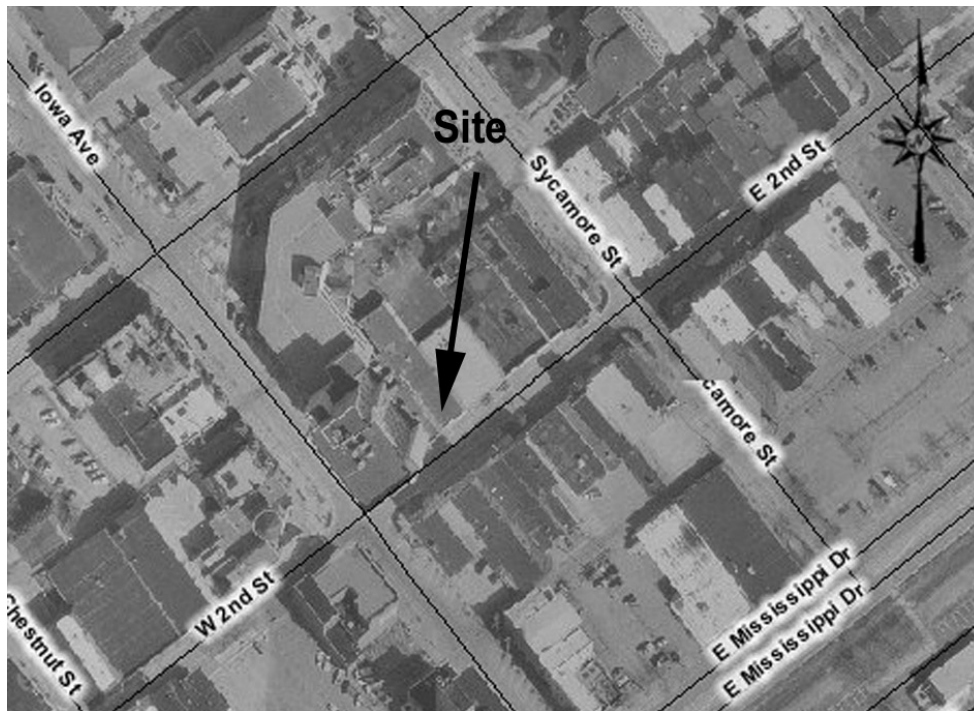
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"Streets of Muscatine (card # 1923-72)," c.1965. Historic postcard photograph, Es-n-Len Photos. Devin Pettit (private collection), Muscatine, IA.

Location Map



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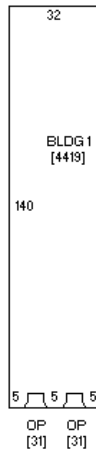
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Plan (from assessor's office)



(front – 2nd St)

Photograph of structure (digital image)

