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DATE ENTEREDNATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORMSEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

J.C.B. Warde House

AND/OR COMMON

"Warde's Folly"

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

205 Cherry Street

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Muscatine

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

First

STATE

Iowa

CODE

COUNTY
Muscatine

CODE

139

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

 DISTRICT
 BUILDING(S)
 STRUCTURE
 SITE
 OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

 PUBLIC
 PRIVATE
 BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
 IN PROCESS
 BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

 OCCUPIED
 UNOCCUPIED
 WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
 YES: RESTRICTED
 YES: UNRESTRICTED
 NO

PRESENT USE

 AGRICULTURE
 COMMERCIAL
 EDUCATIONAL
 ENTERTAINMENT
 GOVERNMENT
 INDUSTRIAL
 MILITARY
 MUSEUM
 PARK
 PRIVATE RESIDENCE
 RELIGIOUS
 SCIENTIFIC
 TRANSPORTATION
 OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Roger Crow

STREET & NUMBER

1104 Garfield Court

CITY, TOWN

Davenport

VICINITY OF

STATE

Iowa 52803

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Muscatine County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Muscatine

Iowa STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Historic Architecture of Muscatine, Iowa

DATE

1977

 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

City of Muscatine, Muscatine, Iowa

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The J.C.B. Warde house is situated on a high bluff overlooking the Mississippi River, about 5 blocks southwest of the central business district, in an area noted for a number of mid-to-late 19th century residences. The house was begun by Warde in 1852, and was completed after 1854 by John G. Gordon. Additions at the rear were made in 1905 and 1938.

The principal construction material is brick of unknown origin, with details executed in limestone, wood, and metal. The house is two stories on a full brick basement, with dimensions of 40' x 59'. The house is five bays along the front and four bays along each side. The bays are divided by pilasters, which support a full entablature running continuously around the house. The roof is a single gable with ridge running parallel to the front, creating side gable ends which are treated as large wall pediments. The dominant feature of the front is a giant prostyle portico, with four wooden Corinthian columns on high pedestals supporting a triangular pediment. (In the early decades of this century, a double window was cut into the originally blank tympanum of the pediment.) An early feature of the portico was a small balcony above the center entrance, with a delicate cast-iron railing. Later (perhaps 1904) a larger porch, covering the entire area of the portico, was added on the second floor, and, still later, both stories of the portico were fully enclosed to provide sitting rooms for the hospital (into which the house was converted in 1905). The windows of the house have narrow stone sills, flat lintels finished with cast metal pediments and 6/6 double-hung sash. There are two similar windows in the tympanum of each side pediment. Centered on the main roof ridge is an octagonal belvedere with 2/2 double-hung sash windows on each face, and a narrow cornice, surmounted by wrought-iron cresting. No longer extant are four tall brick chimneys.

The rear of the house has been complicated by the addition (1938) of a large 30-story wing whose main axis is parallel to the roof ridge of the main house. This section is flat-roofed, built of brick (painted white) with a severely plain exterior. It is connected to the original house by a short, 2-story, 2-bay projection which was very likely the kitchen/servants' wing of the 1852 house (the window hoods, cornice, and remnants of pilastering suggest this). This small wing was remodelled sometime after 1905, alterations including roof dormers and an enclosed porch on the southwest side.

The house has a center hall, double-pile plan, with the main staircase on the north side of the hall. Remnants of interior molding, fireplace detail and staircase give some idea of the original character of the interior, although the house has not been used for residential purposes since the turn of the century.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1852

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The J.C.B. Warde house is one of Muscatine's earliest remaining fine residences, and one of the supreme monuments of the residential Greek Revival in Iowa, a state which, first being settled at a time when the Greek Revival was at its height in popularity, can claim relatively few examples of this architectural style.

The house is architecturally very fine, and exhibits an educated understanding on the part of the architect or builder of the elements of Greek architecture, as used by American architects in the first half of the 19th century. It is impressively sited and, if anything, slightly severe. It has something of the character of a public building of the period about it, and it might be noted that J.F. Rague used the same basic form (tetrastyle portico, pedimented side gable ends, central roof feature and plastered facades) for both his Illinois Capitol at Springfield (1837) and his Iowa Capitol in Iowa City (early 1840's). The house remains, in spite of the enclosure of the portico and the alterations and additions at the rear, quite intact and potentially restorable.

The house was begun in the spring of 1852 for J.C.B. Warde, a local attorney about whom little is known except for his abrupt departure from Muscatine, creditors at his heels, in the fall of that year. The house was put up for auction at a sheriff's sale the following year, and purchased by Gen. John G. Gordon. Gordon put finishing touches on the house, and lived there until his death in 1877.

The house then passed to Cora Chaplin Weed, a young Muscatine woman who had married elderly Chester Weed in 1873. Weed died in 1874, leaving a substantial fortune acquired through various dry goods, insurance and wholesale enterprises. Cora Weed lived in the house until about 1904, earning no little local renown as a lavish hostess and active participant in assorted literary and musical activities. Subsequently, Drs. J.L. Klein and A.J. Weaver purchased the house, and converted it into a private hospital (Bellevue). The house served this function until recently.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Muscatine Journal: 21 Feb., 15 May, 19 June, 25 Sept., 20 Nov., 1852; 19 Jan., 15 July, 7 Oct., 14 Oct., 1853; 1 Aug. 1873; 7 Dec. 1894; 3 Aug. 1910; 26 March 1904.
 Richman, Irving B. History of Muscatine County, Iowa. Chicago: S.J. Clarke, 1911, pp. 17, 443.
 Randall, W.D. Little Known Stories of Muscatine. Muscatine: Fairall Service, 1949, pp. 6-10.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one

QUADRANGLE NAME Muscatine, Iowa; III.

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCES

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 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Lots 10, 9, 8, and the west 44.625 feet of Lot 7, Block 40, Original Town of Muscatine, Iowa.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

S.J. Klingensmith, Architectural Historian/M.H. Bowers, Historian

ORGANIZATION

Division of Historic Preservation

DATE

January 1979

STREET & NUMBER

26 East Market Street

TELEPHONE

319/353-6949

CITY OR TOWN

Iowa City

STATE

Iowa 52240

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE X

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Adrian A. Anderson

TITLE Director, Division of Historic Preservation

DATE 2/8/79

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST: *William Branch*
 CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

Whitney

DATE 4/3/79

DATE March 30, 1979

79000920

Property Ward, J. C. B., House

State Iowa

Working Number 2.13.79.286

TECHNICAL

Photos 6

Maps 1

CONTROL

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OK 2.14.79

HISTORIAN

Despite extensive alterations property is significant for its well preserved design - locally important. impressively sited.

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

accept
Brannan
3-28-79

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____
Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

I agree with Bill. Despite rear addition and filling in of area between columns, these property is a significant example of Greek Revival

Accept
Labovich
3/30/79

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

National Register Write-up _____
Federal Register Entry 5-1-79

Send-back _____
Re-submit _____

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J.C.B. Warde House #1076
Muscatine, Muscatine Co, Iowa
Credit: Pat Flanigan
Neg. at: T. Kautz, R.R.⁴ Muscatine

IA
Date: 1978 APR 3 1979

View: front portico, from SE

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J.C.B. Warde House #2086
Muscatine, Muscatine Co., Iowa
Credit: Pat Flanigan
Neg. at: T. Kautz, R.R. 4, Musca-
tine, Iowa APR 3 1979
Date: 1978
View: southwest elevation

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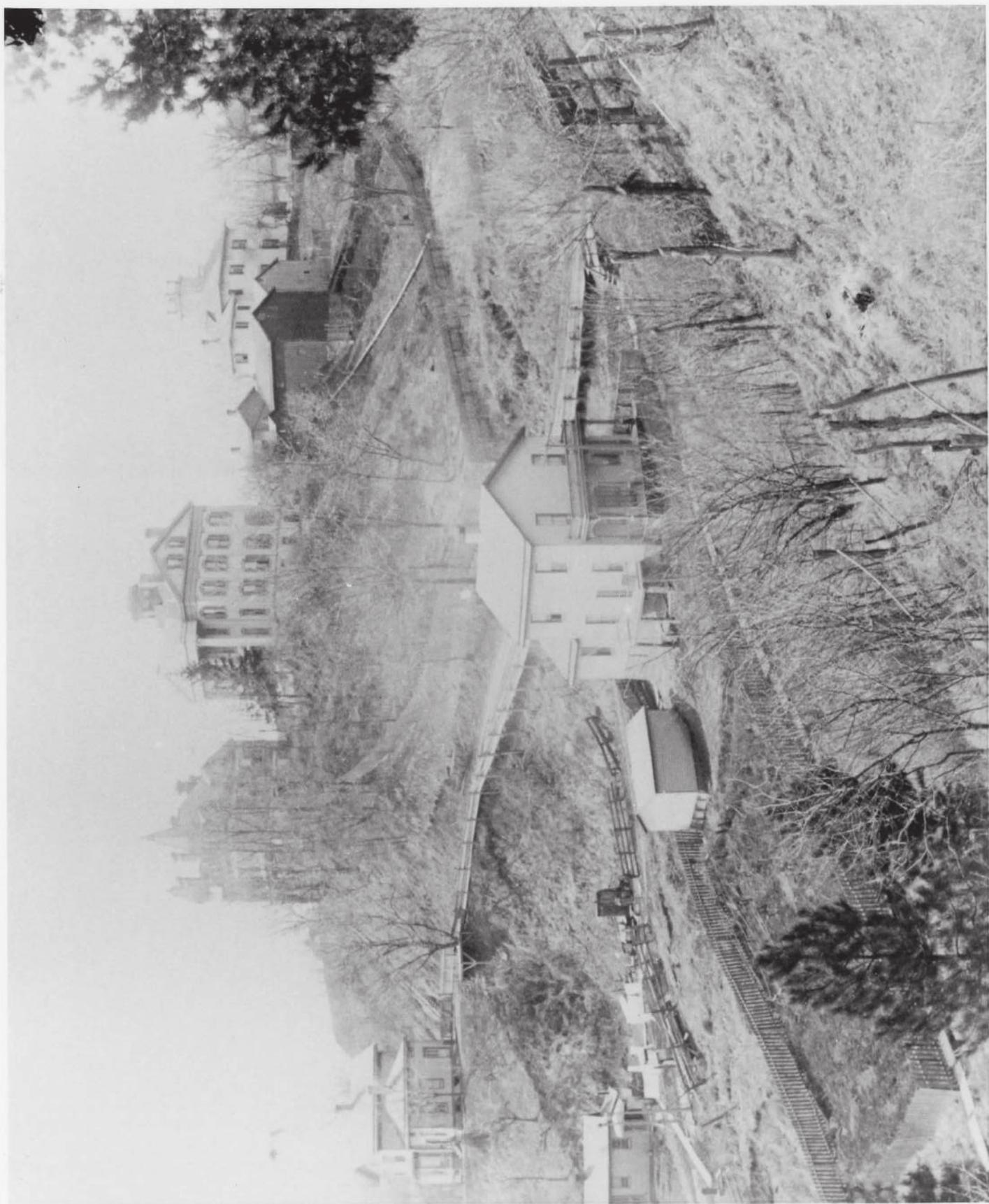


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J.C.B. Warde House
Muscatine, Muscatine Co., Iowa
Credit: unknown
Date: c. 1900
Copy neg. at: T. Kautz, R.R. 4,
Muscatine, IA

View: from Mississippi River,
southwest of house

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J.C.B. Warde House **APR 3 1979**
Muscatine, Muscatine Co., IA
Credit: unknown #4076
Date: c. 1885
Neg. at: (copy) T. Kautz, R.R. 4
Muscatine IA
View: from northeast **FEB 13 1979**



J.C.B. Warde House
Muscatine, Muscatine Co., Iowa
Credit: Pat Flanigan
Neg. at: T. Kautz, R.R. 4, Musca-
tine, IA #5086
Date: 1978 FEB 13 1979
View: from west (6)



J.C.B. Warde House
Muscatine, Muscatine Co., Iowa
Credit: Pat Flanigan
Date: 1978

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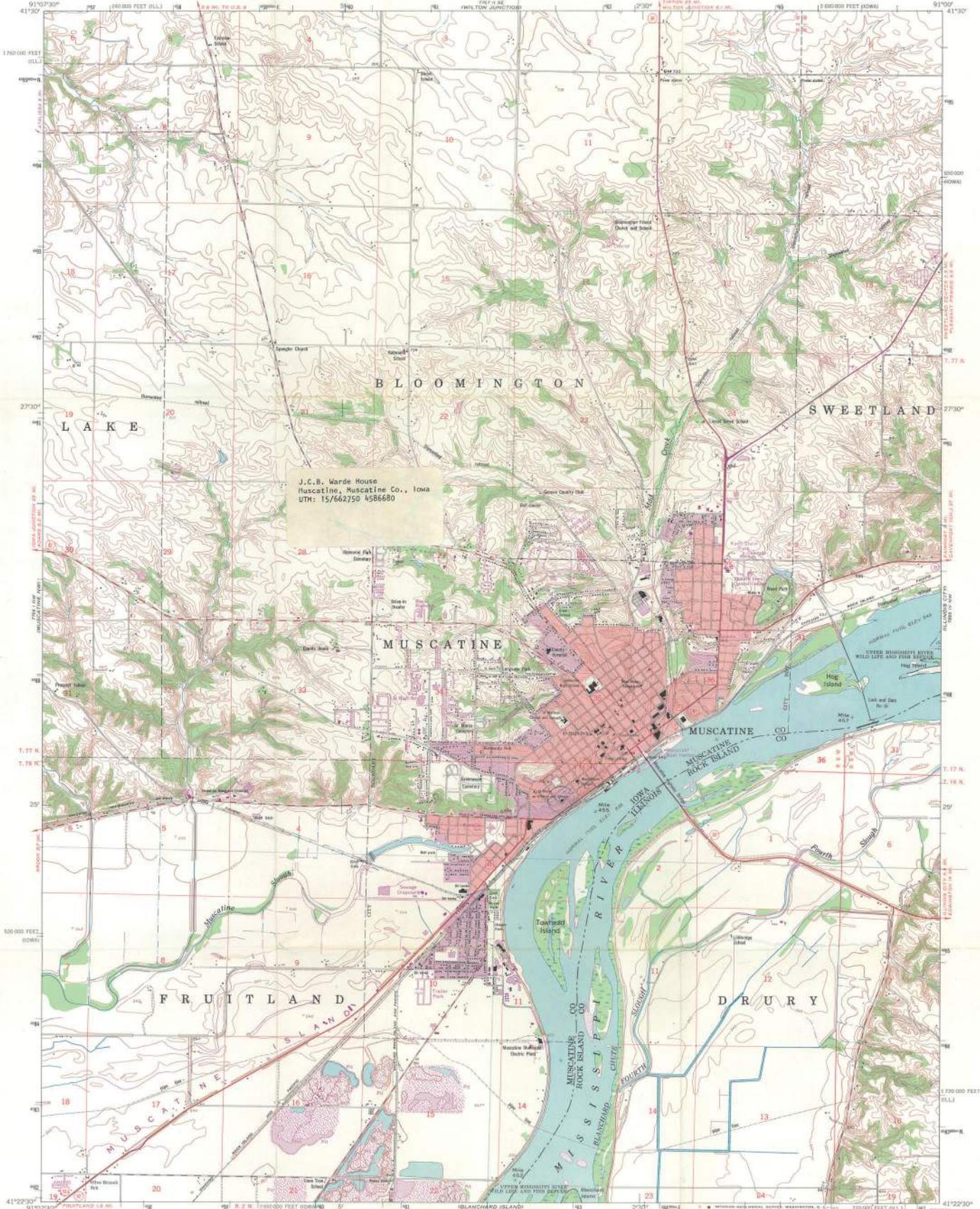
Neg. at: T. Kautz, R.R. 4, Muscatine, IA

View: from northwest, showing rear addition

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J.C.B. Warde House
Muscatine, Muscatine Co., Iowa
UTM: 157662750 4586680

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Polyconic projection, 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Iowa coordinate system, south zone
and Illinois coordinate system, west zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 15, shown in blue
Red tint indicates areas in which only
landmark buildings are shown
Revisions shown in purple compiled by the Geological Survey from
aerial photographs taken 1970. This information not field checked
Purple tint indicates extension of urban areas.



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty	Light-duty
Medium-duty	Unimproved dirt
U. S. Route	State Route



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DIVISION OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION
IOWA STATE HISTORICAL DEPARTMENT

ADRIAN D. ANDERSON, DIRECTOR
STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER

Date: 9 February 1979

Dr. William J. Murtagh, Keeper
National Register of Historic Places
Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service
Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C. 20240



Subject: J.C.B. Warde House
Muscatine, Muscatine Co., Iowa

Sir:

The property listed above has received approval from Iowa's National Register Nominations Review Committee, and is now submitted to your office for consideration for the National Register of Historic Places. Procedures used by this office to meet requirements pertaining to public notification and comment have been approved by, and are on file in, your office.

Sincerely,


Adrian D. Anderson
State Historic Preservation Officer

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE IOWA

Date Entered APR 3 1979

Name

Location

Warde, J. C. B., House

Muscatine
Muscatine County

Albertus Building

Guttenberg
Clayton County

Also Notified

Honorable John C. Culver

Honorable Roger Jepsen
Honorable James A. S. Leach
Honorable Tom Tauke

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NR Byers/bjr 4/9/79

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