

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

State Inventory No. 70-00231 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 Stukely Underwood House
 other names/site number Field Site #: WH-100

2. Location

street & number 701 W. 3rd 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) 49 Lot(s) 6

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>	_____ 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 _____ 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>04A: 19th century / Greek Revival</u>	foundation <u>03: Brick (cement stucco)</u>
<u>09A01: Gabled Front</u>	walls <u>03: Brick</u>
_____	roof <u>08A: Asphalt Shingles</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.

County Muscatine
City Muscatine

Address 701 W. 3rd Street

Site Number 70-00231
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

1857

Other dates

check if circa or estimated date

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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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, three-bay, gable-front, Greek Revival house. The house sits on a brick foundation, and the walls are brick. The gable-front roof is clad in asphalt shingles. Two additions have been added to this residence, including a hip-roof two-story addition offset to the west of the rear and a gable-roof one-story addition behind the first addition. Both additions appear on the 1919 Sanborn map, the first year to cover this block.

The front (south) elevation of this residence has three bays. Two one-over-one-light, double-hung windows are located in the right bays, and the entry is on the far left of the residence. The entry has sidelights and a fanlight transom surrounding the historic wood door. The roof over the small stoop in front of the entry is flat but is supported by decorative large scroll brackets. There are three one-over-one-light, double-hung wood windows on the second story. One first-story window has a soldier brick lintel; the other lintels and sills are non-descript, suggesting the openings may have been modified. The front gable has no additional features.

The east side of this residence contains three one-over-one-light double-hung windows on the first and second stories. These windows are aligned. This side of the two-story rear addition has one window on both stories, which have one-over-one-light double-hung sashes. These too are aligned with each other. This side of the one-story rear addition has

The west side of the house contains three one-over-one-light double-hung windows on the first story of the main section of the house. The second story of the main section of the house has a one-over-one-light double-hung window on either side of a smaller single-light window. The front double-hung window is also smaller than the other one. In the two-story rear addition, there are two one-over-one-light double-hung windows on the first story and one one-over-one-light double-hung on the second story. The front first story window is smaller than the rear window. This side of the one-story rear addition has a small window.

The rear (north) elevation is dominated by the two rear additions to the house. There are two windows in the main house, one on each story. Each is a one-over-one-light double-hung wood windows. There is also a single window in the attic. This wood window has six lights. The two-story hip roof addition has a single one-over-one-light double-hung window in the middle of the second story on the north elevation. The one story addition has paired one-over-one-light double-hung windows facing the north. The roof line on the first addition is a hip roof. The second addition has a gable roof.

There is not a garage on this property.

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8. Narrative Statement of Significance

The Stukely Underwood 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.

Local tradition credits Joseph Reece, a carpenter, with constructing this house around 1850. However, this appears to be incorrect, as the land was later sold for \$50 in 1857 to Stukely Underwood. Mr. Underwood was listed with various occupations from 1857 to his death in 1877, and his wife worked with wounded soldiers during the Civil War. Neither appears to have made significant contributions to the community. No significant event is known to have occurred on this property. Although this Greek Revival house dates to the mid-1800s and remains relatively unaltered, other Greek Revival houses in the neighborhood, such as 707 W. Third, are more significant. Thus, the Stukely Underwood House does not appear to be individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A, B, or C.

However, the Stukely Underwood House does appear to be a contributing building in a potential "West Hill" neighborhood historic district. The construction of this house in the late 1850s likely helped to maintain the early development momentum in the West Hill neighborhood and encouraged other residents to locate there. This continued the trend of building brick, gable-front houses in this area. The architecture and history of this potential historic district is significantly influenced by this house.

Joseph Reece is known as one of the earliest owners of this property, he was apparently just a land owner (1840-1849). Mr. Reece sold the land to Thomas Isett in about 1849 who owned this land until 1857 when he sold it to Stukely Underwood for \$50. The price indicates no construction by this date. Thomas Isett was listed in the 1856 Muscatine City Directory as living at 217 Second Street and was listed as a banker. This land was likely an investment. J.E. Israel, a brick mason, is listed as living on the north side of Third and west side of Broadway in the 1856 Muscatine City Directory. While this is a nearby location, with the \$50 sale in 1857, it does not appear to be this house.

Stukely Underwood bought the property from Thomas Isett on September 15, 1857 for \$50 (Lots Book 5: 377). Mr. Underwood was originally from the East coast and was married in East Greenwich, Rhode Island. He and his wife Mary Allen Underwood and their daughter, Mary Eddy Underwood moved to Muscatine in 1856. Mr. Underwood is listed in the Muscatine City Directory in 1859 living on the N.W. corner of Third and Broadway. He is also listed as a grocer. The 1860 census lists S. Underwood (40) as a grocer with \$2,000 in real estate, indicating a house. His household includes Mary (37), Mary E. (9), and Lizzie (10 months). Stukely Underwood (Strikely in the 1866 Muscatine City Directory) was still listed in the 1866 city directory as living in this residence. He was listed as a carpenter. Frank Underwood was also listed at this residence and he was a teller at First National Bank. The 1870 census lists S. Underwood (50) as a laborer with \$3,500 in real estate. His wife Mary (44) is listed as keeping house. The 1869 Muscatine City Directory lists S. Underwood, a builder, at the nw corner of Broadway and Third Street. The 1874 city directory lists Stukely Underwood, a cabinetmaker, residing at ns Third Street and w Broadway. The 1876 Muscatine City Directory has S. Underwood, a carpenter, living at 96

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W. Third Street. His wife and daughter were not listed in any of these directories. The property transferred to Mary Underwood on February 27, 1877 (Book of Lots 11, pg. 57). Stukely Underwood died on February 21, 1877 in Muscatine (ancestry.com). No obituary could be located for Mr. Underwood. There are no directory listings for the Underwoods in 1879 or 1883. Mary Underwood passed away on November 11, 1889 at her daughter's house, Mary Eddy Remley, in Anamosa, Iowa. Mrs. Underwood was born on January 13, 1823 in Quidnessett, Rhode Island. Mrs. Underwood worked for the Soldier's Aid Society from 1861 to 1864. In the spring of 1864 she went south in the employ of the Christian Commission and visited the hospitals in Memphis and Nashville and had charge of the work at Brown Hospital in Louisville, Kentucky. She was In charge of the diets of the sick and wounded soldiers. Mrs. Underwood was one of the founders of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union in Muscatine in 1874 (Muscatine Journal: December 9, 1889, pg. 3). Mrs. Underwood's parents are not listed in her obituary. She married Stukley Underwood on March 21, 1842 in East Greenwich, Rhode Island. They had one child, Mary Eddy Underwood. She was born on March 7, 1851 in East Greenwich, Rhode Island (www.ancestry.com).

David Hayes purchases the property from Mary Underwood on March 1, 1883 (Lots Book 15: 293). Reverend F.T. Lee was listed in the Muscatine City Directory as the owner/occupant in 1883-86. He was a minister at the First Congregational Church. The 1886-86 Muscatine City Directory lists D. Hayes as the occupant. He is also listed as a breeder for trotting horses. This business was located at 111 Second Street. The 1891-92 Muscatine City Directory lists Daniel Hayes as the occupant of this residence. He is listed as the manager of the Muscatine Mortgage and Trust Company, located at 113 Iowa Avenue.

Louise Dillaway bought the property from David Hayes on October 18, 1893 (Lots Book 26: 3). Louise Dillaway is not listed in any of the city directories from 1893 through 1899. There is no listings for any Dillaways living at this address in these years. As women were not always listed individually in this period, it is possible that she lived in this house in this period. No renters have been identified in city directories to date.

Joseph Murphy purchased the property from Louise Dillaway on October 3, 1900 (Lots Book 33: 581). Reverend Joseph L. Murphy and his wife Clara are listed in the 1900 Muscatine City Directory as the residents of 701 W. Third. He was a pastor at Grace Lutheran Church. According to the 1900 census, Murphy, 33, was born in Tennessee. His wife was born in Wisconsin in 1866. A four-year-old daughter was also listed in the census. She was born in Illinois, indicating the Murphy family had not been in Muscatine prior to 1896. The census indicated the family was renting 701 W. 3rd Street. Thus, they lived here prior to purchasing the property, renting from Dillaway. There wasn't a listing for the Murphys or the church in the 1897 or 1899 city directories. Reverend and Mrs. Joseph Murphy were listed in 1902 Muscatine City Directory. Reverend Murphy resigned from Grace Lutheran Church on September 25, 1904 (Richman 1911, Volume 1: 484).

George Bannick bought the property from Joseph Murphy on June 4, 1902 (Lots Book 35: 599). He only owned it briefly, and sold it to Frank Neidig on January 3, 1903 (Lots Book 36: 40). Beginning in 1904, Frank A. Neidig and his wife, Ella, are listed as the owner/occupants. Mr. Neidig is listed as working in a

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book and wallpaper establishment in both the 1904 and 1907 Muscatine City Directories. Neidig was born in Muscatine in 1859, and except for two years in Des Moines, lived his entire life in Muscatine. After working in bookstores early in his career, he opened the F.A. Neidig Bookstore in Muscatine in the 1880s, eventually spending 44 years in the bookstore business until he died in 1928. Ella Rector married Frank Neidig on November 5, 1902, so they bought this property only a few months after their marriage. The 1910 census recorded his occupation as a bookstore owner and also listed him as the owner of 701 W. Third. The 1910 census record indicated his wife Ella was born in Virginia around 1872. They had two children, Wilma, 6; and Maurice, 3. Their family continued to live here through the 1910s. Throughout this time period, Mr. Neidig is listed as a dealer in books and stationery at the same downtown address as in previous directories – 115 E. Second Street. The 1920 census also showed Neidig continued to operate the bookstore. Frank A. Neidig died November 9, 1928. According to his obituary, Neidig served a one-year stint on the Muscatine Waterworks Board and was a charter member of the Geneva Golf and Country Club (“F.A. Neidig, Prominent Muscatine Business Man, Succumbs To Pneumonia,” *Muscatine Journal*, November 9, 1928, Page 6).

Mrs. Ella Neidig was listed as the owner/occupant beginning in the 1929 Muscatine City Directory. All that was listed for her was that she was the widow of Frank. She was listed through the 1958 city directory, but no occupation for her was identified. At the time of her death in 1958, she was resident of Muscatine for 56 years, moving here when she married in 1902. She served on the YWCA board for many years and was also a member of the First Presbyterian Church and the PEO Sisterhood. In the 1958 Muscatine City Directory, Ella Neidig and her daughter, Wilma Mueller, were co-occupants. Mueller had previously been living in Syracuse, New York, but moved back to Iowa sometime after her husband died. She was listed as a teacher at Jefferson Elementary School and as the widow of Justus in the 1958 directory. Ella died on May 16, 1958.

Mrs. Wilma Mueller is listed as occupying this residence in the 1959 and 1961 Muscatine City Directories. She became owner after her mother passed away in 1958.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Census Records, United States Census Bureau, 1860, 1870, 1900, 1910, 1920.

City Directories, Muscatine. Various publishers, 1856-1959. Available as the Musser Public Library.

Deed/Abstract Records, Recorder's Office, Muscatine County Courthouse, Muscatine, Iowa.

“F.A. Neidig, Prominent Muscatine Business Man, Succumbs To Pneumonia,” *Muscatine Journal*, November 9, 1928, Page 6.

“Mrs. Neidig, 85, Taken by Death; Service Monday,” *Muscatine Journal*, May 16, 1958, Page 3.

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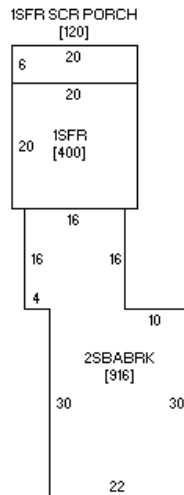
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Plans of buildings on site (from assessor's office)



(front – W. 3rd Street)

Photograph of building (digital image)

