United States Department of the Interior National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form



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1. Name

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4. Own	er of Pro	per	ty				
name	Mr. and Mr	s Jerr	y W. Lang	e			
street & number	1001 Mulb	erry Av	venue				
city, town	Muscatine		vic	inity of		state	Iowa
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courthouse, regi	stry of deeds, etc.	Musc	atine Co	ounty Co	urthouse		
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city, town		Musc	atine		s	state I	owa
6. Rep	resentati	ion i	n Exis	sting S	Surveys		
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7. Description

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Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Fuller house is a vernacular interpretation of the Italianate style. It is located on a corner lot in an essentially residential area of houses of similar size and age. However, it is older than those in the immediate vicinity, and its brick stands out among these wood frame buildings. There is a large brick school across from the house, which is quite near one of the city's designated historic districts.

The soft brick, painted house exhibits proportions and detailing associated with the Italianate style. It is a hipped roof box with good-sized round-arched windows opening up the wall space. Round arches of brick with stone keystones accentuate the windows while large brackets with pendants band the cornice.

Several different woods were used on the interior. Oak floors occur throughout, the banister is walnut, and window trim and baseboards are maple. Ceiling tile has been used on the first floor. The original floor plan appears to be unchanged. The front door opens directly onto the living room, which has one of the two staircases, the other being between the kitchen and the dining room. The latter opens off the living room and next to it is what is currently a bedroom. There is a small porch off of the kitchen, and it appears that a flanking porch was replaced with the garage on the other side.

Abstract records and city directories indicate that Fuller built the house in 1878. At some time, a two-story clapboard addition housing a small garage was made and the original porch columns replaced with wrought iron ones. In 1966 the present owners added a brick one-story rear addition, which has a screen porch, bay window and windows with diamond-pattern panes. There is considerable landscaping on the rather small lot, including "Victorian gas lights," a circular drive and a fountain.

8. Significance

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Specific dates	1878	Builder/Architect		

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Records of ownership of the property show that W.J. Fuller (later known as J.W. Fuller and Joseph Fuller) bought this lot in 1877 andtook out a \$1000 mortgage the following year, an indication that hethen built this house. He is listed at this address in city directories for 1878-79, 1883-85, 1886-87 and 1889-92, the only available years for this period of the late nineteenth century. In 1878-79, Joseph Fuller is listed as a brick manufacturer at this address. W.J. Fuller is also listed as a manufacturer of pottery ware at the same location. The latter entry also suggests the presence of the actual pottery and perhaps brickworks on the site: "Fuller W.J., manufacturer of pottery ware, Mulberry cor 10th, res same."

As early as 1837, there were German immigrants in Muscatine, including the four Fuller brothers, one of whom, Henry, was a brickmaker. Henry Fuller had six children, including Joseph, and it seems possible that Joseph carried on his father's trade, as did another son, Anthony J. Fuller.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data					
Acreage of nominated property <u>less than one acre</u> Quadrangle name <u>Muscatine</u> UMT References	Quadrangle scale <u>1/24,000</u>				
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Verbal boundary description and justification Lot 1, Block 9, Ogilvie's Addition. Current extent of property which is associated with the structure.					
List all states and counties for properties overlappin state TOWA code (9 co					
	county Muscatine code 139				
statecodec11. Form Prepared By	county code				
name/title James E. Jacobsen, National R organization Iowa SHPO street & number Historical Building, East and Grand Avenue City or town Des Moines, Des Moines,	date October 26, 1982				
12. State Historic Preserv The evaluated significance of this property within the state					
As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the 665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the Na according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Na State Historic Preservation Officer signature title Executive Director Iowa State Historic	e National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89- tional Register and certify that it has been evaluated tional Park Service.				

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*Typewritten transcription of abstract of title for the property.

*Environmental Planning & Research Inc., "Historic Architecture of Muscatine, Iowa," pp. 5-7 and 66.

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