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National Register of Historic Places  
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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Mary A. and Caleb D. Scott House  
other names/site number 9

2. Location

street & number 1014 26th Street  not for publication  
city, town Des Moines  vicinity  
state Iowa code IA county Polk code 153 zip code 50311

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>1</u>	<u>      </u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u> structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing: Drake University and Related Properties in Des Moines, Iowa, 1881-1918  
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination  request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.  
James J. VanDer DSK/PO July 15, 1988  
Signature of certifying official Date  
Bureau of Historic Preservation, State Historical Society of Iowa  
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.  
Signature of commenting or other official \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau \_\_\_\_\_

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:  
 entered in the National Register. Entered in the National Register  
 See continuation sheet. 9/8/88  
 determined eligible for the National Register.  See continuation sheet.  
 determined not eligible for the National Register.  
 removed from the National Register.  
 other, (explain:) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of the Keeper \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Action \_\_\_\_\_

**6. Function or Use**

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)  
Domestic/single dwelling

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)  
Domestic/single dwelling

**7. Description**

Architectural Classification  
(enter categories from instructions)

Late Victorian

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brick

walls Wood/weatherboard

roof Asphalt

other Wood/reeded panels

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The 2 1/2-story house has a hipped roof with gablets and additional gables, making for an irregular but boxy shape. Notable features include window-filled gablets, reeded panels along cornice and base, and a fine shed-roofed porch. The latter has delicate brackets, turned columns, and an open grill. There appear to be no changes beyond the metal storm windows.

**8. Statement of Significance**

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally     statewide     locally

Applicable National Register Criteria     A     B     C     D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)     A     B     C     D     E     F     G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)  
Education/college

Period of Significance  
1881-1913

Significant Dates  
1889

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Cultural Affiliation  
N/A

Significant Person  
N/A

Architect/Builder  
Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

This property is significant because it directly illustrates the effect of Drake University's innovative financing techniques upon settlement in one of the ten plats around the campus. It is significant under Criterion A: properties related to the financial development of Drake University, 1881-1913. The property is located in one of the ten plats owned by the University Land Company or Drake University and its construction dates from within fifteen years of when the plat was filed. See the Multiple Property Documentation Form, "The Successful Beginnings of Drake University."

Fayette Meek, one of the organizers of the University Land Company, acquired the lot in 1886 from that company, two years after it was platted. There were two more owners between 1887 and 1888 (Charles H. Atkins, R.T.C. Lord). Mary A. Scott (or Anna M.) bought the site in 1888 and was living there in 1889 with Caleb D. Scott (streetcar conductor) and James L. Scott, who was retired. A J.M. Scott at this address was among the members of University Christian Church in 1896. The house was built by 1889.

Sarah L. (and Culver?) Hopkins bought the property in 1899, and in 1900 Culver M. Hopkins was listed at this address. Also, John O. Hopkins, an owner of the sporting goods store Hopkins-Sears Company, lived here in 1900. (Hopkins continues to sell sporting goods in the 1980s.) The Hopkins family sold the property to George H. Gallup in 1904, but he was not listed as living there in city directories for 1903 or 1904. The house is one of only three on the west side of the block on the 1901 Sanborn map.

See continuation sheet

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

Des Moines City Directories, 1889, 1894, 1900, 1903, 1904.  
Auditor's Office Records.  
Sanborn Fire Insurance Map, 1901.  
Long, Barbara Beving. Multiple Property Documentation Form, "The Successful Beginnings of Drake University." 1987.  
"Directory of the Christian Churches of Des Moines, 1896-1897."  
Location: State Historical Society of Iowa.

See continuation sheet

**Previous documentation on file (NPS):**

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary location of additional data:**

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository: \_\_\_\_\_

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreeage of property Less than one acre

**UTM References**

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**Verbal Boundary Description**

Lot 232, University Land Company's 1st Addition. See map (site #9) for Multiple Property Documentation Form, "Drake University and Related Properties in Des Moines, Iowa, 1881-1918."

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**Boundary Justification**

The boundary includes that city lot that has historically been associated with the property.

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