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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Fire Station No. 4

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

1041 8th Street

___ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Des Moines

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Fourth

STATE

Iowa

___ VICINITY OF

CODE

COUNTY
POLK

CODE

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

___ DISTRICT

PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

___ AGRICULTURE

___ MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

___ PRIVATE

___ UNOCCUPIED

___ COMMERCIAL

___ PARK

___ STRUCTURE

___ BOTH

___ WORK IN PROGRESS

___ EDUCATIONAL

___ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

___ SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

___ ENTERTAINMENT

___ RELIGIOUS

___ OBJECT

___ IN PROCESS

YES: RESTRICTED

___ GOVERNMENT

___ SCIENTIFIC

___ BEING CONSIDERED

___ YES: UNRESTRICTED

___ INDUSTRIAL

___ TRANSPORTATION

___ NO

___ MILITARY

OTHER: ambu-

lance barn

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

City of Des Moines

STREET & NUMBER

East First and Locust

CITY, TOWN

Des Moines

___ VICINITY OF

STATE

Iowa 50309

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Polk County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

6th and Mulberry

CITY, TOWN

Des Moines

STATE

Iowa

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Fire Station No. 4 is believed to have been built about 1896, with an addition on the east (rear) in 1962. The building has exterior walls of brick, laid in Flemish bond with glazed headers. The tiled roof is a shallow hip, with slender rafter ends protruding from the eaves. Broad stone belt coursing is found at sill level on both stories of the main (original) block.

The original block is approximately 60' x 40', with a wide, full-height projecting rectangular bay on the south side. First story windows have segmental arches, while those of the upper floor are set flush with the juncture of wall and eaves. The wide main entrance features a modified Gibbs surround with stone voussoirs. Above it is a small projecting bay window. The upper halves of the windows in the south side projecting bay (first floor) are filled in with brick, laid in the same bond and displaying the same glazed headers found on the exterior walls. Certain of these bricks are set to project slightly from the plane of the infill, forming rectangular panels in each window opening.

The main room, used for pumper storage, has a concrete floor and tongue-in-groove ceiling. In the bay on the south side are a small office and stairwell to the second floor, which contained sleeping quarters for firemen. This floor has a wooden floor, plaster walls and ceiling. The east addition contains a kitchen, drying tower room and bathroom.

The station is located in an urban residential area presently involved in urban renewal. The station was determined eligible for the National Register by the Secretary of the Interior in October, 1978.

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<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 1896

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The significance of Fire Station No. 4 derives from its status as one of a small group of fire stations erected in Des Moines around the turn of the century, and one of the earliest buildings of its type in the city. Five other stations remain from this period, most of which are threatened with demolition. In style and form, the building typifies firestation design of its period. Noteworthy features are the modified Gibbs surround of the main doorway, which lends discreet emphasis to the most important architectural element of the building; the stone beltcourses at windowsill level on both stories; and the extremely nice Flemish bond brickwork with glazed headers.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Polk, R.L. Des Moines City Directory, 1900, 1920.
 Interview, Barbara Crouch, Des Moines Plan and Zoning Department, with Lee Williams, Des Moines Fire Chief, July 20, 1978.
 Material submitted to SHPO for Determination of Eligibility, summer 1978.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one

QUADRANGLE NAME Des Moines ^{SW}, Iowa

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCES

A 15 447700 4605070
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

One city lot, Northeast corner of 8th Street and Day Street, Des Moines

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

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

May 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

LOCAL X

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 D. Anderson

TITLE

Director, Division of Historic Preservation

DATE

5/4/79

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

William H. Brasham
 KEEP ER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

6-27-79

ATTEST: *William H. Brasham*
 CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

6-21-79

DATE