

SITE #82-10-FM-S432

HISTORIC DISTRICT

NAME Westphal-Schmidt House

ADDRESS 432 South Fairmount

MAP NUMBER

Davenport West



LEGAL DESCRIPTION Pt. SE/4 Sec. 32-78-3 beg. at
NE cor Lot 11 Ead's Sub. -S 106 2/3' -W 325' -N
86'-E 69.1' -N66.68' -E 50' -S 46' E 205.9' to beg.

ACREAGE ap.1 ZONE R3D UTM 15/69,100 4598430

OWNER H. Wood Miller
432 S. Fairmount
Davenport, IA

TITLE H

DESCRIPTION

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE Tuscan Italianate

DATE c. 1857

FORM 2 stories, 5 bays long, 3 bays deep; single-story shed-roofed additions on west and south sides; symmetrical main facade; two-story gallery recessed beneath main roof (hipped, with low belvedere)

MATERIALS rubble limestone foundation, built into bank that slopes down in front, rather than at the rear; frame upper story, clapboarded; ground floor front wall also clapboarded on exterior (stone walls may be limited to sides and rear?)

FENESTRATION front windows have 1/1 d.h.s. (not original); original 6/6 sash elsewhere; second story front windows very tall and narrow, occurring in pairs

FEATURES narrow "pentroofs" over windows, with small pendant brackets at ends

ALTERATIONS materials of gallery (posts, railings) do not appear original, although the gallery concept is very likely original; possibly re-sided

SITE deep setback on rising lot; partly shaded, but with clear view of wooded ravine across street; brick and stone outbuilding, now garage, to northwest of house: 1 story with bank construction, segmented arches at doors and windows (also one doorway with a timber lintel); iron star anchors occur midway up main story walls

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE This house is a locally-significant example of the Tuscan Italianate style, the first of the Italian-derived styles to be adopted in Davenport, beginning in the mid-1850's. Although the existing two-story gallery does not appear to be original, a similar feature was likely part of the initial construction. As no other examples of this gallery feature have been recorded in the Davenport survey, this house may be considered of particular interest. Another noteworthy feature is the bank construction, which is the reverse of the usual employment of this technique. On nearly all other examples recorded in the survey, the lot slopes down at the rear of the house (giving a walk-in basement); while in this house, the direction of slope is reversed, putting the main living floor essentially at "basement" level. Another reversal is placement of tall, narrow windows on the upper story, rather than on the main floor, the latter being a common feature of local

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HISTORICAL DATA

John and Dorathea Westphal were the first occupants of this house. The house was one of five summer houses which were built in this area during the late 1850's. Fred. T. Schmidt owned and occupied the house by the early 1860's. He and his brother Carl F. Schmidt raised grapes and made wine from their farm, which was sited on a prominence south of Black Hawk Creek (west of the city limits).

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

SOURCES Combined Atlases of Scott County, Iowa (1882, 1894, 1905, 1919).
Evansville, Ind.: Unigraphic, Inc., 1975.
Scott County Directory, 1882.
Downer, Harry E. History of Davenport and Scott County, Iowa. (Vol. II) Chicago: S.J. Clarke Publishing Co., 1910

ARCHITECTURAL EVALUATION

DESIGN good STATURE incident CONTEXT fair FABRIC good
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE local DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION

HISTORICAL EVALUATION

PRIMARY THEME SECONDARY THEME
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBLE yes PHOTO ID 1761-3,4,5,6,7

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NOT ELIGIBLE FOR NRHP	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3 NRHP ACTION

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B FEDERAL REVIEW	APP <input type="checkbox"/>	DISAPP <input type="checkbox"/>	TABLED <input type="checkbox"/>	DATE _____

4 DHP SOURCES

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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (con't)

Italianate construction.

A few yards to the southwest is a brick structure believed to have originally been used as part of a wine-making operation. Although fenestration and entrances have been modified somewhat, this structure remains an interesting example of early brick and stone construction in Davenport. This is one of two surviving summer houses (of five) built in this area. It is the only one which retains its historical integrity.