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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Brucemore is a three-story house in the Queen Anne Revival style, of red brick on a dressed stone foundation. Typical of this style are the asymmetrical plan and picturesque profile of the house. The roof has a complex form, with numerous gabled and hipped projections, and decorative cresting on the ridge. There are five corbelled chimneys of brick and limestone.

The house has many decorative features on the facade. Portions of the third story are faced with hung slate shingles, and there are instances of molded terracotta decoration on the north side. Carved stonework in the label moldings of some widnows, and decorative use of wood on bays add to the variety.

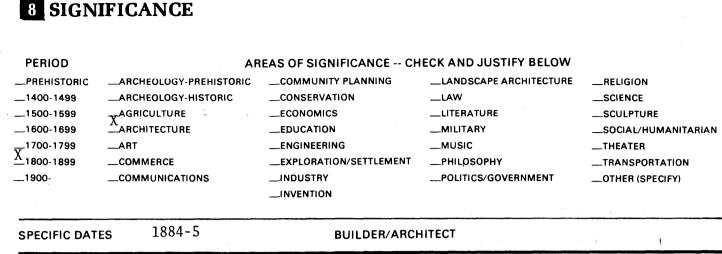
Windows are irregularly placed throughout. Most are 1/1 double hung sash, with some on the first floor having segmental arches. There are two oriel windows, on the northeast and northwest facades. Screened porches are on the second and third floors on the south side.

On the southeast is an unusual porte-cochere, supported by square brick piers and having an open lattice roof. Two gable-roof sun porches (early 20th century additions) are on either corner of the northwest side. Another later alteration is the bracketted hood over the front entrance.

The interior features much butternut wookwork and panelling, installed early in the 20th century. There is a grand stairway to the third floor, also done in butternut.

Brucemore is set among carefully landscaped gardens and lawns. There are many trees, including a variety of fruit trees.

Most alterations took place early in the 20th century, when the second owner, George Douglas, occupied the house. Since then, the roof has been reshingled in asphalt and the flashing replaced with copper.



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Architecturally, Brucemore is an excellent example of Queen Anne Revival, with its complex paln and cluttered, yet carefully contrived, facades. The variety of materials used on the exterior (slate, wood, brick, stone) is particularly noteworthy. The ponderous mass of the house suggests Richardsonian influences, but the irregularity of the plan, the bays and oriels and tall chimneys all point the the Queen Anne avoidance of plain design and simple facades.

The house was built in 1884-5 for T.M. Sinclair, who founded the Sinclair Packing Company, concentrating on the slaughtering and processing of hogs. After his death in 1908, his friend, George Douglas, took over the house. Douglas, who installed the butternut panelling and woodwork, was associated with the Quaker Oats Company, also in Cedar Rapids. Howard Hall, who lived here from 1938 until his death in 1971, participated in a wide variety of business and philanthropic activities. Among them were Amana Refrigeration, Iowa Electric Light and Power Company, several banking institutions, and membership on the Mercy Hospital Board of Trustees and the Mt. Mercy College Board.

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