

ARCHITECTURAL/HISTORICAL SURVEY

DAVENPORT, IOWA

The Architects Office

Wehner, Nowysz, Pottschiull and Pfiffner
201 day building, Iowa city Iowa 52240

DAVENPORT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
IOWA DIVISION OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION

SITE # 82-10- 1-W2223 MAP # 2

HIST. DIST. _____ (Davenport)

NAME Clarissa Cook Home for the Friendless (H) C (MRA)

ADDRESS 2223 W. First Street
Scott County, Davenport, (See cont sheet)

LEGAL DES. _____ 78 33 _____ (See cont sheet)
SUB-DIVISION BLOCK PARCEL SUB-PARCEL

UTM / 15 69917014519110 ACREAGE 5 ZONE R-4D
EASTING NORTHING

OWNER Cook's Home for the Friendless
2223 W. First St., Davenport, IA

TITLE H. _____ 52802
(IF DIFF)



MAP

(See continuation sheet)

DESCRIPTION

FORM 2 1/2 stories, hipped roof, many projecting pavilions, tower entrance CONST. 1881 -82
DATE
MATERIALS limestone from Cook family quarry near Buffalo ARCH. STYLE Victorian Eclectic
FENESTRATION Rectangular, various sizes
DIST. FEATURES Polychrome and variety of surface textures
ALTERATIONS Elevator added in 1946; gardner's cottage added in 1893, kitchen & family remodeled in 1941; sprinklers added in 1961
SITE & RELATED STR. Original 15.3 acre site cut to 5.3 acres in 1905

STATEMENT

The Cook Home adheres to no particular style, yet well represents architectural trends of its period. The vaguely medieval character, heavy masonry, polychrome exterior and profusion of gabled pavilions, culminating in the entrance tower, reflect the picturesque ideals of victorian America, but the horizontality achieved through plan and broad belt coursing derives from the shingle idiom. The extensive, landscaped grounds provide an effective setting.

T.W. McClelland, contractors
A.N. Carpenter, Landscape Architect
E.C. Gardner, Architect (Springfield, Mass.)

SOURCES

Oszuscik, p. 280
Inventory File, Iowa Division of Historic Preservation

SITE SHEET

ARCHITECTURE

SIGNIFICANCE

This building focuses attention on an important local charity institution - the Clarissa C. Cook Home. The home was typical of the private philanthropic activities undertaken in Davenport at the end of the 19th Century. Because the Cook Home continues to operate in the same fashion it did when it was established in 1881-82, its significance is increased.

HISTORY

DESCRIPTION

The Clarissa Cook Home for the Friendless was established in 1881-82 as a social philanthropic project of Clarissa Cram Cook's will. The facility was directed at "destitute and indigent" women of 60 years of age or older. Life tenancy was provided for the women after they paid a \$100 admission fee. The home was operated by a board of managers composed of prominent businessmen, industrialists and attorneys using income from the Home's endowment to supplement income from the residents.

In 1905 the Home platted a ten acre addition to the city for the establishment of a residential neighborhood. The \$650 lots were sold and the Cook Home underwrote the sales with loans to the buyers for the erection of houses.

The Home prospered through the 1920's until in 1932 endowment income and monthly income failed to cover expenses. From 1932 until 1939 the Home received assistance

SOURCES

"The Will and Codicil Thereto, Clarissa C. Cook,"
Circuit Court of Iowa for Scott County, June, 1877.
Clarissa C. Cook's Home, Minutes, 1880-1960.
Interviews, Fern Paper, former Secretary to Clarissa C. Cook Home, February and March, 1981.

from the City and County governments to continue operation. Additional difficulty came in 1942-44 because of the difficulty of retaining employees because of the war.

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN: Martha Bowers | HISTORIAN: MARLYS SVENDSEN - ROESLER | SURVEY COMP 1981

EVALUATION

ARCHITECTURAL

- I. ARCH. EVALUATION Good
- II. ENVIR. STATURE Focus
- III. INT. OF CONTEXT Excellent
- IV. INT. OF FABRIC Excellent

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:

- NAT. STATE LOCAL N. ELIG.

HISTORICAL

I. THEME(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE:

- A. PRIMARY Social & Humanitarian
- B. SECONDARY _____

II. LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:

- NAT. STATE LOCAL

III. N.R.H.P.

- ELIGIBLE NOT ELIGIBLE

HISTORIC DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION

FOR DIVISION OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION USE ONLY

1. DATE RECEIVED _____

2. DATE OF STAFF EVALUATION _____

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| | A. ARCHITECTURAL | B. HISTORICAL |
| ELIGIBLE FOR N.R.H.P. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| NOT ELIGIBLE FOR N.R.H.P. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

3. N.R.H.P. ACTION

- A. STATE REVIEW COMM. APP. DISAPP. TABLED DATE _____
- B. FEDERAL REVIEW APP. DISAPP. TABLED DATE _____

4. D.H.P. SOURCES

- COUNTY RESOURCES
- W'SHIELD SURVEY
- N.R.H.P.
- GRANT _____
- DET. OF ELIGIBILITY
- R. & C. _____
- DAVENPORT A/H SURVEY

5. SUBJECT TRACES

6. PHOTO

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1628-5,6

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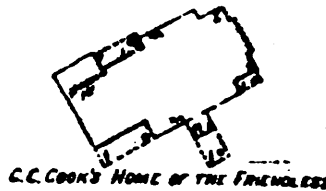
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LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Pt of the NE/4 Sec 33 and pt of Sec 34-78-3
Tract N of Claussen St W of Pine St, S of
First St and E of West Park Add and Ficke's
Hancock Ave Add (exc pt exempt)

ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHS:



MAP:



C.C. COOK'S HOME OF THE FRIENDLESS



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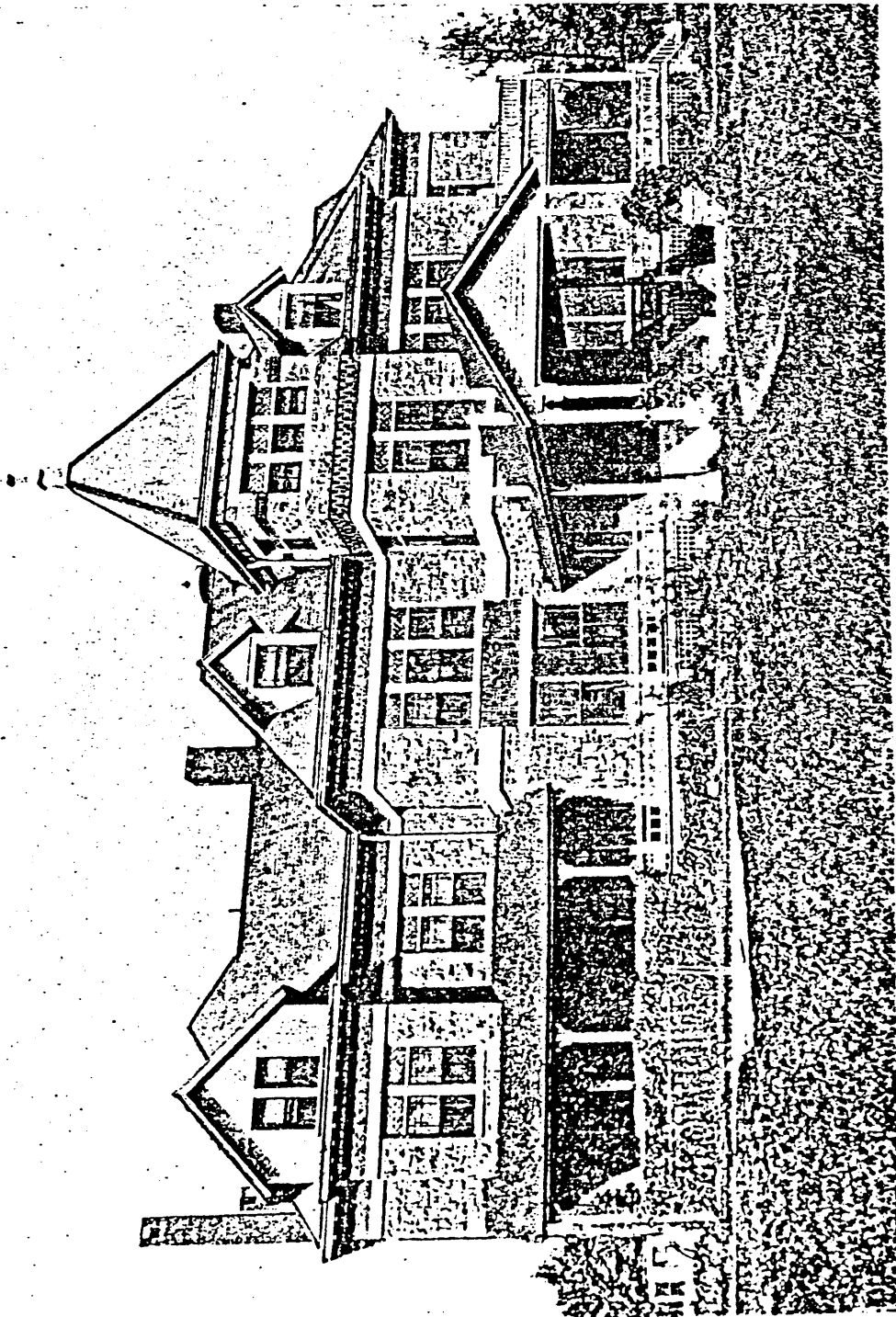
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ARCHITECTURE:

Statement continued.

Cook home in 1901, photo from Pictureque Tri-Cities



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