

Davenport
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DAVENPORT

SURVEY 1982

SITE #82-10-WH-1229 **MAP NUMBER 7**
HISTORIC DISTRICT
NAME Wolters Filling Station
ADDRESS 1229 Washington St



LEGAL DESCRIPTION Sturdevant's 2nd Add., Blk 13,
W 25' of N/2 Lot 9

ACREAGE <1 **ZONE** C2 **UTM** 15/700560 4600440
OWNER Richard A. Wolters **TITLE** H
1451 W. 13th St.
Davenport IA 52804

DESCRIPTION

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE Period Revival **DATE** 1930
FORM 1 story, rectangular plan w/side gable roof; gabled drive-thru
at front forms T-plan
MATERIALS tile w/polychrome, textured facebrick, half-timbered gable
ends; concrete sills
FENESTRATION metal casement
FEATURES symmetrical, three-bay front w/round-arched doorway framed
w/stone "voussoirs"; drive-thru features timber posts and angle bracing; plank
door on strap hinges, with thumb latch
ALTERATIONS gas pumps removed
SITE corner lot in small-scale commercial strip along Washington

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE The Period revivals of the 1920's and 1930's found expression in buildings other than houses. Alfred Wolders chose the English "cottage" style for his small filling station, complete with half-timbered gables and rustic posts and bracing on the drive-through. The polychrome brick, metal casement windows and stone-edged round-arched doorway were features common to other examples of this style in Davenport, some of which are houses also located in this northwestern neighborhood. The "domestic" character of the Wolters station was a typical feature of early gas station architecture, but has been largely replaced by more commercial design. The Wolters station is thus locally significant not only for its attractive utilization of a popular domestic style, but also as one of the fast-disappearing reminders of the earlier automobile era.

HISTORICAL DATA

Alfred Wolters built a filling station here in 1930. The station was later operated by his son, Dick Wolters, as a Standard Oil franchise.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

SOURCES City of Davenport Building Permit Files

ARCHITECTURAL EVALUATION

DESIGN excellent STATURE incident
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE local

CONTEXT fair FABRIC excellent
DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION

HISTORICAL EVALUATION

PRIMARY THEME
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

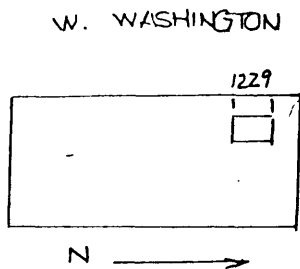
SECONDARY THEME

NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBLE YES

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1 DATE RECEIVED _____

2 DATE OF STAFF EVALUATION _____

	A ARCHITECTURAL	B HISTORICAL
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NOT ELIGIBLE FOR NRHP	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3 NRHP ACTION

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

4 DHP SOURCES

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