

ARCHITECTURAL/HISTORICAL SURVEY

DAVENPORT, IOWA

The Architects Office

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

DAVENPORT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
 IOWA DIVISION OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION

SITE # 82-10-BR-421 MAP # 1

HIST. DIST. _____

NAME Hibernia Hall H C

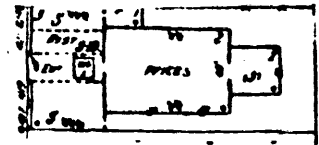
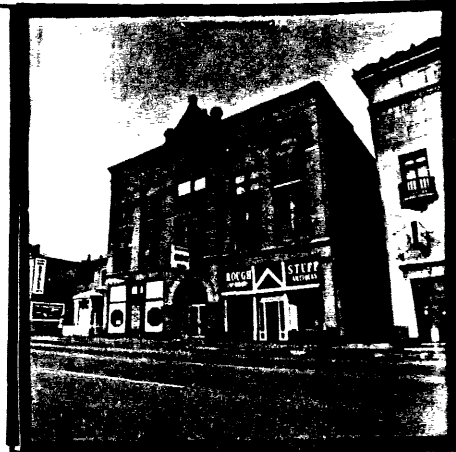
ADDRESS 421 Brady St.

LEGAL DES. LeClaire's 2nd 55 3
SUB-DIVISION BLOCK PARCEL SUB-PARCEL

UTM } 15 710,214,401 4,599,560 ACREAGE -1 ZONE C-4
EASTING NORTHING

OWNER Ronald L. Bellomy
425 Brady Street, Davenport, IA 52801

TITLE H. Milbert W. Reemtsma
(IF DIFF)



SITE SHEET

DESCRIPTION

FORM 3 story block, shallow roof, 5-bay symmetrical front CONST. DATE 1889
 MATERIALS brick; stone trim; cast iron store fronts ARCH STYLE Richardsonian
 FENESTRATION large round arch prominent; plate-glass shopfront windows
 DIST. FEATURES Arcaded upper floors, corbelled cornice, gabled entrance frontispiece
 ALTERATIONS main entrance doors replaced
 SITE & RELATED STR. Freestanding in commercial area

ARCHITECTURE

STATEMENT

Hibernia Hall is a very well preserved example of a commercial block in the Richardsonian Romanesque style, here executed in brick. The material gives a much smoother surface than that normally associated with examples of this style in stone, but the vertical grouping at windows within round-arched arcades is a diagnostic and widely-used element of the style. The brickwork is restored and well done, contributing to the overall character of smooth, planar surface presented by the facade.

SOURCES

SIGNIFICANCE

Hiberia Hall focuses attention on Davenport's Irish Community and their fraternal organizing in the 1880's. Because of the hall's downtown location, and half century association with the Ancient Order of Hibernians, this is the best remaining building to associate with local Irish.

HISTORY

DESCRIPTION

The Ancient Order of Hibernians was organized by Davenport Irish Catholics in 1884. It replaced an earlier Irish organization, the Davenport Branch of the Irish National League of America Begun in 1881. The State Hibernian Convention was held in Davenport in 1885 and 1905, the former at Central Park (VanderVeer Park) and the latter at the Hibernia Hall. Erected in 1889, Hibernia Hall was one of the most valuable Hibernian properties in the state. The Hibernians were aggressive promoters of Ireland's independence from Great Britain, actively raising funds for military and economic support and lending a moral support freely. The Order was discontinued in 1937.

SOURCES

Ringold, E.M., "Davenport Irish." Federal Writers Project, June, 1939.
 Richter, August, "A True History of Scott County," Davenport Democrat, February 26, 1922; June 6, 1920.

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HISTORIAN: MARLYS SVENDSEN - ROESLER

SURVEY COMP. 1981

EVALUATION

ARCHITECTURAL

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

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:

NAT. STATE LOCAL N. ELIG.

HISTORICAL

I. THEME(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE:

A. PRIMARY Settlement
 B. SECONDARY Irish

II. LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:

NAT. STATE LOCAL

III. N.R.H.P.

ELIGIBLE NOT ELIGIBLE

HISTORIC DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION

A. B. C.

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1. DATE RECEIVED _____

2. DATE OF STAFF EVALUATION _____

	A. ARCHITECTURAL	B. HISTORICAL
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3. N.R.H.P. ACTION

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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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South & East Elevations
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