

ARCHITECTURAL/HISTORICAL SURVEY

DAVENPORT, IOWA

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DAVENPORT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
 IOWA DIVISION OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION

SITE # 82-10- BR-1325 MAP # 3

HIST. DIST. _____

NAME St. John's Methodist Church (H) C

ADDRESS 1325-29 Brady Street

LEGAL DES. LeClaire's 8th Add. 105 1
SUB-DIVISION BLOCK PARCEL SUB-PARCEL

UTM 2 15 7101214210 416101016140 ACREAGE -2 ZONE C-0
EASTING NORTHING

OWNER St. John's United Methodist Church
1325 Brady St., Davenport, IA

TITLE H. _____
 (IF DIFF) _____



MAP

SITE SHEET

DESCRIPTION

FORM Cruciform plan, corner tower CONST. DATE 1903

MATERIALS rockfaced limestone ARCH STYLE Gothic Revival

FENESTRATION Lancet or pointed arch used throughout

DIST. FEATURES Entrance portel beneath arched tower base, large tracery windows, W end.

ALTERATIONS _____

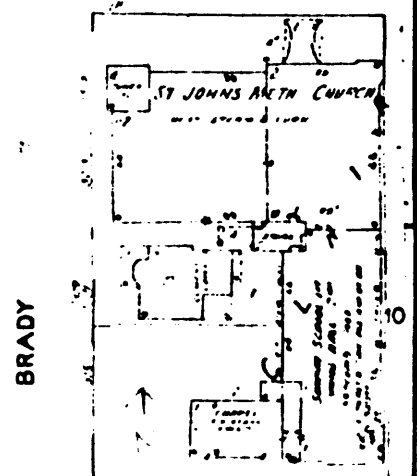
SITE & RELATED STR. Corner lot on major thoroughfare, mixed commercial & residential adjacent rectory in same materials

STATEMENT

Designed by major Davenport architects F.G. Claussen and Parke Burrows, St. John's is a good example of turn-of-the-century Gothic Revival, built of light-colored rockfaced stone. Rather than the soaring verticality often characteristic of the Gothic style, this church, despite the tower pointed arches and profusion of finials, presents a massing of solid, geometrical forms and relatively low profile; emphasized by the strongly horizontal masonry coursing.

SOURCES

Oszuscik, p. 358



ARCHITECTURE

SIGNIFICANCE

This church building is associated with a moderately important protestant congregation in the community that resulted from the merger of two smaller groups. However, it had no statewide religious role and had no major church leaders associated with it.

HISTORY

DESCRIPTION

St. John's Methodist Church was formed in 1899 operating under the name "Central Methodist." It resulted from the merger of First Methodist and Fourteenth Street Methodist Churches. The new St. John's Church was constructed in 1903. St. John's membership was English speaking and non-black at the turn of the century.

SOURCES

"Davenport Churches Have Eminent Part in City's History," "Centennial and Fiftieth Anniversary Edition," Davenport Times, July 11, 1936.
"A Century Plus Forty of Methodism in Davenport, Iowa, 1836-1976," Davenport: St. John's Methodist Church, 1977."

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

EVALUATION

ARCHITECTURAL

- I. ARCH. EVALUATION Good
- II. ENVIR. STATURE Incident
- III. INT. OF CONTEXT Poor
- IV. INT. OF FABRIC 1

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:
 NAT. STATE LOCAL N. ELIG.

HISTORICAL

- I. THEME(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE:
A. PRIMARY Religion
B. SECONDARY Methodism

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
ELIGIBLE FOR N.R.H.P.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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3. N.R.H.P. 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. D.H.P. SOURCES

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

6. PHOTO

82-10-1669-5, 6
North & West Elevations
" " "
1682: 4, 5, 6

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