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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Hill McClelland Bell House

other names/site number 7

2. Location

street & number 1091 26th Street

not for publication

city, town Des Moines

vicinity

state Iowa code IA county Polk code 153 zip code 50311

3. Classification

Ownership of Property

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>1</u>	<u> </u> buildings
<u> </u>	<u> </u> sites
<u> </u>	<u> </u> structures
<u> </u>	<u> </u> objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing:

Drake University and Related Properties in
Des Moines, Iowa, 1881-1918

Number of contributing resources previously
listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

James J. Austin OSTHPA July 15, 1988
Signature of certifying official Date
State Historical Society of Iowa - Bureau of Historic Preservation
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register.
 See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain:)

Beth Poland

11/1/88

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/single dwelling

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/multiple dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Late Victorian

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brick/concrete over
walls Wood/weatherboardroof Asphaltother Wood/shingle

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The 2 1/2-story rectangular house has a gabled front. Notable features include a pent roof along the front gable end, simple moulding which also acts as a lintel for the paired upper windows, wood shingle, and a diamond mullion pattern in some windows. The simple hipped porch (partly enclosed but perhaps originally) wraps around to the south. Above it is a hipped dormer. On the north (left) side is a large three-part bay which pierces the roofline. Slender round porch columns rest on pargeted brick bases. Alterations include: metal storm windows, brick has been pargeted, small rear 1-story addition which has a picture window, possible changes to entries when converted to apartments.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Richey, Charles J. Drake University through 75 Years. Des Moines: Drake University, 1956.
Des Moines City Directories, 1902-1911.
Auditor's Office Records.
Long, Barbara Beving. Multiple Property Documentation Form, "The Successful Beginnings of Drake University." 1987.

See continuation sheet

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property Less than one acre

UTM References

A 115 | 445700 | 4605140
 Zone Easting Northing

C _____ | _____ | _____

B _____ | _____ | _____
 Zone Easting Northing

D _____ | _____ | _____

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

Lot 26 and north half of lot 25, Drake University 2nd Addition. See map (site #7) for Multiple Property Documentation Form, "Drake University and Related Properties in Des Moines, Iowa, 1881-1918."

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

The boundary includes that portion of the city lots that have historically been associated with the property.

See continuation sheet

11. Form Prepared By

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city or town Des Moines state IA zip code 50317

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Education/college

Period of Significance

1902-1911

Significant Dates

1902

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

Bell, Hill McClelland

Architect/Builder

Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The property is directly associated with the successful tenure of Hill M. Bell as Drake University's president during a period of dramatic growth for the college (1902-1918). It is significant under Criterion B, for Bell was a highly influential leader of Drake University's administration during a critical period of the school's history. See the Multiple Property Documentation Form, "The Successful Beginnings of Drake University." The property is also located in one of the ten plats owned by Drake University and its construction dates from within fifteen years of when the plat was filed, making it also eligible under Criterion A: properties related to the financial development of Drake University, 1881-1913.

Drake University sold the lot to H.W. Everest in 1899, twelve years after platting. Mary V. Everest and others sold it to Hill M. Bell the next year, and in 1912 Bell sold the property to Drake University. Bell lived here from 1902, the date of construction, until 1911. Between 1902 and 1918, Bell led the University through such major changes as gaining accreditation from the North Central Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges, establishment of a faculty pension, increases in the endowment and decreases in debts, and reorganization of several colleges. Enrollment increased, and eminent professors joined the faculty. Also during his tenure, five important buildings were added to the campus, representing the early twentieth evolution of the University and its campus. Bell brought Drake University out of the nineteenth century and prepared it to compete in twentieth century collegiate circles.

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