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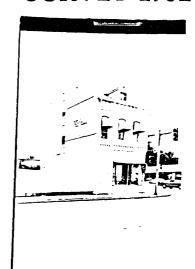
## **DAVENPORT**

SURVEY 1982

SITE #82-10- HA-1501 MAP NUMBER 6
HISTORIC DISTRICT
NAME Koch Drug Store
ADDRESS 1501 Harrison

LEGAL DESCRIPTION Allen's 2nd, Blk. 3, W 50' Lot 14

ACREAGE <1 ZONE C-2 UTM 15/702140 4600760 OWNER H.L. Reid Decorating Co. TITLE H 1501 Harrison St. Davenport, IA 52803



## DESCRIPTION

building prominently sited

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE Victorian Commercial **DATE 1881** 2 story commercial building, low hipped roof, chamfered corner; FORM gabled roof dormers brick and cast iron, on stone foundation MATERIALS plate glass 1st; 4/4 d.h.s. beneath segmented arches, brick FENESTRATION hoods; wood lintels corbel table on west side and around corner, between stories; FEATURES corbelled frieze shopfront slightly reworked, side entry filled in (west), and ALTERATIONS window on south; building painted light yellow; balcony removed between stories

corner lot in small commercial service center north of CBD;

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE The Koch Drug Store is locally significant as a good example of Davenport's small-scale commercial architecture from the later 19th century. Prominently sited on its corner lot, the building makes good use of its location with two public facades and a chamfered corner, a feature found on many small corner commercial structures in Davenport and other Iowa communities. Lacking applied ornament, the building instead is decoratively treated through pilaster and corbel strips, a corbelled cornice and an attractive, almost "denticular" stringcourse between stories, as well as by slightly projecting brick window hoods. The store is located on a major thoroughfare, in a small commercial district that may have been active here from the 1860's or 1870's, functioning as a neighborhood service center more convenient for nearby residents than the central business district, some 10 blocks to the south.

Francis J. Koch, druggist, was the first retail HISTORICAL DATA and residential occupant of this building, beginning in 1881. Koch operated his drugstore from this site for more than a decade, living on the second floor.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Davenport City Directories, 1880, 1881, 1890-91. SOURCES

ARCHITECTURAL EVALUATION

DESIGN good LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE local

STATURE incident CONTEXT fair FABRIC good DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION

HISTORICAL EVALUATION

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NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBLE YES

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