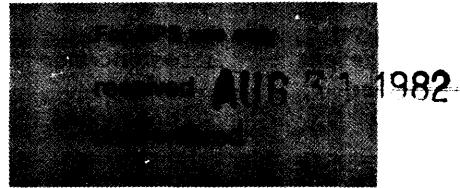


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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Dr. George McLelland Middleton House and Garage

and/or common Dr. George McLelland Middleton House and Garage

2. Location

street & number 1221 Scott St.  not for publication

city, town Davenport vicinity of \_\_\_\_\_ congressional district 1

state Iowa code 19 county Scott code 163

3. Classification

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
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<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N.A. in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
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			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Ronald C. Manning, Richard K. Sundin Jr.

street & number 1221 Scott Street

city, town Davenport vicinity of \_\_\_\_\_ state Iowa

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Registry of Deeds Office

street & number Scott County Courthouse

city, town Davenport state Iowa

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Davenport Arch. and Hist. Survey has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date 1979-82  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Division of Historic Preservation

city, town Des Moines state Iowa

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## 7. Description

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**Condition** excellent good fair deteriorated ruins unexposed**Check one** unaltered altered**Check one** original site moved

date \_\_\_\_\_

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**Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance**

The Middleton house is a good example of early twentieth century residential design. It combines neoclassical details, including symmetrical arrangement and plain columns, with the ample proportions, large windows and very narrow clapboard-covered porch columns associated with later designs.

Built in 1902-03 according to city directories, interviews and the water meter hook-up date, the porch and window treatment above it are noteworthy. The ample porch, which spans the front of the hipped roof house, has four smooth columns and a simple balustrade but also clapboard-covered piers at the corners, as if local architect Fritz G. Clausen feared that the columns alone provided insufficient support. Also on the front is a two window dormer having hipped and gabled rooflines and covered with wider clapboard. This dormer unit projects slightly and four brackets seem to hold it. Beneath them are two small rounded windows eccentrically outlined and bracketed as well.

Six mature oaks shade the residential lot. Other houses in the neighborhood are of similar age and proportions, including one built by George Middleton's brother. (Their parents had owned the property and had a house, no longer standing, behind them.) An alley runs along one side and is separated from the property by the original brick wall. George Middleton raised bees near the wall. Also present is a concrete fishpond, now a rock garden, and the garage.

There have been a few changes to the dwelling, most associated with its conversion to a duplex in 1940. Although it has recently been returned to single family status, the second front door dating from 1940 remains as does an enclosed sunporch in the rear. Inside, the front stairs have been enclosed, a kitchen added to the second floor and a bathroom created out of a first floor pantry. The garage, which carried on the form and materials of the house, was enlarged to accommodate three cars, also in 1940.

An ample foyer opens via French doors onto the living room, which features a fireplace. The dining room has a bay window. What were described as "wood strips give the rooms a Tudor look."

# 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		Medicine: general practice

**Specific dates** 1903–present      **Builder/Architect** Fritz G. Clausen

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**

The house's significance is architectural. Dr. George Middleton lived in the house between 1903 and 1918, when he left to serve in World War I. The house was built on land from his father's estate and George did not receive title to the property until 1915. Dr. Middleton was a general practice doctor and also was Davenport's City Physician, and a "traveling doctor for local industry," including the Rock Island Railroad. The Middletons had no children, and that may explain their sale of the house in 1918 when the doctor joined the Army Medical Corps. Middleton was one of three doctor sons that Dr. William Middleton, a founding member of the State University of Iowa Medical College and a bone specialist, sired.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

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# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than one acre

Quadrangle name Davenport East

Quadrangle scale 1/24,000

### UMT References

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

See continuation sheet

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	<u>N.A.</u>	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Barbara Beving Long and Ralph J. Christian, Architectural Historians

organization Division of Historic Preservation date July 1982

street & number East 12th and Grand Avenue telephone 515/281-5111

city or town Des Moines state Iowa

# 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national  state  local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature *John A. Anderson*

title Director date July 21, 1982

**For NPS use only**

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

*Alton Byer* Entered in the National Register date 11/10/82

Keeper of the National Register

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

Chief of Registration

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 (Dav. Pub. Library)  
 Davenport TIMES, Dec. 24, 1913 on page 7 (Ibid.),  
 Mrs. Marie LeClaire Anderson (granddaughter of W.D. and Susan Middleton)  
 311 W. 3rd Street in Davenport at 323-7091  
 Mrs. Helen Bein Van Houten (daughter of Louis and Amanda Bein)  
 2624 E. Columbia in Davenport at 355-7261  
 Mr. S.J. Delarue (next-door neighbor, occupant of Dr. Ned Middleton home since 1916  
 and former patient of George) at 1229 Scott Street in Davenport at 323-1252  
 Ms. Norma A. Goettig (receptionist who worked for Dr. Middleton--George--)  
 106 E. 3rd Street in Davenport at 322-4062  
 Dr. C.M. Zukerman (Medical associate of George Middleton) at 1360 Kimberly Ridge  
 Road in Bettendorf at 355-3660  
 Mr. Kim Peterson (Historian for Medical Society of Scott County) at 203 Hillcrest  
 Avenue in Davenport at 355-1481.  
 Ms. Dorothy Ploehn (lady who grew up in neighborhood and remembers much) at 404 W.  
 12th Street in Davenport at 322-0787  
 Mr. Art Nehlsen (long term resident and neighbor--since 1919) at 1222 Scott Street  
 in Davenport at 326-2324  
 Mr. Robert Evans (long-time employee of Davenport Public Library who once lived in  
 this neighborhood and whose sisters used to live here at 1221 Scott Street) can be  
 reached at library at 326-7832  
 Mr. Earl Armil (former piano student of Susan Modeman Middleton) at 811 E. 14th St.  
 in Davenport at 324-5488)  
 Dr. Leo Miltner (medical associate of George Middleton) at 405 Slavens Manor in Bet-  
 tendorf at 355-2112  
 St. Luke's Hospital--Sarah in records (confirmed fact that George practiced out of  
 this hospital) at Hospital at 326-6512  
 Ms. Dorothy Nebergall (long term neighbor in area) at 2506 E. 18th Street. in Daven-  
 port at 322-2908  
 Davenport Water Co. (service records for 1221 Scott Street that date back to 1903)  
 at 130 E. 2nd Street in Davenport at 324-3264  
 Mr. Ed Ankerson (President of Schlueter Ele. Co. and son-in-law of Peter Schlueter)  
 at 1515 Harrison Street in Davenport at 322-2195  
 Ms. Loucille Payson (Niece of William F. Barth who was a former owner of 1221 Scott  
 Street) at 2526 33rd Avenue in Rock Island, Illinois at 786-2859  
 Mr. Ernest Stendor (former owner of 1221 Scott Street from 1950-1970) at 344 W. Garfield  
 Street in Davenport at 323-7447  
 Ms. Janice Enders (Former owner of 1221 Scott Street and daughter of Louis Bender who  
 was an earlier former owner) RR Orion, Ill.-1-309-526-8201  
 Mr. Gary Kolosik (Former owner and occupant of 1221 Scott Street) at 3410 Hobson Avenue  
 in Davenport at 323-6988)  
 Ms. Marlys Svensen (Historical Planner for City of Davenport) at City Hall at 326-7711  
 Mrs. Dave Mellott (Secretary for Historical Society of Scott Co.) at 810 Spaulding Blvd.  
 in Davenport at 324-4800

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BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The south 91 feet of the west 110 feet of the North half of Block 17 in Mackintosh's Third Addition to the City of Davenport, Scott County

and

The East ten feet of the South Ninety-one feet of the West one hundred twenty feet of the north half of Block Seventeen of Mackintosh's Third Addition to the City of Davenport, Iowa which combined would be considered the South 91 feet of the west 120 feet of the North half of Block 17 in Mackintosh's Third Addition to the City of Davenport, Scott County, Iowa.