

ARCHITECTURAL/HISTORICAL SURVEY

DAVENPORT, IOWA

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DAVENPORT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
 IOWA DIVISION OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION

SITE # 82-10-3-W1801 MAP # 2

HIST. DIST. _____

NAME Zoeller Bros-Independent Malting Co. H C

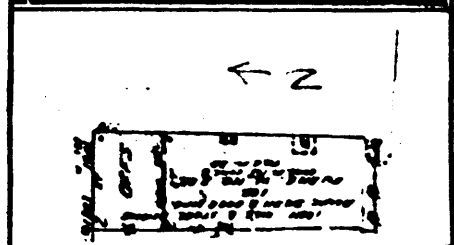
ADDRESS 1801 W. 3rd St.

LEGAL DES. Parker's Add 2 16
SUB-DIVISION BLOCK PARCEL SUB-PARCEL

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EASTING NORTHING

OWNER Virginia A. Saller
1801 W. 3rd Street

TITLE H. Davenport, IA 52802
(IF DIFF.)



SITE SHEET

ARCHITECTURE

DESCRIPTION

FORM 2 story, tripartite front, 9 two-window bays each side CONST. DATE c. 1895

MATERIALS brick, stone detail ARCH STYLE _____

FENESTRATION sides: segmental arches; front & front corners; wider w/splayed flat stone heads & slab sills

DIST. FEATURES Recessed entrance w/engaged piers, entablature & shallow pediment

ALTERATIONS _____

SITE & RELATED STR. Corner location in small-scale residential-industrial area

STATEMENT

This is a well preserved example of a combined office-factory building from the late 19th century, in which the two functions are clearly indicated through variation in fenestration. Otherwise it has no particular architectural distinction.

SOURCES

SIGNIFICANCE

This building is associated with the prosperous brewing industry that established in Davenport between the Civil War and 1900. This firm established late in the period and survived the longest of any of the local brewing concerns. Because of its longevity, its significance is increased.

DESCRIPTION

Ernest Jr., Herman and Charles Zoeller opened the Zoeller Brothers Malt House in the Black Hawk area of western Davenport in the mid-1880's. By 1890 the firm had reopened the Black Hawk brewery which Ernst Zoeller, Sr. had operated earlier. In 1894, the Zoeller interests were consolidated with three other breweries to form the "Davenport Malting Co." Before two years had passed, however, the Zoeller Brothers had organized another competing malting company - "Independent Brewing and Malting Company." The new plant (this building) was in the west end industrial area. In 1916 because of state prohibition laws, Independent ceased production. Employment totaled 150 and the business was of a regional nature. After national prohibition was discontinued in 1933 and Davenport became a brewery city again, Zoeller Brewery was re-established. Distribution of Zoeller products extended over nine states including Iowa, Illinois, Nebraska, Missouri, Kansas, Indiana, Minnesota, South Dakota and Georgia. Zoeller's became the largest brewery in the Tri-Cities and the largest brewery in Iowa by 1941. 150,000 barrels were produced annually and 250-300 workers were employed in the 1940's. Zoeller Brewery had its name changed to "Black Hawk Brewery in . In 1952 they suspended production. Uchtorff Brewing Company operated out of the former Zoeller's building for the next three years but discontinued production in 1956 when competition and popularity of national products undermined their sales.

SOURCES

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- City Directories, 1885-1952.

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

EVALUATION

ARCHITECTURAL

- I. ARCH. EVALUATION Fair
- II. ENVIR. STATURE Infill/Tissue
- III. INT. OF CONTEXT Good
- IV. INT. OF FABRIC Good

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

HISTORICAL

- I. THEME(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE:
A. PRIMARY Industry
B. SECONDARY Brewing

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. DISAPP. Tabled DATE _____

B. FEDERAL REVIEW APP. DISAPP. Tabled 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
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North & East Elevations