

Davenport
Department of Community Development
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DAVENPORT SURVEY 1982

SITE #82-10-DV-1618 **MAP NUMBER 6**
HISTORIC DISTRICT
NAME Frank J. Von Ach House
ADDRESS 1618 Davenport St.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION Cutter's Replat McHart's Subd.
of LeClaire's 13th Add., Blk. 134, Lot 9

ACREAGE <1 **ZONE** R4D **UTM** 15/703220 4601010
OWNER Margaret Hart **TITLE** H
1618 Davenport
Davenport, IA 52803



DESCRIPTION

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE Queen Anne/Colonial Revival **DATE** 1896
FORM 2-1/2 stories, "pinwheel" plan w/hipped main roof and gabled pavilion at front; porch in re-entrant angle, extended to south; two-story polygonal bay north side
MATERIALS frame on masonry foundation; narrow clapboarding
FENESTRATION irregular, and of various sizes and shapes
FEATURES shingled front gable; Adamesque detail over entrance and front parlor window; fluted pilasters at entrance; porch has short columns on clapboarded pedestals and denticular cornice
ALTERATIONS
SITE narrow, elevated lot

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE The Von Ach house is a good example of the Queen Anne/Colonial Revival style combination that was popular in turn of the century Davenport. The pinwheel plan and variety of surface textures derives from the Queen Anne, as does the irregular window placement which reflects function rather than formalism in design. This essentially Victorian style is "modernized" through addition of a neoclassical porch, aedicular frame around the main entrance, and touches of Adamesque detail.

HISTORICAL DATA

Francis J. Von Ach was the original occupant of this house. Von Ach worked as a traveling salesman for August Steffen Co., dealers in wholesale drygoods. He had extensive sales experience in small retail firms before joining Steffen. Von Ach was also a founder and leader of the Tri-City Travelers' Association, an organization for traveling salesmen.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

SOURCES

Davenport City Directories, 1894-5, 1896-7
Biographical History of Scott County, Iowa. Chicago: American Biographical Publishing Co., 1895, p. 379.

ARCHITECTURAL EVALUATION

DESIGN good STATURE incident
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE local

CONTEXT excellent FABRIC excellent
DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION

HISTORICAL EVALUATION

PRIMARY THEME
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

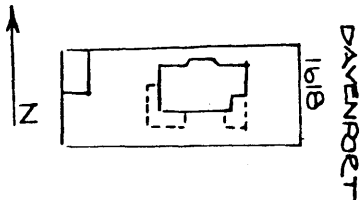
SECONDARY THEME

NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBLE yes

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2 DATE OF STAFF EVALUATION _____

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NOT ELIGIBLE FOR NRHP	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3 NRHP ACTION

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