

Davenport
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DAVENPORT

SURVEY 1982

SITE #82-10- LO-E918 MAP NUMBER 6
HISTORIC DISTRICT
NAME Edward C. Roberts House
ADDRESS 918 E. Locust St.



LEGAL DESCRIPTION C.F.Spicer's Add., Blk. 1, E
1/2 Lot 3 and all Lot 4

ACREAGE <1 ZONE R6M UTM 15/703400 4601190
OWNER Mark A. Volrath TITLE H Edward D. Jordan
Le Claire, IA 52753 7th St. & 7th Ave.
De Witt, IA 5274

DESCRIPTION

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE Prairie DATE 1909
FORM 2 stories, low hipped roof w/wide eaves; main block has
tripartite, symmetrical facade w/wing to west
MATERIALS frame, stucco
FENESTRATION 6/6,8/8 d.h.s., also 2/2/2 in bands; flat wood surrounds
FEATURES recessed entry behind thick columns in antis, set beneath a
hipped roof supported on overscaled brackets; window boxes flanking entry also
supported on large brackets
ALTERATIONS rear addition, finished in half-timber
SITE

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE This house is among the limited number of dwellings in Davenport of strong Prairie design. However, the symmetry and focus on the entry also suggest the influence of the Georgian/Federal Revival, which was particularly strong in the city. Prairie features include the horizontality produced by the low hipped roof, wide eaves, and grouping of windows in bands. The entrance, with its stylized columns in antis, combines the neoclassical with an arrangement common to a number of early Prairie houses by Wright and his followers, in both Oak Park and Mason City, Iowa. Although this house is not a pure example of any style, it is representative of the way in which Prairie influences were adapted in Davenport, and as one of the few clearly Prairie-derived houses in the city, it deserves recognition.

HISTORICAL DATA

Edward C. Roberts had this house built in 1909. Roberts, the son of Uriah and Julia Roberts, was then President of the U.N. Roberts Co. and the Gordon-Van Tine Co. Both firms were local planing mills which were eventually merged into one company. Roberts' mother, Julia, ran the U.N. Roberts Company for nearly 30 years prior to her son's involvement. The Roberts firm was the longest-lived, most successful planing mill in the city.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

SOURCES Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, Davenport, Iowa, 1910
Davenport City Directories, 1909, 1910, 1919

ARCHITECTURAL EVALUATION

DESIGN good STATURE incident
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE local

CONTEXT fair FABRIC good
DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION

HISTORICAL EVALUATION

PRIMARY THEME
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

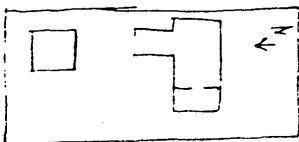
SECONDARY THEME

NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBLE YES

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Marlys Svendsen, Historian



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1 DATE RECEIVED _____

2 DATE OF STAFF EVALUATION _____

	A ARCHITECTURAL	B HISTORICAL
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NOT ELIGIBLE FOR NRHP	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3 NRHP ACTION

A STATE REVIEW COMM	APP <input type="checkbox"/>	DISAPP <input type="checkbox"/>	TABLED <input type="checkbox"/>	DATE _____
B FEDERAL REVIEW	APP <input type="checkbox"/>	DISAPP <input type="checkbox"/>	TABLED <input type="checkbox"/>	DATE _____

4 DHP SOURCES

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<input type="checkbox"/> NRHP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DAVENPORT A/H SURVEY
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5 SUBJECT TRACES

6 PHOTO