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SITE #82-10	
HIST. DIST.	
NAME Renwick Building H C	7
ADDRESS 322 Brady Street N 21' of S 58' of Lots 6	
LEGAL DES. LeClaire's 1st 45 7 BLOCK PARCEL SUB-PARCEL	
OWNER Sunderbruck Company	
311 N. Elmwood Davenport, Ioug 528021	7
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DESCRIPTION

FORM 4 story commercial/warehouse block	CONST. C. 1896-
MATERIALS Brick over steel & iron structural system ARCH Commercial	
PENESTRATION Storefront 1st, multilight w/transom lights 2nd - 3rd, roun	
DIST FEATURES Bracketted cornice w/paneled brick frieze, see also below	
ALTERATIONS 1930's storefront modernization	
SITE & RELATED STR. CBD	

STATEMENT

The Renwick Building is one of several buildings in Davenport inspired by the work of Chicago Architects during the 1890's. Combining retail and warehouse space, the Renwick's facade is opened up by large window expanses within a pier-and-spandrelz frame that clearly expresses the internal structural system. At 4th floor level is an arcade of round-arched windows illustrating the lingering popularity of the Romanesque in late 19th century commercial design.

The storefront, a black glass and aluminum feature from the 1930's with its smooth surface and sharp-edged quality, presents an interesting contrast to the more textured surfaces of the brick upper floors.

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