

Davenport
Department of Community Development
Iowa Office of Historic Preservation
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DAVENPORT SURVEY 1982

SITE #82-10-CJ-929 MAP NUMBER 5
HISTORIC DISTRICT
NAME George Copeland House
ADDRESS 929 College Ave.



LEGAL DESCRIPTION Fulton's Add. to E. Davenport,
Blk. 12, N 71' of Lots 19 and 20

ACREAGE <1 ZONE R-4D UTM 15/703900 4600240
OWNER Suzanne Wells TITLE H
929 College Ave.
Davenport IA 52803

DESCRIPTION

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE McClelland Front-Gable DATE c. 1875-80
FORM 2 stories, rectangular main block w/front gable orientation;
three-bay front w/entrance to left of center; extension to rear with enclosed
porch on south side
MATERIALS brick; framed window bay south side
FENESTRATION 2/2 d.h.s.; wood lintels; no surrounds
FEATURES lucarne in gable end; see also below
ALTERATIONS none of significance
SITE corner lot in mid-late 19th century residential area

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE The Copeland house is an unusual version of the two-story, three-bay front-gable form that is found throughout the older areas of Davenport. Its chief distinction is the way in which the exterior wall panels are "recessed" through application of corner piers, and also how this method of construction is used to create a "pediment" in the front gable end. The result is a stylized, almost abstract, impression of the temple-form Greek Revival. This articulation of exterior walls into panels was a common feature of 19th century industrial structures in Davenport, but extremely unusual in the area of domestic building.

HISTORICAL DATA

George E. Copeland resided in this house beginning in 1888, although the house appears to have been built somewhat earlier. Copeland worked as a general agent for the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

SOURCES John Milner Associates, East Davenport Survey, 1977
Davenport City Directories, 1887, 1888-89, 1890-91

ARCHITECTURAL EVALUATION

DESIGN good STATURE incident
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE local

CONTEXT excellent FABRIC good/exc
DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION

HISTORICAL EVALUATION

PRIMARY THEME
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

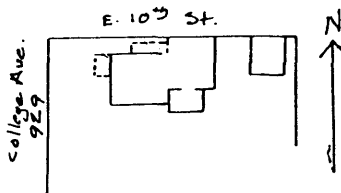
SECONDARY THEME

NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBLE YES

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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 _____
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4 LHP SOURCES

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