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MASON CITY, IOWA

Cerro Gordo County

HISTORIC BUILDINGS & SITES FIELD SURVEY

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Survey Date: 11-16-76

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IDENTIFICATION

(P.S.) NUMBER NE-25

- 1. Common Name Enoch Norem House
- 2. Historic Name Chris Rye House
- 3. Address 630 E. State
- 4. Subdiv. Ryes Sublot NWNE 10-96-20 Blk. Parcel 2 Ryes Sublot
- 5. UTM: 15/483615 4777510 Acreage: less than one

INFORMATION

- 1. Present Owner Enoch A. Norem
- 2. Owner's Address 630 E. State city
- 3. Use: Original house  
Present house
- 4. Construction Date 1912 A
- 5. Accessible to Public? Yes  No
- 6. Zoning District B-SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL
- 7. Maintenance: Excellent  Good  Fair  Poor   
 Structure      
 Site      
 Adjacent Buildings      
 Adjacent Property      
 Vicinity



NATURE OF SITE

- Building
- District
- Site
- Other

SOURCE OF INTEREST

- History
- Architecture
- Other

ARCHITECTURAL QUALITY

- Exceptional
- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor

URBAN DESIGN VALUE

- Exceptional
- Good
- Moderate
- Minor

SIGNIFICANCE

- Neighborhood
- City
- State
- National

CONDITION

- Sound
- Min. Def.
- Maj. Def.
- Substandard

Points 3 Group 3

DESCRIPTION

- 1. No. of Stories: a) one  b) two  c) three  d) other
- 2. Building materials: a) ext. walls stucco infill  
b) foundation brick c) roof asbestos d) porches brick & stucco  
e) other brick piers
- 3. Integrity: a) original site  b) moved  c) when  d) from   
e) major alterations (dates if known) -
- 4. Threats to Site: none known
- 5. Significant Features: SEE back

ADDITIONAL REMARKS Designed and built by Chris Rye for his own home? Mrs. Norem is daughter, Odella C. Rye, of Chris Rye.\*

SOURCES Mr. & Mrs. Enoch Norem - interview 12-10-76  
A City Sewer Records, dated 8-22-1912.  
Photos R-11/30 Mapped  Other  See back of page

5. SIGNIFICANCE: NE-25

Built and probably designed by Chris Rye, a contractor, for his family home, the house was influenced by the Prairie School movement. Rye was the contractor for several of Walter Burley Griffin's houses in nearby Rock Glen. The use of stucco, hip roof and interior detailing are the most obvious Prairie School characteristics. The exterior design of brick base, brick piers at the corners and brick window jambs and heads with stucco wall panel infill on the ground floor are uncommon design features.