

ARCHITECTURAL/HISTORICAL SURVEY

DAVENPORT, IOWA

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201 day building, Iowa city, Iowa 52240

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SITE # 82-10- 16-W205 MAP # 4

HIST. DIST. _____

NAME John W. Ballard House H C

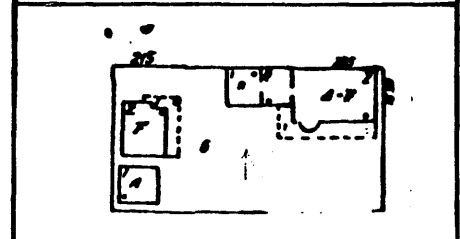
ADDRESS 205 W. 16th St.

LEGAL DES. Allen; Arthur Est. E 90' of Lot 6 & E 90'
Subdivision of N/2
Russell 3 5
SUB-DIVISION BLOCK PARCEL SUB-PARCEL

UTM 15 710212210 4600840 ACREAGE -.1 ZONE R-6M
EASTING NORTHING

OWNER Elmer A. Zesiger, Anna C. Zesiger
205 W. 16th, Davenport, IA

TITLE H. _____
(IF DIFF) _____



SITE SHEET

DESCRIPTION

FORM 2 stories, side-gable, w/1/2-story side wing CONST. c. 1870 ff
DATE _____
MATERIALS Brick, on stone foundation, wood frame wing ARCH STYLE _____
FENESTRATION Flat headed & segmental arched
DIST. FEATURES Semicircular bay, columned veranda
ALTERATIONS See below
SITE & RELATED STR. Corner lot on edge of commercial strip

STATEMENT

This house presents two main facades, neither facing Main Street, that are the result of major modifications to a mid-19th Century Victorian dwelling. Originally, the house had a southern orientation, overlooking a large lot, and a 1-story projecting window bay beside the main entrance. Sometime between 1892 and 1910, a 2-story semicircular bay was added, along with the columned veranda that follows the curve of the bay, and probably the entrance on the north side. The latter elevation is symmetrical (unlike the original front) and shed dormers have also been added. Despite the uninteresting character of the north facade, the house is an interesting study, and the south side retains a large measure of its early graciousness. It falls in the period when upper Main Street began to develop as a quality residential area, shortly after the Civil War, and is one of a small number of substantial residences in the area remaining from that time.

SOURCES

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, 1892, 1910

ARCHITECTURE

SIGNIFICANCE

DESCRIPTION

This house was occupied by John W. Ballard beginning in 1884. Ballard was probably not the original builder. Ballard was a partner with his cousin E. S. Ballord in a pharmacy. It operated under the style "E.S. Ballord & Co." until 1903 when E. S. retired. John and his son continued the drug store under the style "Ballard Drug & Dental Co."

SOURCES

City Directories, 1882-83, 1884-85, 1885-86, 1890-91.
 Downer, Harry E., History of Davenport and Scott County, Iowa, Vol. II,
 Chicago: S.J. Clarke Publishing Co., 1910, pp. 248-49.

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN: Martha Bowers

HISTORIAN: MARLYS SVENDSEN - ROESLER

SURVEY COMP: 1981

EVALUATION

ARCHITECTURAL

- I. ARCH. EVALUATION Fair
- II. ENVIR. STATURE Incident
- III. INT. OF CONTEXT Poor
- IV. INT. OF FABRIC Fair

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:

- NAT. STATE LOCAL N. ELIG.

HISTORICAL

I. THEME(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE:

- A. PRIMARY _____
- B. SECONDARY _____

II. LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:

- NAT. STATE LOCAL

III. N.R.H.P.

- ELIGIBLE NOT ELIGIBLE

HISTORIC DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION

- A. B. C.

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1. DATE RECEIVED _____

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3. N.R.H.P. ACTION

- A. STATE REVIEW COMM. APP. DISAPP. TABLED DATE _____
- B. FEDERAL REVIEW APP. DISAPP. TABLED DATE _____

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- COUNTY RESOURCES
- W'SHIELD SURVEY
- N.R.H.P.
- GRANT _____

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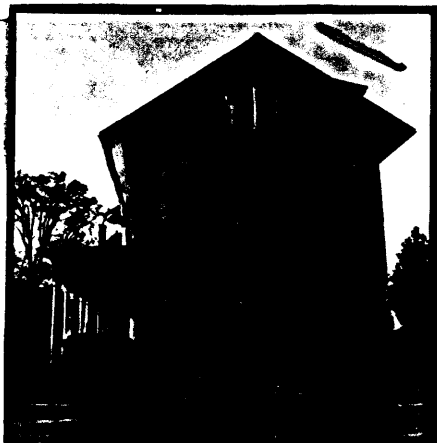
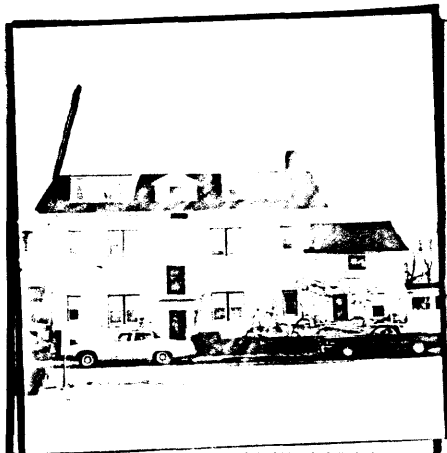
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