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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Francis M. Kirkham House
other names/site number 13

2. Location

street & number 1026 24th Street not for publication
city, town Des Moines vicinity
state Iowa code IA county Polk code 153 zip code 50311

3. Classification

Ownership of Property

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>1</u>	<u> </u> buildings
<u> </u>	<u> </u> sites
<u> </u>	<u> </u> structures
<u> </u>	<u> </u> objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing:

Drake University and Related Properties in Des Moines, Iowa, 1881-1918

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

James E. [Signature] OSHSO July 15, 1988
Signature of certifying official Date
Bureau of Historic Preservation, State Historical Society of Iowa
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register.
 See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain:)

James M. [Signature] Entered in the 9/8/88
National Register

Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)
Domestic/single dwelling

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)
Domestic/multiple dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)

Late Victorian

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brick/concrete over
walls Wood/weatherboard

roof Asphalt

other Wood/shingle

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The 2-story house has a hipped roof with gablets and an irregular shape. It is sheathed in clapboard, but there is decorative wood shingle in the gable end and reeded panels along the cornice. Notable details include a gabled bay placed at an angle, brackets, decorated window surrounds (with bulls-eyes), and the original double doors. A small porch by the bay, shown on a 1901 Sanborn map, has been removed, and porch railings replaced. Windows are not original. A 2-story gambrel-roofed barn is on the site.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Education/college

Period of Significance

1881-1913

Significant Dates

by 1888

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

Kirkham, Francis M.

Architect/Builder

Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

This property is significant because it directly illustrates the effect of Drake University's innovative financing techniques upon settlement in one of the ten plats around the campus. It is significant under Criterion A: properties related to the financial development of Drake University, 1881-1913. The property is located in one of the ten plats owned by the University Land Company or Drake University and its construction dates from within fifteen years of when the plat was filed. See the Multiple Property Documentation Form, "The Successful Beginnings of Drake University." In addition, there is a strong but brief association with the college's Board of Trustees, making the property significant under Criterion B: properties that are associated with lives of pivotal persons directly involved with Drake University's educational and financial development.

In 1886 George T. Carpenter (President of Drake and University Land Company stockholder) sold the present legal description (part of lot) to Francis M. Kirkham. In 1888 Kirkham was listed at this address. Francis M. Kirkham was editor of the Christian Oracle, a Disciples of Christ minister, and among the first Drake Trustees. He was also one of the organizers of the University Land Company. Kirkham is not listed in the 1891 city directory, and in 1889 he had sold the property to Samuel L. Ingram who held it until 1903. Kirkham's association with the property is brief, but the house's construction dates from the pioneer settlement period of the plat. The earliest Sanborn map, 1901, shows the house.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

Auditor's Office Records.
Sanborn Fire Insurance Map, 1901.
Long, Barbara Beving. Multiple Property Documentation Form, "The Successful Beginnings of Drake University." 1987.

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Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property Less than one acre

UTM References

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal Boundary Description

South 50 feet, lot 162, University Land Company's 1st Addition. See map (site #13) for Multiple Property Documentation Form, "Drake University and Related Properties in Des Moines, Iowa, 1881-1918."

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Boundary Justification

The boundary includes that portion of the city lot that has historically been associated with the property (since 1886).

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