

MASON CITY, IOWA

Cerro Gordo County

HISTORIC BUILDINGS & SITES FIELD SURVEY

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IDENTIFICATION * (P.S.) NUMBER NUI-6

- 1. Common Name Jewell Apartments
- 2. Historic Name Nelson & Kehm Property *
- 3. Address 404-412 1st St. N.W. @ N. Madison
(lots 6 & 7 REPLAT E)
- 4. Subdiv. Browns Addition Blk. 56 Parcel 7 & 8 bl
- 5. UTM: 15/482140 4777600 Acreage: approx. 1

INFORMATION

- 1. Present Owner E Richard & Dorothy Nuehring
- 2. Owner's Address 634 S. Virginia Mason City 50401
- 3. Use: Original apartments
Present apartments
- 4. Construction Date 1917 *
- 5. Accessible to Public? Yes ___ No ✓
- 6. Zoning District E-apartment
- 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 ___ Group 2

DESCRIPTION

- 1. No. of Stories: a) one ___ b) two ✓ c) three ___ d) other ___
 - 2. Building materials: a) ext. walls brick-lower; stucco-upper
b) foundation concrete c) roof asphalt/asbestos d) porches brick & wood
e) other ___
 - 3. Integrity: a) original site ✓ b) moved ___ c) when ___ d) from ___
e) major alterations (dates if known) front porch alterations to 404 & 406 with brick partially closing-up original opening & new conc. stoop & stairs.
 - 4. Threats to Site: none known
 - 5. Significant Features: This grouping of two C-shaped in plan buildings creates a unique rhythm along the street. At the same time, a harmonious unity is achieved by the builder's adaptation of "Prairie School" design features and material application. (cont. on back)
- ADDITIONAL REMARKS Built by Fred Lippert A

SOURCES A Arne Holvik-interview 12-10-76 * City Sewer Records dated 5-28-71

Photos R.52 Mapped ___ Other ___ See back of page ✓

* State Inventory



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The grouping, although admittedly not designed by the hand of a master, gives a good indication of the Prairie School approach as applied to urban housing.

