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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

* * Barrows, Edward S., House

AND/OR COMMON

Capital Apartments

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

224 East Sixth Street

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Davenport

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

First

STATE

Iowa

CODE

19

COUNTY

Scott

CODE

163

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

___DISTRICT

___PUBLIC

___OCCUPIED

___AGRICULTURE

___MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

UNOCCUPIED

COMMERCIAL

___PARK

___STRUCTURE

___BOTH

___WORK IN PROGRESS

___EDUCATIONAL

___PRIVATE RESIDENCE

___SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

___ENTERTAINMENT

___RELIGIOUS

___OBJECT

___IN PROCESS

YES: RESTRICTED

___GOVERNMENT

___SCIENTIFIC

___BEING CONSIDERED

___YES: UNRESTRICTED

___INDUSTRIAL

___TRANSPORTATION

___NO

___MILITARY

___OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mr. Harry Groves

STREET & NUMBER

1012 16 1/2 Street

CITY, TOWN

Bettendorf

STATE

Iowa

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Scott County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

416 West Fourth Street

CITY, TOWN

Davenport

STATE

Iowa

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___FEDERAL ___STATE ___COUNTY ___LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Barrows House is a two story structure of stuccoed limestone set in running ashlar bond, with 1½ story portico. Pediments support four fluted columns in the Doric order. The entrance is flanked by pilasters and topped with an entablature. The molded cornices of the portico are carried across the facade and returned. Regular fenestration is outlined by dressed stone lintels and slab sills. The rectangular sash windows on the first floor were 3 lights wide and fifteen lights high.

The original floor plan of the house featured four large rooms on each floor and a long central hall. To facilitate use as an apartment house, the original rooms have been sub-divided in recent years. An entrance stands at either end of the main hall on the ground floor. A one room addition at the rear of the house, which exhibits very old woodworking, 6 over 6 paned windows and a stone foundation, has the only basement in the entire house. The twenty-three inch thick exterior walls have been plastered with cement. The great wooden columns which support the portico, upon which Dr. Barrows sat to watch steamers struggle up on the Rock Island Rapids, were said to have been carved in the south and brought north by riverboat and pulled to the building site by teams of horses,

The interior of the house is being renovated. Heavy molded panels surround window casements. The panels have pediments above the casements and feature porcelain knobbed solid shutters which fold back into the window framework. The front entry to the house has five glass lights above the door and two along each side. The rear entrance, which today leads to the one room addition, also has glass lights and the addition of columns to support them instead of straight moldings. The staircase has a walnut banister, scrollwork on the sides of the risers and an eight-sided truncated newel post.

Mr. Groves hopes to locate his Audio Communications business in the house. Currently, the house is unoccupied, receiving heavy vandalism and in the path of a proposed "Central City By-Pass."

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
___PREHISTORIC	___ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	___COMMUNITY PLANNING	___LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	___RELIGION
___1400-1499	___ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	___CONSERVATION	___LAW	X SCIENCE
___1500-1599	___AGRICULTURE	___ECONOMICS	___LITERATURE	___SCULPTURE
___1600-1699	X ARCHITECTURE	___EDUCATION	___MILITARY	___SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
___1700-1799	___ART	___ENGINEERING	___MUSIC	___THEATER
X 1800-1899	___COMMERCE	___EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	___PHILOSOPHY	___TRANSPORTATION
___1900-	___COMMUNICATIONS	___INDUSTRY	___POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	___OTHER (SPECIFY)
		___INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

ca. 1850

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Classic proportions, a pedimented porch with Doric columns, and simple gable roof make this structure an example of the Classic Revival style. Its date (ca. 1850) is very early for this type of architecture in Iowa. Its first owner, Edward Storrs Barrow, was a Virginian by birth, and his choice of house design may have been inspired by the enthusiasm for Grecian styles expressed by so much of the 18th and early 19th century architecture in that state.

Barrows (1799-1892) came to Davenport in 1836 after serving as a physician with the U. S. Army during the campaign versus the Seminole Indians in Florida. It is said that at the time of his arrival in Davenport, there was only one other physician in the whole of Wisconsin Territory (of which Iowa was then a part). Among Barrows' patients was Antoine LeClaire, fur-trader, Indian agent, and a major figure in the early history of Southeast Iowa.

Barrows' philosophy was somewhat unusual for a medical man, but, given the state of medical knowledge in the mid 19th century, was probably of benefit to many. He advised his friends and patients to leave doctors "severely alone and take as little medicine as possible." When necessary, however, Barrows could, and did, perform many successful treatments, from emergency amputations with a hand saw to a "healthy dose of arsenic", guaranteed to purge the most stubborn ailments. For all his personal misgivings about the status of the medical profession, he was highly respected, and helped found the Scott County Medical Society in 1856.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Loren N. Horton; "Urban Frontier in Iowa: Town Planning and Architecture in Early Davenport," unpublished M.A. thesis, University of Iowa, 1971.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Less than one acre

UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Mrs. Ferrel F. Anderson

ORGANIZATION

Scott County Historic Preservation Program

DATE

11/25/74

STREET & NUMBER

1923 East 13th Street

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Davenport

STATE

Iowa

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Adrian A. Anderson

TITLE Historic Preservation Officer

DATE 24 August 1976

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST: *Charles A. [Signature]*
 DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE 11/21/86

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 11.15.86