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DAVENPORT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
IOWA DIVISION OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION

SITE # 82-10- 3-E115 MAP # 1

HIST. DIST. _____

NAME Schmidt Block (H) C

ADDRESS 115 E. 3rd Street
E 22.5 of W 161.3' of N 1/2

LEGAL DES. LeClaire's 2nd 59
SUB-DIVISION BLOCK PARCEL SUB-PARCEL

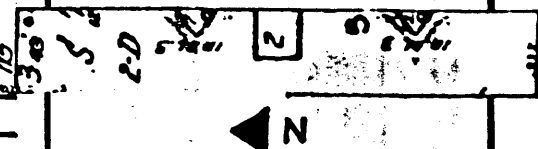
UTM (15 702470 4599380) ACREAGE .1 ZONE C-4
EASTING NORTHING

OWNER J. Allen Johnson & C. David Koenig
3915 16th St., Moline, IL 61265

TITLE H. Bernard Weindruch
OF DIFF. _____



SITE SHEET



DESCRIPTION

FORM 3 story commercial building CONST. DATE 1896
MATERIALS Brick w/sandstone front ARCH STYLE Commercial Richardsonian
FENESTRATION 1/1 D.H.S.; Rectangular 2nd, round-arched 3rd
DIST. FEATURES See below
ALTERATIONS Ground floor front reworked
SITE & RELATED STR. On east edge of CBD

STATEMENT

The Schmidt blocks is an excellent illustration of the adaptation of Richardsonian Romanesque to a commercial structure. The use of rockfaced sandstone, particularly at the heavy window arches is a typical feature. The building also displays a handsome metal cornice (although the swag-embellished frieze is more Adamesque than Romanesque) and an unusual blind "loggia" featuring very short engaged columns. Although a few other buildings in the central city have adapted Richardsonian features to brick construction, the Schmidt Block is the only commercial building recorded in the survey to use the style in stone.

SOURCES

ARCHITECTURE

DESCRIPTION

Fritz T. Schmidt built this commercial building in 1896 to house the wholesale offices for the family's wine and liquor business. The firm, "Fritz T. Schmidt and Sons, produced the products from a west end location known as "Blackhawk Vineyards." The area bordered Blackhawk Creek. Buildings including Schmidt's residence, remain from this post-Civil War winery operation.

SOURCES

City Directories, 1895, 1896, 1912
Atlas of Scott County, Huebinger and Co., 1894.

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN: Martha Bowers

HISTORIAN: MARLYS SVENDSEN - ROESLER

SURVEY COMP 1981

EVALUATION

ARCHITECTURAL

- I. ARCH. EVALUATION Good
- II. ENVIR. STATURE Tissue
- III. INT. OF CONTEXT Fair
- IV. INT. OF FABRIC Good

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 _____

2. DATE OF STAFF EVALUATION _____

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| NOT ELIGIBLE FOR N.R.H.P. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

3. N.R.H.P. ACTION

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

4. D.H.P. SOURCES

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

DET. OF ELIGIBILITY

R. & C. _____

DAVENPORT A/H SURVEY

5. SUBJECT TRACES

6. PHOTO

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