

MASON CITY, IOWA

Cerro Gordo County

HISTORIC BUILDINGS & SITES FIELD SURVEY

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IDENTIFICATION

(P.S.)

NUMBER

80001442 NW-24

- 1. Common Name Agnes Critelli House
- 2. Historic Name Senior* / Mier Wulf* House
- 3. Address 811 N. Adams
- 4. Subdiv. T.S. Roberts Add. Blk. 5 Parcel 8
- 5. UTM: 15/482430 4778340 Acreage: approx. 1

INFORMATION

- 1. Present Owner Agnes A. Critelli
- 2. Owner's Address 811 N. Adams
- 3. Use: Original HOUSE
Present HOUSE
- 4. Construction Date 1909 *
- 5. Accessible to Public? Yes ___ No
- 6. Zoning District D-Two Family
- 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 ___

DESCRIPTION

- 1. No. of Stories: a) one ___ b) two c) three ___ d) other ___
- 2. Building materials: a) ext. walls Stucco over Struc. Clay Tile
 b) foundation same as walls c) roof asbestos shingle d) porches ___
 e) other ___
- 3. Integrity: a) original site b) moved ___ c) when ___ d) from ___
 e) major alterations (dates if known) ___
- 4. Threats to Site: none known
- 5. Significant Features: The researched construction date, 1909, of this little known house indicates it may be important to American architectural history. It is of Prairie School derivation; but predates the nationally known (cont. on back)

ADDITIONAL REMARKS

SOURCES A Art Fischbeck * City Sewer Records

Points ___ Group 1

Photos R-9 & R-11/2 Mapped ___ Other ___ See back of page

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Rock Crest/Rock Glen developments of
Prairie School design in Mason City.

It has a symmetry, massing and composition
similar to Frank Lloyd Wright's so-called
Mayan period of about 1915 to 1920.

This house is unique by the use of
geometric wall decorations, of truncated,
stylized piers on the front facade, and the
paired sculptured shapes ornamenting the
usual heavy fascia of the broadly
overhanging hip roof. Mier Wolf, a
prominent furniture retailer in Mason City,
owned the house for many years.

