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DAVENPORT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
IOWA DIVISION OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION

SITE # 82-10-PY-309 MAP # 1

HIST. DIST. _____

NAME Hotel Blackhawk H C

ADDRESS 309 Perry Street

LEGAL DES. LeClaire's 2nd Add. 58 Lots 1 & 2
SUB-DIVISION BLOCK PARCEL SUB-PARCEL

UTM 2 15 71021560 415191420 ACREAGE -1 ZONE C-4
EASTING NORTHING

OWNER Davenport Bank & Trust Company
203 W. 3rd St., Davenport, IA 52801

TITLE H. _____
(IF DIFF.) _____



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SITE SHEET

DESCRIPTION

FORM 11 story hotel block CONST 1914-1915
DATE
MATERIALS Brick, marble, stone over ARCH Renaissance Revival (mod.)
STYLE
FENESTRATION 1/1 D.H.S. in pairs
DIST. FEATURES Rusticated ground floor
ALTERATIONS 4 stories added 1935, cornice and original canopies removed
SITE & RELATED STR. Corner site in CBD

STATEMENT

A major work by the local firm of Temple & Burrows, the Black Hawk is a Davenport landmark. It was built in 1915 in a simplified Renaissance Revival style in keeping with the Neoclassicism of other major commercial edifices at the time, with a bracketted, modillion cornice and balustraded parapet. The Black Hawk eschewed the surface monochrome of dressed stone for a lively combination of dark brick and white marble, which set it apart from its contemporaries (primarily banks). The 1935 addition of four floors required removal of the original cornice, resulting in a termination more in keeping with the Moderne style of its 1931 sister, the Mississippi. Recently renovated, the Black Hawk may set an important example for future rehabilitation and conservation efforts in the city's CBD.

Temple and Burrows, Architects
Arthur Ebeling, Sup. Architect

SOURCES

Architecture and Building News, 47 (March, 1915) p. 115
Oszuscik, p. 351

ARCHITECTURE

SIGNIFICANCE

This is the major building associated with the modern hotel and commercial boom experienced in Davenport between 1900 and World War II. It symbolized the community's coming of age as a population center and regional economic power before World War I.

DESCRIPTION

The Black Hawk Hotel was built in 1915. It contained numerous modern appointments and was considered one of the finest hotels in the Mississippi River Valley when completed. In 1916, the Black Hawk Hotel Company expanded through the purchase of the Davenport Hotel and in 1931 built the Mississippi Hotel. During the next twenty years the Black Hawk Hotels Corporation acquired hotels in St. Paul, Minnesota and Des Moines, and Mason City, Iowa. In 1935, the Black Hawk remodeled its facility for \$50,000.

SOURCES

"Hotel History Goes Back 101 Years," "Centennial and Fiftieth Anniversary Edition," Davenport Times, July 11, 1936.
 "A Brief Story of Black Hawk," Davenport: Black Hawk Hotels Corporation, c. 1931.

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN: Martha Bowers | HISTORIAN: MARLYS SVENDSEN-ROESLER | SURVEY COMP. 1981

EVALUATION

ARCHITECTURAL

- I. ARCH. EVALUATION Excellent
- II. ENVIR. STATURE Landmark
- III. INT. OF CONTEXT Good
- IV. INT. OF FABRIC Excellent

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:
 NAT. STATE LOCAL N. ELIG.

HISTORICAL

- I. THEME(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE:
 A. PRIMARY Commerce
 B. SECONDARY Hotels

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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I. DATE RECEIVED _____

2. DATE OF STAFF EVALUATION _____

	A. ARCHITECTURAL	B. HISTORICAL
ELIGIBLE FOR N.R.H.P.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
NOT ELIGIBLE FOR N.R.H.P.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3. N.R.H.P. ACTION

A. STATE REVIEW COMM.	APP. <input type="checkbox"/>	DISAPP. <input type="checkbox"/>	TABLED <input type="checkbox"/>	DATE _____
B. FEDERAL REVIEW	APP. <input type="checkbox"/>	DISAPP. <input type="checkbox"/>	TABLED <input type="checkbox"/>	DATE _____

4. D.H.P. SOURCES

<input type="checkbox"/> COUNTY RESOURCES	<input type="checkbox"/> DET. OF ELIGIBILITY
<input type="checkbox"/> W'SHIELD SURVEY	<input type="checkbox"/> R. & C. _____
<input type="checkbox"/> N.R.H.P.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DAVENPORT A/H SURVEY
<input type="checkbox"/> GRANT _____	<input type="checkbox"/> _____

5. SUBJECT TRACES

6. PHOTO

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