

ARCHITECTURAL/HISTORICAL SURVEY

DAVENPORT, IOWA

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DAVENPORT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT  
 IOWA DIVISION OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION

SITE # 82-10- TE-2200(a) MAP # 2

HIST. DIST. \_\_\_\_\_

NAME Severin Miller House H C

ADDRESS 2200 Telegraph Road

LEGAL DES. \_\_\_\_\_ (See cont. sheet)  
SUB-DIVISION 4599660 BLOCK 78AC PARCEL 28 SUB-PARCEL

UTM 5 15 6199360 4599660 ACREAGE 1 ZONE R-4D  
EASTING NORTHING

OWNER Gregory J. Hendricks and wife  
2200 Telegraph Rd., Davenport, IA  
52804

TITLE H. \_\_\_\_\_  
 (IF DIFF) \_\_\_\_\_



MAP

(See continuation sheet)

SITE SHEET

DESCRIPTION

1-story, L-plan, side-gable house w/5-bay symmetrical front  
 FORM and wood frame rear wing CONST. DATE c. 1868  
 MATERIALS Rubble ashlar limestone, wood ARCH. STYLE Vernacular  
 FENESTRATION Round-arched 4/4 DHS  
 DIST. FEATURES Greek Revival doorway w/large segmental arch. See below  
 ALTERATIONS Rear wing later; wood wing on barn was moved to Pine St.  
 SITE & RELATED STR. Large lot, rising to high elevation above street level; stone barn with wood board & batten rear wing; fruit trees from original orchard and vineyard.

STATEMENT

This house and barn are relics of Davenport's early settlement period, when the city was but a small river town surrounded by farms, and among the very few vernacular stone structures still extant here. Both are characterised by straightforward use of local materials, simple utilitarian form and interesting details of construction. On the house, well-executed round and segmental arches with dressed keystones create a 5-part symmetrical front in a vernacular Greek Revival style. A curious feature is the row of four slabs, one above each window, which suggest sills of small attic windows never installed. The barn, also of rubble stone, has triangular relieving arches of wood over major openings, and gable ends covered with vertical planks - a feature found in earlier German architecture in Pennsylvania and other eastern states. The inspiration for the house design was allegedly styles from Miller's native Prussia. Originally, house was planned to have an additional wing. Following Mrs. Miller's death in 1871 expansion plans were given up by Severin. The metal hardware throughout the house was manufactured by Severin's foundry.

SOURCES

ARCHITECTURE

**SIGNIFICANCE**

This was the farmstead of Severin Miller, a prominent metal worker and foundry operator in Davenport from the 1850's until 1875. Because his business was never a large operation, the historical significance of this structure is diminished.

HISTORY

**DESCRIPTION**

Severin Miller, a native of Prussia, moved to the Davenport area in the early 1850's and established a machine shop. Later he added pump manufacture and a brass foundry to his business. Miller also maintained fruit trees and a vineyard on his farmstead west of the city limits. The current owners' research into property records has yielded no date earlier than 1868, but it is very likely, given the character of the buildings and Miller's occupation of the property since the early 1850's that the buildings date from the earlier period.

**SOURCES**

Downer, Harry, History of Davenport and Scott County, Iowa, Vol. II, Chicago: S. J. Clarke Publishing Co., 1910, pp. 184-187.  
 Iowa Census of Industry, 1870.  
 City Directory, 1870-71.  
 Phone interview with Mrs. Hendricks, 12-3-81.

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

**EVALUATION**

**ARCHITECTURAL**

I. ARCH. EVALUATION Excellent  
 II. ENVIR. STATURE Incident  
 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 Industry  
 B. SECONDARY Metalworking

II. LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE  
 NAT  STATE  LOCAL

III. NRHP  
 ELIGIBLE  NOT ELIGIBLE

**HISTORIC DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION**

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1. DATE RECEIVED \_\_\_\_\_

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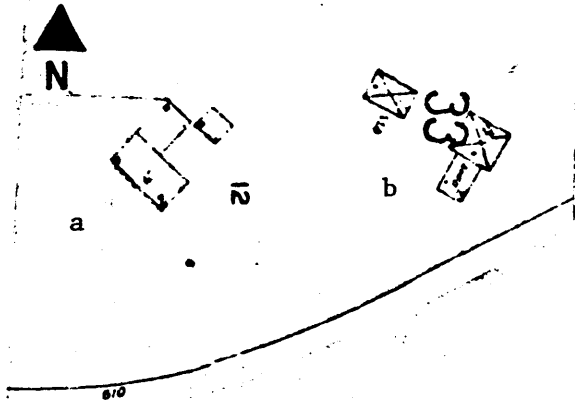
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LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Pt Secs 27 and 28-78-3 com in N/L Tele Rd  
480' N of SW cor Sec 27 - NEly alg N/L Tele  
Rd 172.5' to Pine St - NEly alg W/L of SD St  
352.45' - W 63' - S 23 1/2 D W 394' - S 22  
D E 82.5' - S 60 D E 95' - E 46' to N/L of  
Tele Rd - NEly alg SD Rd to beg

MAP:



CONTINUATION