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## DAVENPORT SURVEY 1982

SITE #82-10- CJ-1102 MAP NUMBER 5 HISTORIC DISTRICT NAME (E.A. Shaw House ADDRESS 1102 College Ave.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION Fulton's Add. to E.Dav., Blk. 4, E 55' Lot 4 & all Lot 5

ACREAGE <1 ZONE R-6M UTM 15/703840 4600430 OWNER TITLE H

Skip and Terry Willits 1102 College Ave. Davenport, IA 52803

## DESCRIPTION

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ARCHITECTURAL STYLE Late Queen Anne DATE 1901 2-1/2 stories, irregular plan; hipped main roof with gables and FORM conical-roofed tower MATERIALS frame on masonry foundation; extremely narrow clapboarding FENESTRATION 1/1 d.h.s., rather wide with relation to height expansive veranda with paired Roman Doric columns on stone FEATURES pedestals; porte-cochere SW corner; egg and dart molding below cornice; Palladian window in south gable; Ionic order engaged columns on 3rd stage of semicircular corner tower is being extensively restored, with asbestos siding removed and ALTERATIONS new polychrome paint scheme corner lot, at crest of long hill down to river SITE

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE The Shaw house is an excellent local example of the late Queen Anne style in Davenport. It offers the typical combination of Victorian asymmetry and irregularity with neoclassical detail. Another common feature of many houses of this type was their siting on corner lots, the tower emphasizing the location and giving the house additional prominence. The Shaw house is also noteworthy as a work by Gustav A. Hanssen, a local architect who had a partnership with Dietrich J. Harfst. Hanssen was particularly fond of the neoclassical idiom, as seen in his Brady Street houses (BR 2317, 2319) and his most distinguished work, the J.C. Schricker house (CV-1446). The Shaw house is definitely a worthy addition to the catalog of Hanssen's designs in Davenport.



HISTORICAL DATA This house was built for E.A. Shaw as a family residence around 1901. Shaw held extensive timber land holdings in Minnesota and other areas. Locally, he was associated with the lumber firm of Renwick, Shaw & Crossett.

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SOURCES John Milner Associates, East Davenport Survey, 1977 Davenport City Directories, 1900-10, 1902-3 Architectural Drawings for E. A. Shaw Residence, Gustav A. Hanssen, architect, dated 1 April, 1901; in possession of Michael Welsch, Davenport IA

ARCHITECTURAL EVALUATION DESIGN excellent STATURE focus LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE local

CONTEXT fair/good FABRIC good DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION

HISTORICAL EVALUATION PRIMARY THEME LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

SECONDARY THEME

NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBLE YES

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