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SITE #82-10- MA-2026 MAP NUMBER 6 HISTORIC DISTRICT NAME /Charles Grilk House ADDRESS 2026 Main



LEGAL DESCRIPTION Whisler's Subd. of Noel's Add., Blk. 9, E 114' of Lot 1

ACREAGE <1 ZONE R4D UTM 15/702230 4601330 OWNER John Hendricks & Mary La Velle TITLE H 2026 Main Street Davenport IA 52803

DESCRIPTION DATE 1906 ARCHITECTURAL STYLE 1-1/2 stories; rectangular plan; side-gambrel roof with two FORM dormers front; entry beside shallow polygonal bay, sheltered beneath flared eave roughcast stucco over frame, on concrete basement MATERIALS FENESTRATION 8/1 and 6/1 d.h.s.; wide, flat surrounds with very narrow, shallow sills FEATURES narrow, molded cornice with flat frieze; entry flanked by 6-light sidelights above tall, narrow panels ALTERATIONS SITE

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE The early 20th century Davenport architectural firm of Temple, Burrows & McLane is best known for such local landmarks as the Outing Club, the French family compound on Wood Lane, Davenport Central High School, and a pair of fine Tudor houses on Mississippi Avenue, all of which are of sizeable scale and grandeur. The Charles Grilk house, however, is one of the few known examples of the firm's more modest work, featured as a design for a "plaster house" in the February 1907 issue of <u>Architectural Review</u>. It is something of a simplified Dutch colonial, combined with the Craftsman aesthetic in use of materials and self-contained efficiency of plan. Although perhaps not of outstanding architectural importance, the Grilk house merits recognition in that it reminds one that architects did not necessarily live by wealthy clients alone, but could, and did, design attractive buildings for smaller budgets.

According to the Architectural Review, this house HISTORICAL DATA was designed for Charles Grilk. Brief and somewhat complicated residency and ownership patterns make the associations of this house difficult to determine.

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HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

The Architectural Review 14 (February, 1907), p. 95 SOURCES Scott County Auditor's Deed Transfer Books, 6:722, 10:117, 5:66

ARCHITECTURAL EVALUATION STATURE tissue DESIGN good LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE local

HISTORICAL EVALUATION PRIMARY THEME LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION

SECONDARY THEME

CONTEXT good

NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBLE yes

Martha H. Bowers, Architectural Historian

Marlys Svendsen, Historian

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