

ARCHITECTURAL/HISTORICAL SURVEY

DAVENPORT, IOWA

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DAVENPORT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
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SITE # 82-10- BR-1527 MAP # 4

HIST. DIST. _____

NAME F.H. Miller House H C

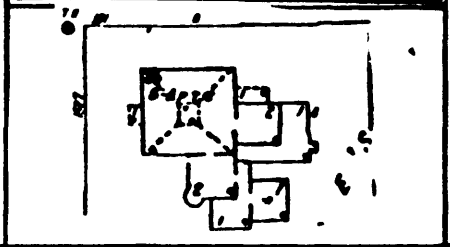
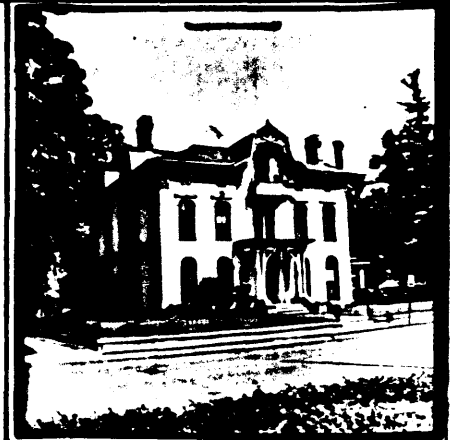
ADDRESS 1527 Brady Street

LEGAL DES. LeClaire's 8th 115 4
SUB-DIVISION BLOCK PARCEL SUB-PARCEL

UTM 4 15 710,241 014,610 08,210 ACREAGE -1 ZONE R-5M
EASTING NORTHING

OWNER Thomas Hinrichsen

TITLE H. Thomas Hinrichsen
(IF DIFF.) 1527 Brady Street
Davenport, IA 52803



SITE SHEET

DESCRIPTION

FORM 2½ story, low hipped roof, 2/deck, 5-bay symmetrical front CONST. DATE 1871
 MATERIALS Brick (stuccoed & painted), stone trim ARCH STYLE Italianate
 FENESTRATION Round arched w/keystones 1st depressed arch w/straight-topped hoods 2nd
 DIST. FEATURES Entrance, dormers, cornice, quoining (see below)
 ALTERATIONS Iron cresting on porch, roof removed, possibly roof deck cresting?
 SITE & RELATED STR. Level lot, low retaining wall, large trees & ornamental shrubbery -
note low iron fence and long edge of retaining wall

STATEMENT

The Miller House is a distinctive local expression of Italianate residential architecture. Its simple, nearly cubic form displays a frontal symmetry common to many early local examples of the style, but has been handsomely embellished with a variety of window shapes, unusual gambrel-roofed dormers, and entrance porch of simple columns and curved brackets, that together make the house a work of considerable merit. The siting is very good - note also the largely-intact wrought-iron fencing around the perimeter of the lot.

W.L. Carroll, Architect
 John Drew, Builder

SOURCES

Oszuscik, pp. 316-17

ARCHITECTURE

SIGNIFICANCE

This building was the residence of the city's largest wholesale grocery jobber in the period between the Civil War and 1900. Because Miller was the junior partner in the firm and the residence of C. Beiderbeck is extant, the significance of this property is diminished.

HISTORY

DESCRIPTION

Frank H. Miller, a German immigrant, came to Davenport in 1856 from Cincinnati. He became the junior partner in the retail grocery firm, Beiderbecke and Miller a short time later. The company prospered during the Civil War, gradually adding wholesale jobbing to their retail business. By 1880 the firm was located in a new building and their business was confined to wholesale trade. In the late 1880's, Beiderbecke and Miller employed 21 hands and 5 salesmen in Iowa and Illinois. They were the largest wholesale grocer in the city by then. The company was discontinued in 1901 when Charles Beiderbecke died.

SOURCES

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EVALUATION

ARCHITECTURAL

- I. ARCH. EVALUATION Excellent
- II. ENVIR. STATURE Incident
- 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 Grocery

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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1. DATE RECEIVED _____

2. DATE OF STAFF EVALUATION _____

	A. ARCHITECTURAL	B. HISTORICAL
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3. N.R.H.P. ACTION

- A. STATE REVIEW COMM. APP. DISAPP. TABLED DATE _____
- B. FEDERAL REVIEW APP. DISAPP. TABLED DATE _____

4. D.H.P. SOURCES

- COUNTY RESOURCES
- W'SHIELD SURVEY
- N.R.H.P.
- GRANT _____

- DET. OF ELIGIBILITY
- R. B. C. _____
- DAVENPORT A/H SURVEY
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5. SUBJECT TRACES

6. PHOTO

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West elevation