

ARCHITECTURAL/HISTORICAL SURVEY

DAVENPORT, IOWA

The Architects Office

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 801 day building, iowa city, iowa 52240

DAVENPORT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT  
 IOWA DIVISION OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION

SITE # 82-10- RD-W122 MAP # 1

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

NAME J.H.C. Petersen's Sons Wholesale Building (H) C

ADDRESS 122 & 124 West River Drive  
W. 10 1/2" of Lot 3 & all

LEGAL DES. LeClaire's 1st Add. 41 2 of  
SUB-DIVISION BLOCK PARCEL SUB-PARCEL

UTM 2 15 710213410 4519911710 ACREAGE -1 ZONE C-4  
EASTING NORTHING

OWNER Henry F. Petersen  
131 W. 2nd St., Davenport, IA 52801

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



MAP

DESCRIPTION

4-story warehouse block on high basement, 3-bay symmetrical  
 FORM front CONST. DATE 1910  
 MATERIALS Brick, metal frame, concrete trim ARCH STYLE Commercial  
 FENESTRATION 1/1 with transom lights; occurring in pairs and 3's  
 DIST. FEATURES wide parapet; entrance w/broken "pediment"  
 ALTERATIONS Windows boarded up  
 SITE & RELATED STR. \_\_\_\_\_

STATEMENT

The Petersen Warehouse, like its neighbor to the East (RD-W118), illustrates Davenport's adoption of the Chicago commercial style at the turn of the century. The internal structural system is clearly expressed in the facade, although conservatively. Clad in brick, which permits large window areas and thus better daylight illumination. Wide segmental arches at 4th floor and above the entrance are simply decorative elements - reminders of earlier forms of commercial architecture. These features, and the treatment of the entrance, give the building a slightly "dated" look, in comparison with its more frankly "modern" neighbor.

Clausen & Clausen, Architects

SOURCES

"Index of Clausen & Clausen Jobs", Typescript, N.D.

SIGNIFICANCE

HISTORY

DESCRIPTION

This is one of five buildings that makes up the complex of structures occupied by J.H.C. Petersen and Sons Department Store. This warehouse building was constructed in 1909-1910 during a period of expanding sales. (See J.H.C. Petersen & Sons Store, 2-W131).

SOURCES

City Directories, 1908, 1909, 1910.

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

EVALUATION

ARCHITECTURAL

I. ARCH. EVALUATION Good  
II. ENVIR. STATURE Incident  
III. INT. OF CONTEXT Poor  
IV. INT. OF FABRIC Good

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:

NAT.  STATE  LOCAL  N. ELIG.

HISTORICAL

I. THEME(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE:

A. PRIMARY \_\_\_\_\_

B. SECONDARY \_\_\_\_\_

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  
ELIGIBLE FOR N.R.H.P.    
NOT ELIGIBLE FOR N.R.H.P.

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. & C. \_\_\_\_\_

DAVENPORT A/H SURVEY

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5. SUBJECT TRACES

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6. PHOTO

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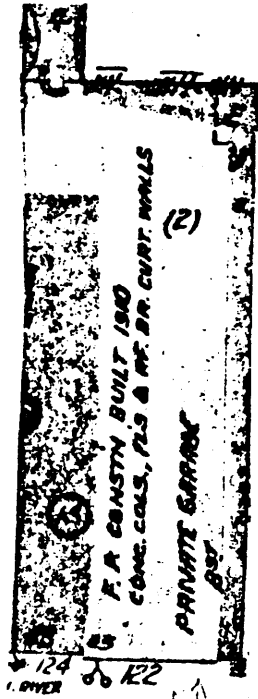
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