

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 # 82-10-5-W1235 MAP # 2

HIST. DIST. _____

NAME Littig Brothers/Mengel & Klindt/Eagle Brewery C

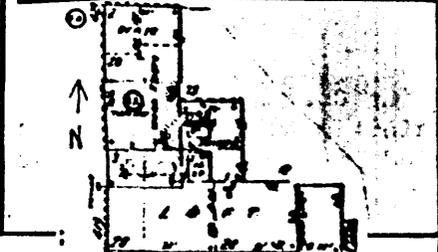
ADDRESS 1235 W. 5th Street

LEGAL DES. Mitchell's Subd. of Blks 3 & 4 W/2 lot 11 & all of lots 12 & 13
SUB-DIVISION BLOCK PARCEL SUB-PARCEL

UTM 2 15 7100192101459915610 ACREAGE -2 ZONE M-1
EASTING NORTHING

OWNER Blackhawk Films Inc.

TITLE H. Blackhawk Films Inc.
(IF DIFF) 1235 W. 5th Street
Davenport, IA 52803



DESCRIPTION

FORM 3 story industrial block, flat roof CONST. DATE c. 1865
MATERIALS brick - stone 1st story? ARCH STYLE 19th Century Industrial
FENESTRATION segmental arches, stone sills, unadorned
DIST. FEATURES none
ALTERATIONS Ground story refaced with concrete or stucco
SITE & RELATED STR. _____

STATEMENT

Typical mid 19th century industrial plant and example of functional architecture.

SOURCES

ARCHITECTURE

HISTORY

SIGNIFICANCE

This building focuses attention on the prosperous brewing industry that established in Davenport after the Civil War. Like the other firms, this brewery was operated by several successive owners and eventually was associated with the Davenport Malting Company. This building was used from c. 1866 until c. 1898.

DESCRIPTION

Peter Littig established a small brewery in Davenport before the Civil War. By 1860 it employed six hands and had an annual output valued at \$16,800. By 1870, the firm style was changed to "Littig Brothers" and a new plant had been erected. The brewery also operated as "Eagle Brewery" during this period.

In 1876, George Mengel and Henry Klindt - both German immigrants - bought out Littig and operated the brewery. Operating from this W. 5th Street location, the brewery was alternately known as "Mengel & Klindt," "Eagle Brewery," "J. Lage & Co.," and "Lage, Mengel & Klindt," before the turn of the century.

In 1894, four local breweries were consolidated as the "Davenport Malting Co." Klindt and Mengel were instrumental in the formation of this company. Mengel became its first vice-president and Klindt's son, George, became its first secretary-treasurer. The separate building plants of the member breweries were continued at first with specific operations located at the various sites. Eventually all operations were transferred to a single location in the southwest industrial district.

In 1904, the Davenport Malting Company was divided into two firms - "Davenport Brewing Co." and "Hawkeye Realty Co.". The brewing company continued until state prohibition in 1916. Its peak production of 75,000 barrels per year made it the second largest brewing operation in Iowa.

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

EVALUATION

ARCHITECTURAL

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

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:
 NAT. STATE LOCAL N. ELIG.

HISTORICAL

- I. THEME(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE:
A. PRIMARY Industry
B. SECONDARY Brewing

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 _____

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5. SUBJECT TRACES

6. PHOTO
82-10-1665-9
South & West Elevations