

The Architects Office
 Wehner, Nowysz, Pottschiull and Pfiffner
 201 day building, Iowa city, Iowa 52240

DAVENPORT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
 IOWA DIVISION OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION

SITE # 82-10- MA-324 MAP # 1

HIST. DIST. _____

NAME Davenport Hotel H C

ADDRESS 324 Main Street

LEGAL DES. LeClaire's 1st 44 6 & E 44' Lot 7
SUB-DIVISION BLOCK PARCEL SUB-PARCEL

UTM / 15 71021270 4591470 ACREAGE 1 ZONE C-4
EASTING NORTHING

OWNER Davenport Hotel Company

TITLE H. Davenport Hotel Company
(IF DIFF) 324 Main Street
Davenport, IA 52801



MAP

DESCRIPTION

FORM 6 story hotel/office block in C-plan w/2-story commercial infill CONST. DATE 1907
 MATERIALS Brick over steel & concrete ARCH STYLE Renaissance Revival
 FENESTRATION Regular 1/1 D.H.S.
 DIST. FEATURES Modified distyle in antis main entrance
 ALTERATIONS Cornice, original parapet & portions of brackets removed - brick parapet added
 SITE & RELATED STR. Occupies major portion of block in CBD

STATEMENT

Erection of the Davenport Hotel inaugurated a period of building that would bring Davenport's central business district fully into the era of the "tall buildings." Despite loss of the original cornice, Temple & Burrows' hotel retains a very high degree of integrity and continues to be an important feature of the City's commercial center.

Temple and Burrows, Architects - P.T. Burrows, Architect in charge.

SOURCES

Davenport Chamber of Commerce Photo Collection.
 Davenport Commercial Club. Davenport: The Eastern Gateway of Iowa, 1908.

SITE SHEET

ARCHITECTURE

FINANCE

This building ushered in the modern period of hotel building in Davenport. Its location, mid-way between Union Station and the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad station, demonstrates its connection with this transportation medium.

HISTORY

DESCRIPTION

Davenport Hotel was constructed in 1907. It eclipsed the older establishments like the Kimball and St. James. The hotel's modern features included sample rooms for traveling salesmen, elevators, a dining room, some private baths, and fire proof construction throughout.

Davenport Hotel's reputation as the city's finest accomodation was not unchallenged for long. In 1915 the Blackhawk Hotel was built and business at the Davenport was seriously and permanently injured. In 1916, the Davenport was sold to the Blackhawk Hotel Company.

SOURCES

"Hotel History Goes Back 101 Years," "Centennial and Fiftieth Anniversary Edition," Davenport Times, July 11, 1936.
 "Davenport Hotel," Davenport Democrat, Nov. 3, 1907.

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN: Martha Bowers

HISTORIAN: MARLYS SVENDSEN - ROESLER

SURVEY COMP. 1981

EVALUATION

ARCHITECTURAL

- I. ARCH. EVALUATION Good
- II. ENVIR. STATURE Focus
- III. INT. OF CONTEXT Fair
- IV. INT. OF FABRIC Good

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:

- NAT. STATE LOCAL N. ELIG.

HISTORICAL

I. THEME(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE:

- A. PRIMARY Commerce
- B. SECONDARY Hotels

II. LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:

- NAT. STATE LOCAL

III. NR.H.P.

- ELIGIBLE NOT ELIGIBLE

HISTORIC DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION

- A. B. C

FOR DIVISION OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION USE ONLY

1. DATE RECEIVED _____

2. DATE OF STAFF EVALUATION _____

- | | | |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| | A. ARCHITECTURAL | B. HISTORICAL |
| ELIGIBLE FOR N.R.H.P. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| NOT ELIGIBLE FOR N.R.H.P. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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
- NR.H.P.
- GRANT _____
- DET. OF ELIGIBILITY
- R. & C. _____
- DAVENPORT A/H SURVEY
- _____
- _____

5. SUBJECT TRACES

6. PHOTO

82-10-1664-3
East Elevation

The Architects Office
Wehner, Nowysz, Pottschull and Pfiffner
801 day building, Iowa city, Iowa 50240

DAVENPORT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
IOWA DIVISION OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION

* 82-10-MA-324

CONTINUATION

