

Davenport
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DAVENPORT

SURVEY 1982

SITE #82-10-CJ-904 MAP NUMBER 5
HISTORIC DISTRICT
NAME William Radcliff House
ADDRESS 904 College Ave.



LEGAL DESCRIPTION Fulton's Add. to E. Dav., Blk.
3, S 50' Lot 5 & S 50' of E 30' Lot 4

ACREAGE <1 ZONE R4D UTM 15/703860 4600180
OWNER (mail to) Frances S. Bowman TITLE H Frances S. Englehart
904 College Ave. 904 College
Davenport IA 52803 Davenport IA 52803

DESCRIPTION

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE California Bungalow/Stick DATE 1911
FORM 1 story on raised basement; nearly square plan; irregular
roofscape of many gables and dormers
MATERIALS concrete, facebrick, fieldstone, wood
FENESTRATION 12/1 d.h.s.; basement windows have flush "label" molds of
glazed terra cotta
FEATURES semicircular bay and small shingled oriels south side; exterior
chimney of fieldstone; garage located beneath full-length veranda
ALTERATIONS none of significance
SITE raised corner lot; concrete retaining wall along south side

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE The Radcliff house is possibly the most distinguished dwelling in Davenport arising out of the Craftsman style. More than any other example of the style in the city, the Radcliff house reflects the influence of California prototypes (such as those of Green and Green) in its open, almost sprawling plan, the extremely wide eaves, multiplicity of gables, and the way in which the ends of porch "brackets" are rounded. Horizontality is expressed through the relatively low profile, emphasized through plain vergeboards with raked ends on the very shallow gabled roofs and dormers. Materials are used appropriately for the style, with an attractive juxtaposition of plain wood, wall shingles, smooth brick, glazed gray terracotta and rubble fieldstone. Against the many mass-produced examples of Craftsman houses in Davenport, the Radcliff house stands as an excellent illustration of the potential of the style to achieve real distinction.

HISTORICAL DATA

William M. Radcliff and his wife Emily had this house built for them in 1911. Radcliff was secretary and treasurer for the Register Life and Annuity Insurance Co. at the time.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

SOURCES Davenport City Directories, 1910, 1911.

ARCHITECTURAL EVALUATION

DESIGN excellent STATURE incident
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE local

CONTEXT excellent FABRIC excellent
DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION

HISTORICAL EVALUATION

PRIMARY THEME
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

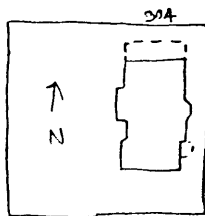
SECONDARY THEME

NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBLE YES

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Martha H. Bowers, Architectural Historian

Marlys Svendsen, Historian



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1 DATE RECEIVED _____

2 DATE OF STAFF EVALUATION _____

	A ARCHITECTURAL	B HISTORICAL
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NOT ELIGIBLE FOR NRHP	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3 NRHP ACTION

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B FEDERAL REVIEW	APP <input type="checkbox"/>	DISAPP <input type="checkbox"/>	TABLED <input type="checkbox"/>	DATE _____

4 LHP SOURCES

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