

ARCHITECTURAL / HISTORICAL SURVEY

DAVENPORT, IOWA

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 801 day building iowa city iowa 52240

DAVENPORT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
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SITE # 82-10- BR-401 MAP # 1

HIST. DIST. _____

NAME Forrest Block (H) C

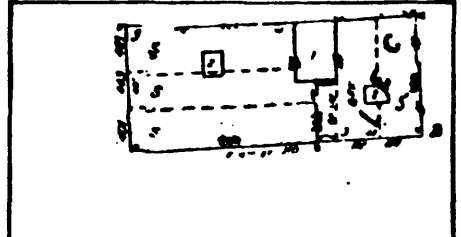
ADDRESS 401 Brady St.

LEGAL DES. LeClaire's 2nd 55 1
SUB-DIVISION BLOCK PARCEL SUB-PARCEL

UTM / 15 170,244,914,599,520 ACREAGE -1 ZONE C-4
EASTING NORTHING

OWNER Clara Weir Sears Trustees
403 Brady St., Davenport, IA 52801

TITLE H. _____
 (IF DIFF) _____



SITE SHEET

DESCRIPTION

FORM 3 story commercial block, 7-bay symmetrical front CONST. DATE 1875
 MATERIALS Brick, iron, stone, ornamental metal ARCH STYLE Italianate
 FENESTRATION Shopfronts 1st, segmental arched 2nd, round arched 3rd
 DIST. FEATURES Metal cornice, center frontispiece, window treatment
 ALTERATIONS Ground floor modified, not extensively
 SITE & RELATED STR. Corner lot on north edge of CBD

STATEMENT

The Forrest Block is one of a number of large commercial structures built in a fairly elaborate Italianate style in the decade following the Civil War. Perhaps because the Forrest is located just beyond the city center, it has experienced few significant alterations. It displays a large metal cornice, decorative window hoods, and a projecting central frontispiece inset with a cast-iron panel with four round-arched windows. The Fourth Street elevation is articulated at intervals by brick pilasters, a treatment similar to that of the Burtis-Kimball Hotel several blocks to the east.

The Forrest is the largest of a short row of buildings, all but one with architectural interest, located in the 400 block of Brady Street.

F. G. Clausen, Architect
 John Whitaker, Builder

SOURCES

"Index of Clausen & Clausen Jobs", Typescript, Charles Richardson Associates, Davenport (N.D.)

ARCHITECTURE

SIGNIFICANCE

HISTORY

DESCRIPTION

This building was constructed in 1875 for John Forrest. Forrest was a capitalist, investing his resources in several downtown buildings. Through the years this building housed a variety of uses including a doctor's office, a billards parlor, a YMCA meeting place and a serious of flats on second and third floors.

SOURCES

City Directories, 1875-1900.

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 _____
- 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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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

6. PHOTO

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