

Davenport  
Department of Community Development  
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# DAVENPORT

## SURVEY 1982

SITE #82-10-KR-702                      MAP NUMBER 6  
HISTORIC DISTRICT  
NAME *Rowhouse*  
ADDRESS 702-712 Kirkwood Blvd. ✓



LEGAL DESCRIPTION McHart's Sub. LeClaire's 13th,  
Blk.134, S/2 Lot 3, all Lots 4 & 5

ACREAGE 1            ZONE R-4D UTM 15/703180 4600955  
OWNER R.J. Pfiffner/LaVern Pfiffner            TITLE H Adele Hubers  
2635 Iowa/1328 E 10th St.                      620 Pine St.  
Davenport, IA                                      Davenport, IA

### DESCRIPTION

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE English Tudor Revival                      DATE 1905  
FORM                      2-1/2 story rowhouse; hipped roof with gable dormers over  
polygonal bays at front corners; two small porches with flat ogee arches  
MATERIALS                      facebrick, shingling, stucco/half-timber  
FENESTRATION                      9/1 and 6/1 d.h.s.; "lancer" in gable end; segmental arches at  
basement level  
FEATURES                      bracketted eaves above polygonal window bays; pair of  
polygonal window bays at center, surmounted by half-timbered bays rising to  
wall dormers that overhang lower story  
ALTERATIONS                      none of significance  
SITE                      corner lot in residential area

**ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE** Multiple-family housing appeared in Davenport early in its history, certainly by the Civil War. Until the turn of the century, rowhouses and double houses usually resembled single-family dwellings, except they were larger and had more entrances. Around 1900, tall apartment buildings (three or more stories) were built in the city along more "urban" lines. Rowhouses from this period tended to resemble rows of commercial blocks. This Kirkwood Boulevard rowhouse, in contrast, returns to the earlier tradition of making multi-family housing look as domestic as possible, here borrowing the English Tudor style that influenced many houses, particularly larger ones, after the turn of the century. Although the function of the building is clearly marked by the prominent gables (which indicate the location of the various flats), it displays a domestic air quite appropriate to its setting in a residential neighborhood of late 19th and early 20th century detached housing.

**HISTORICAL DATA**

This building was constructed as a four-unit rowhouse in 1905. The first occupants were working class couples whose heads of households were Bela Nagy (draughtsman, Davenport Machine & Foundry), Albert Katz (Vice President, Why Clothing Co.), Rufus Scott (worker for CRI & P Railroad), and Norman Godfrey (Sec., Miss. River Sash & Door Assn.).

**HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE**

**SOURCES** Davenport City Directories, 1902-3, 1898-99. 1906-7  
Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, Davenport, Iowa, 1938

**ARCHITECTURAL EVALUATION**

DESIGN excellent STATURE incident  
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE local

CONTEXT excellent FABRIC excellent  
DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION

**HISTORICAL EVALUATION**

PRIMARY THEME  
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

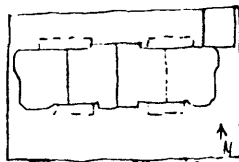
SECONDARY THEME

**NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBLE YES**

**PHOTO ID 1735-27**

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*highly detailed*

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1 DATE RECEIVED \_\_\_\_\_

2 DATE OF STAFF EVALUATION \_\_\_\_\_

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NOT ELIGIBLE FOR NRHP	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3 NRHP ACTION

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

4 DHP SOURCES

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