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National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name F.F. Odenweller/James P. and Nettie Morey House
other names/site number 4

2. Location

street & number 1115 27th Street not for publication
city, town Des Moines vicinity
state Iowa code IA county Polk code 153 zip code 50311

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>1</u>	<u> </u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u> </u>	<u> </u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u> </u>	<u> </u> structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u> </u>	<u> </u> objects
		<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing: Drake University and Related Properties in Des Moines, Iowa, 1881-1918
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.
James E. Jarch DSTHO July 15, 1988
Signature of certifying official Date
Bureau of Historic Preservation, State Historical Society of Iowa
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.
Signature of commenting or other official Date
State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:
 entered in the National Register. Beth Boland 11/1/88
 See continuation sheet.
 determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet.
 determined not eligible for the National Register.
 removed from the National Register.
 other, (explain:)

Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)
Domestic/single dwelling

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)
Domestic/single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)

Late Victorian

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brick

walls Wood/weatherboard

roof Asphalt

other Wood/shingle

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The charming 1 1/2-story cottage has a truncated hipped roof and additional gables to form an irregular outline. Notable features include: chamfered corners, Stick Style strips, moulded lintels, beaded corner boards, decorative shinglework, and a large three-part front window. The small porch is shed-roofed and has two large smooth columns. There are two entrances (original) off the porch. There appear to be no alterations.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)
Education/college

Period of Significance
1896

Significant Dates
c. 1896

Cultural Affiliation
N/A

Significant Person
N/A

Architect/Builder
Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

This property is significant because it directly illustrates the effect of Drake University's innovative financing techniques upon settlement in one of the ten plats around the campus. It is significant under Criterion A: properties related to the financial development of Drake University, 1881-1913. The property is located in one of the ten plats owned by the University Land Company or Drake University and its construction dates from within fifteen years of when the plat was filed. See the Multiple Property Documentation Form, "The Successful Beginnings of Drake University."

This property (lot 26) and the adjacent lot 25 (1113) were sold as a unit until 1894. In 1887 (the year of platting) Drake University conveyed the lot to Delos Cutler, one of the University Land Company organizers. The following year Cutler sold to F.F. Odenweller, who owned the property for seven years. In 1895 A.A. Smith and O.E. Bowers bought this property, and in 1896 J.P. Morey bought it, holding on to it for twenty-three years. In 1919 Nettie Morey and her husband sold to Dwight Smith who sold to W.H. Sutton; Sutton and his wife sold to M.F. Brown in 1924.

The 1908 city directory street index lists Isaac Blakeley at this address. It appears that the house was a rental unit, especially since neither Odenweller nor the Moreys lived there. The earliest Sanborn map, 1901, shows the house.

See continuation sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

Des Moines City Directories, 1889, 1894, 1902, 1904, 1908.
Auditor's Office Records.
Sanborn Fire Insurance Map, 1901.
Long, Barbara Beving. Multiple Property Documentation Form, "The Successful Beginnings of Drake University." 1987.

See continuation sheet

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of property Less than one acre

UTM References

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Zone Easting Northing

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See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

Lot 26, Drake University Addition. See map (site #4) for Multiple Property Documentation Form, "Drake University and Related Properties in Des Moines, Iowa, 1881-1918."

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

The boundary includes the city lot that has historically been associated with the property.

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