

Davenport
Department of Community Development
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DAVENPORT SURVEY 1982

SITE #82-10-WH-1529 MAP NUMBER 7
HISTORIC DISTRICT
NAME Northwest Davenport Savings Bank ✓
ADDRESS 1529 Washington St ✓



LEGAL DESCRIPTION Sturdevant's 2nd, Blk. 8, N
50' Lot 9 & N 50' of W35' of Lot 8 & E 20' of W
35' of N 40' of S 100' of Lot 8

ACREAGE <1 ZONE M-1 UTM 15/700560 4600780
OWNER Jacob H. Jepsen & Wife TITLE H
4318 Cheyenne Ave.
Davenport IA

DESCRIPTION

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE Neoclassical Revival DATE 1912
FORM 1 story branch bank, parapet above cornice, rectangular plan
with tripartite symmetrical front
MATERIALS tan-brown facebrick on concrete block foundation
FENESTRATION 1/1 d.h.s. below large transom panels
FEATURES egg-and-dart molding at cornice, on pilaster caps; pedimented
entrance pavilion with engaged fluted columns of Doric order; side entrance
with metal hood hung on chains from the mouths of lion medallions, supported on
"brackets" that are halves of a composite-order capital
ALTERATIONS main entrance partly filled in for a smaller doorway
SITE corner lot in neighborhood commercial district

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE During the period c.1900-1915, Davenport banking enjoyed significant growth that was architecturally expressed in new buildings downtown and in the establishment of neighborhood branch banks. The style employed was invariably some version of the neoclassical revival.

This little Washington Street bank is located in a small neighborhood commercial center, the focal point of which was the Northwest Davenport Turner Hall. A relatively simple building, the bank nonetheless displays the nearly obligatory engaged columns (here supporting a full entablature and triangular pediment) and pilasters with classically-detailed caps. This little bank merits consideration as part of an important commercial development in early 20th century Davenport, and as an illustration of the pervasive influence of neoclassicism on the buildings constructed in response to that development.

HISTORICAL DATA

Northwest Davenport Savings Bank was established in 1912-13 in a German-American neighborhood of northwestern Davenport. Its founders were of German-American descent, and lived and operated businesses in the Washington Street commercial district. The bank's original officers included Jacob S. Weber, a physician (president); Peter Peters, merchant (vice-president); and William Burmann (cashier).

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

SOURCES Davenport City Directories, 1910, 1912, 1913
Who's Who in Davenport, 1929. Davenport: Baldwin Publishing Co., 1929, p. 110.

ARCHITECTURAL EVALUATION

DESIGN good STATURE incident
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE local

CONTEXT fair/good FABRIC good
DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION

HISTORICAL EVALUATION

PRIMARY THEME
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

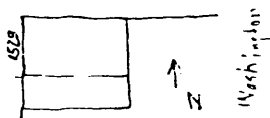
SECONDARY THEME

NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBLE YES

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	A ARCHITECTURAL	B HISTORICAL
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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 _____
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