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DAVENPORT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT  
IOWA DIVISION OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION

SITE # 82-10- BR-407 MAP # 1

HIST. DIST. \_\_\_\_\_

NAME Democrat Building H C

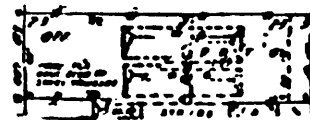
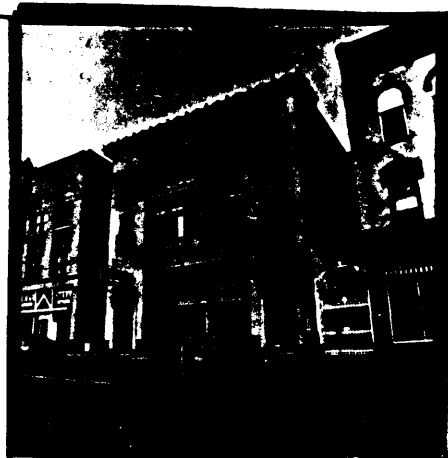
ADDRESS 407-411 Brady Street

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

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EASTING NORTHING

OWNER BVED Group  
407 Brady, Davenport, IA 52801

TITLE H. Catholic Messenger  
(IF DIFF)



SITE SHEET

DESCRIPTION

FORM 2 story commercial block, tripartite, symmetrical facade CONST. DATE c.1930  
MATERIALS brick, concrete, steel, hollow tile ARCH STYLE \_\_\_\_\_  
FENESTRATION large plate glass windows, grouped in bands at center front  
DIST. FEATURES Enriched cornice, entrance architraves, and panels  
ALTERATIONS 1st floor plate glass windows replaced?  
SITE & RELATED STR. Freestanding on lot in commercial row of similarly-scaled structures

STATEMENT

This building appears to have been strongly influenced by Louis Sullivan, particularly his small midwestern works. Windows are grouped in broad bands at the center of the bold, geometric facade, the floors separated by a wide enriched spandrel panel. In typical Sullivanian fashion, intricate, foliated ornaments of low relief is concentrated at severely classical entrance architraves, wall panels and cornice. This local expression of Sullivan's distinctive and important style is nicely executed and well preserved.

Rudolph J. Clausen, Architect

ARCHITECTURE

SOURCES

Oszuscik, p. 374

**FINANCE**

The Democrat Building is associated with the post-1900 success of the Davenport Democrat Company. A short time after this building was constructed, the Democrat was purchased by the Lee Newspaper Syndicate. The Democrat's evolution was typical of the trend towards merger of small, independent firms under larger corporations.

HISTORY

**DESCRIPTION**

The Davenport Democrat began as the Democratic Banner in 1848. It was edited along Democratic party views, its success varying with the success of the party. D.N. and J.J. Richardson were the Democrat's successful publishers beginning in the 1860's. The Democrat purchased its competitor, the Gazette, in 1887 and the Evening Leader in 1902. In c. 1915 the Lee Newspaper Syndicate took over the merged Democrat and Leader, ending its reign as a local independent news voice.

**SOURCES**

"The Press," Quad City Times, February 29, 1976.  
City Directory, 1878.  
Iowa Social Statistics, U.S. Census, 1860, 70, 80.

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN:

HISTORIAN: MARLYS SVENDSEN - ROESLER

SURVEY COMP.

**EVALUATION**

**ARCHITECTURAL**

- I. ARCH. EVALUATION Excellent
- II. ENVIR. STATURE Incident
- III. INT. OF CONTEXT Excellent
- IV. INT. OF FABRIC Good

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:

- NAT.  STATE  LOCAL  N. ELIG.

**HISTORICAL**

I. THEME(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE:

- A. PRIMARY Communications
- B. SECONDARY Newspaper

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

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

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| NOT ELIGIBLE FOR N.R.H.P. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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6. PHOTO

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West Elevation