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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Cornell College/Mount Vernon Historic District

AND/OR COMMON

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Roughly bounded by RR tracks, College Blvd.,
N. 10th, N. 8th, and S. 3rd. Aves, N. 2nd and
S. 4th Sts.

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Mount Vernon

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

2

VICINITY OF

STATE

Iowa

CODE

COUNTY
Linn

CODE

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERCIAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

see inventory sheets; multiple ownership

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

VICINITY OF

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Linn County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Cedar Rapids

STATE

Iowa

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> _DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> _RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _ALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _MOVED DATE_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> _UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Cornell College/Mount Vernon Historic District is composed of approximately 120 buildings and structures, and is located on the west side of Mount Vernon. The campus of Cornell College forms the heart of the district (and occupies about three-fourths of the land area). The majority of college buildings are arranged along and around the Mt. Vernon paha, a hill in the midst of a low and rather flat valley about 10 miles long. Framing the campus on the west, southeast and northeast are some 70 houses and related outbuildings that comprise the remainder of the district. They range in age from the 1850's to the present, and display a full sampling of midwestern domestic architectural forms, materials and styles, the latter including the Greek Revival, Italianate, Second Empire, Queen Anne, Stick, Gothic and neoclassical revivals, and the craftsman.

The main "entrance" to the district is at the east end, at the intersection of S. 3rd Ave. and 1st Street. Here, two large stone churches, Presbyterian and Methodist, face one another like sentinels across 1st Street. They act as strong transitional elements between the commercial area to the east, and the college/residential area to the west.

Like the residential portion of the district, the Cornell campus contains buildings from the mid-19th century to the present, that illustrate the growth and development of this institution over time. The dominant visual element here is King Chapel, visible at several miles' distance from all the highways leading into Mount Vernon. The hill top is the focal point of the campus, with almost all structures located along the ridge. Campus buildings are scattered along a 5 block area and arranged at random about the hill top. One walk links the entire campus. All vehicular traffic is prohibited on the campus and only the main walk serves as a direct fire access. Three short streets permit fire equipment to serve the campus on the edges. The north slope of the hill is wooded as is a small portion of the western slope.

All of the structures are still being used for the same general purposes as at the time of their construction. Some houses are used as dormitories. An old hotel is being converted to apartments and a large house used as a clinic by a physician couple is now a funeral home. Another house is now faculty offices or used by administration.

All of the buildings are in good to excellent condition. Recent work by the college has taken account of the historical character of the buildings and efforts made to preserve that character. Private residences in the area are very well kept and only a few additions or modifications have been made to them. Owners are generally willing to retain the houses as built. Several small barns have been converted to garages and only a few new garages have been constructed.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1850-present

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Cornell College/Mount Vernon Historic District, with its mixture of institutional and residential architectural forms ranging from the 1850's to the present, offers an excellent look at the growth and change of a small academic community over time. The buildings within the district display a high degree of physical integrity, and represent a broad range of architectural forms, particularly those of the mid and late 19th century. Although the campus forms a discrete unit within the district, direct relationships exist between it and the residential areas. One relationship is, of course, proximity: the houses act as a "frame" around the tree-shaded expanses of the college. Another is a temporal and architectural relationship, in which the development of the college and its residential surroundings is graphically illustrated by the gradual change in architectural styles over time. There is also the opportunity to examine several examples of a particular style, and to observe the adaptation of that style to uses both residential and institutional (and, in one case, commercial). The best examples of this are the Greek Revival Old Sem (23), Fellows House (113) and Old Presbyterian Church (71); the Gothic Revival King Chapel (24), Methodist Church (52), Bowman Hall (25) and Boyd House (73); the Second Empire former Mount Vernon House hotel (54) and Hogel House (55); and, from the late 1930's, a house (69) and Armstrong Hall (5), which demonstrate the popularity of colonial revival forms long after they had ceased to be architecturally creative.

Another interesting relationship is that between the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches (52, 51) and King Chapel (24). All three are large ecclesiastical edifices of rockfaced limestone, with corner towers and consciously medieval characters. The first two act as very effective markers at the eastern entrance to the district. In this sense they are an "introduction" to a visual theme climaxed by King Chapel at the heart of the district. This district center also contains the most visually arresting arrangement--6 buildings ranged along the crest of the hill (20, 19, 22, 23, 24, 25).

The boundaries of the district have been drawn to include the whole of the college, and the residential areas that are oriented, visually and historically, toward the campus. Buildings rated "A" are those that may be considered pivotal from an architectural, historical, and/or visual viewpoint. "B" structures are those which do not display outstanding qualities individually, but collectively contribute materially to the character of the district. Buildings rated "C" are all less than 50 years of age; it is understood that insufficient time has elapsed to provide a proper historical context for their evaluation. Most of these C buildings fall into three groups. One includes modern ranch houses, principally from the 1950's and 1960's (for example, 89-92). Another consists of college buildings (7,8,12) designed by Green and Co. of Cedar Rapids in the 1950's, perhaps best described as very late

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

See continuation sheet

UTM NOT VERIFIED

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY approx 100 acres

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

QUADRANGLE NAME Mount Vernon, Iowa

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1.24:000

UTM REFERENCES

A | 1, 5 | 6 3, 1 | 1, 2, 5 | 4 6 | 4, 2 | 3 0, 0 |

B | 1, 5 | 6 | 3, 1 | 0, 7, 0 | 4, 6 | 4, 2 | 2, 3, 0 |

ZONE EASTING NORTHING
C | 1, 5 | 6 | 3, 0 | 8, 2, 0 | 4, 6 | 4, 2 | 0, 8, 0 |

ZONE EASTING NORTHING
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E | 1, 5 | 6 | 3, 0 | 2, 0, 0 | 4, 6 | 4, 2 | 9, 9, 0 |

F | 1, 5 | 6 | 3, 0 | 7, 2, 0 | 4, 6 | 4, 2 | 9, 4, 0 |

G | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

H | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

See continuation sheet

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

M.H. Bowers, Architectural Survey Coordinator

ORGANIZATION

Division of Historic Preservation

DATE

January 1980

STREET & NUMBER

26 E. Market Street

TELEPHONE

319/353-6949

CITY OR TOWN

Iowa City

STATE

Iowa 52240

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE Director, Division of Historic Preservation

DATE March 21, 1980

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

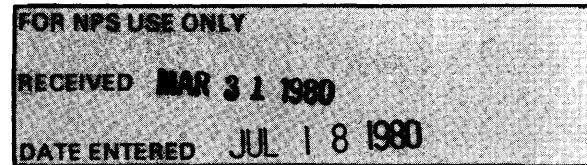
W. Ray Luce
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 7/18/80

ATTEST: Paula South
CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE 7/14/80

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Colonial Revival/Williamsburg vernacular. From an albeit limited perspective, in terms of time, these buildings do not appear to have much architectural distinction. However, they are in the principal stylistic tradition of Cornell College architecture, established in the 1850's with Old Sem, and carried through the 1930's in various revivalistic expressions of colonial and classical forms and details. The third group of C structures are college buildings from the 1960's and early 1970's (6,9,11,15,28,29) designed by Harry Weese and Associates of Chicago. These are frankly modern, yet achieve a compatibility with the older buildings that is not always the case on college campuses. Four of these (9,11,28,29) are dormitories, faced with brick and scaled to match surrounding buildings. #9 and 11 join with #10 in creating an interesting dormitory encl'ave on a promontory at the southwest edge of the campus. 28-29 are not linked visually with other campus buildings, as they are somewhat apart from them. The view of their strongly vertical facades marching down a hill on the western edge of the campus can be striking. #15, West Science Center, is the only one of the Weese buildings to consciously evoke the design traditions of an earlier time, principally through the use of a shallow-pitched gable roof and enormous slab lintels of stone.

In summary, the C structures of the district cannot simply be considered "intrusive", except, perhaps, on the grounds of age; rather, they stand as late elements in a continuum of architectural expression that is one of the chief characteristics of the Cornell College/Mount Vernon district.

The town of Mt. Vernon was platted in 1847, in an area where white settlers had arrived as early as 1836. The "town and gown" relationship was established only 6 years later, when the Iowa (Methodist) Conference Male and Female Seminary erected its first building (now "Old Sem", #23). In 1885, the institution was renamed Cornell College, and College Hall (#19) opened in 1857. The last major event of the 1850's was the coming of the Northwestern Railroad to Mt. Vernon in 1859.

The community's economy, established in the 1850's with such ventures as a sawmill, brick kilns, a wagon factory and a hotel (Guild Hotel, 1853, #54) expanded in the post-Civil War period to include tile and furniture factories and a pottery. Cornell contributed its share to the town's prosperity, as did the adjacent rich farmlands that supported cattle, hogs, and feed grains.

As the town's first boom period (the 1850's) was reflected in the many brick houses built then (#113, 37), so a second period of growth (c. 1885-1900) resulted in a large number of sizeable frame residences (for example Rood House (#42), Albright House (#41), Stoner House (#43), and Benesh House (#66)) and additional college facilities (Bowman Hall (#25), King Chapel (#24)).

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In the early decades of the 20th century, residential construction developed around the western end of the Cornell campus (heretofore most houses were built to the east and north), and resulted in the breaking-up of farms there.

The Depression years were not, relatively speaking, terribly hard on Mount Vernon and Cornell College. For one thing, the drouth and grasshoppers that plagued western Iowa did not seriously affect the Mt. Vernon area, so local crops remained good. Federal assistance programs created local jobs building the water tower (#48) and developing Palisades Park southwest of Cedar Rapids. In these years, surprisingly enough, Cornell College embarked upon a building program. During the 1930's were erected Pfeiffer (#10), Merner (#36), and Armstrong (#5) halls, additions were made to Bowman, and Old Sem was remodeled. These projects thus contributed substantially to the stability of Mount Vernon's economy in the years before World War II.

The 1950's and 1960's saw continued expansion of the Cornell campus to meet the post-war population boom. As in the 1930's (with William Jay Brown), the later projects were the work of single architectural firms: Green and Co. of Cedar Rapids in the 1950's, and Harry Weese and Associates for the last, 1960's, phase. Today the College continues to be an anchor of the local economy and a strong influence on the town's cultural life. Since World War II however, Cedar Rapids industries have employed many Mount Vernon residents, and town is gradually becoming a bedroom community for that large city. However, Mount Vernon retains to a strong degree a character of its own, amply illustrated in the Cornell College/Mount Vernon historic district.

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Extensive research on college owned buildings has been done by members of the faculty and brought together in what is called "College Building File" (or B.R.F.) which is part of the College Archives. The File contains citations to Trustee Minutes, newspapers, recollections, and manuscripts.

Additional material used in the preparation of this nomination comes from the College Archives and includes special pictures files and issues of the college "annual" or yearbook. Microfilm copy of the various town newspapers from the 1860's forward are in the College Archives.

The City of Mt. Vernon has a Historical Committee which conducted a photographic survey of the town (1976) and maintains a collection of historic photographs in the City Hall.

In preparing the nomination a number of older citizens were interviewed. Mr. James McCutcheon served as the editor of the newspaper from 1923-67 and took over the paper from his father. He is a remarkable source. The area has a number of families who have written and oral material dating from 1845.

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The following persons contributed substantially to the preparation of this nomination:

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J. Edward Sauter, architect, Mount Vernon

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The Cornell College/Mount Vernon Historic District is an irregular area of land located on the west dies of Mt. Vernon, Iowa, which may be roughly described as:
Beginning with (and including) the bridge at N. 10th Ave. over the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad line, then east along the south edge of the railroad right of way to the center line of N. 8th Ave., then south on N. 8th Ave., then east along N. 8th Street, then south along the rear property lines of properties on the east side of N. 8th Ave., (crossing N. 7th St. and N. 2nd St.) then southeast along rear property lines of properties on the north side of 1st St., to N. 3rd Avenue. Then SW down center line of N. 3rd Avenue to rear property line of the Mount Vernon United Methodist Church. Then NE along rear property lines of properties on the south side of 1st Street to center line of N. 4th Ave. Then southwest to intersection of N. 4th Avenue and S. 4th Street. The NW along S. 4th St., crossing S. 5th Ave., and then NW along center line of College Boulevard to Summit Ave., then NE along center line of Summit Ave. to a point on the street in line with the rear property line of 730 Summit Ave. Then west along rear property line of properties on the south side of Summit Ave. to the SW corner of the property at 101 10th Ave., then north to 1st Street, then E to N. 10th Ave., then north along 10th Ave to bridge at beginning.

MAR 31 1980

NAME Harlan House

SITE NUMBER: 57-030-001

LOCATION Cornell College Campus
street and number

DISTRICT RATING: A B C

Mount Vernon Linn
town or vicinity county

legal _____
urban: subdiv-block-parcel-subparcel
rural: twp-range-section- $\frac{1}{4}$ sec- $\frac{1}{4}$ sec

UTM _____ ACREAGE _____
zone easting northing

DISTRICT NAME _____

OWNER Cornell College
name

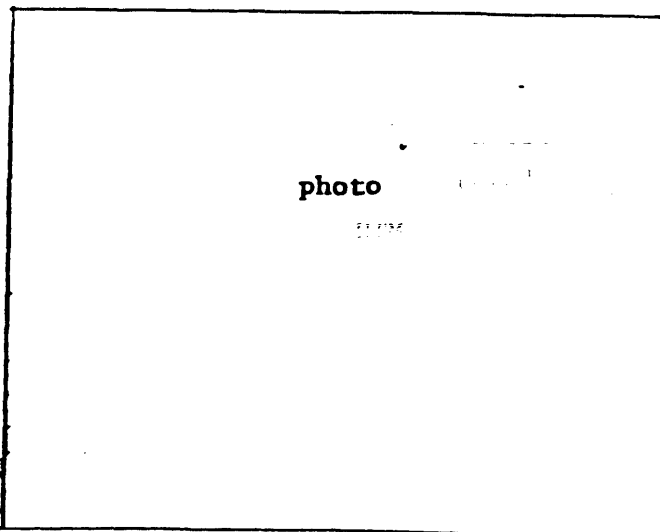
Mount Vernon, Iowa
address

USE Dean's Residence

VIEW _____ PHOTO # _____

ARCH/BLDR James E. Harlan

DATE(S) 1875 MAP REF _____



DESCRIPTION Roof: hip with one gable end South facing on SW corner; wave shingles in gable end; small window by semi-circular head; conical roofed 2nd story dormer over front porch with garland on frieze; psuedo balcony with ornate balustrade.

Walls: round shingles under eave on 2nd story; wide clapboard siding 2nd story, narrow clapboard on 1st floor; corner strip on 1st floor only.

Porch: denticulated cornice with round columns, doubled at the outer edge of porch, shingled at wall.

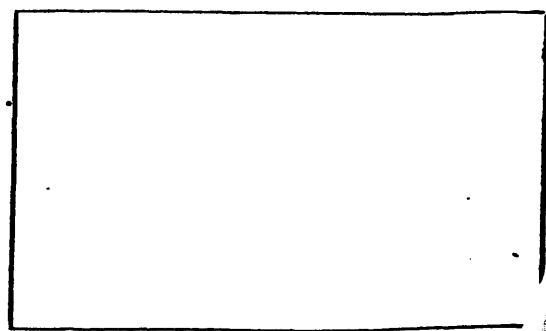
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE Built by and residence of James Elliot Harlan, professor and president (1908-1914) of Cornell College

Well-sited vernacular house of large, somewhat awkward proportions.

SOURCES

B.R.F.
The Collegian, June, 1875.
Minutes of the Board of Trustees, Nov.20,1934.

SITE PLAN



RECORDER(S) _____ DATE _____

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NAME Collin House

SITE NUMBER: 57-030-002

LOCATION Cornell College Campus
street and number

DISTRICT RATING: A B C

Mount Vernon Linn
town or vicinity county

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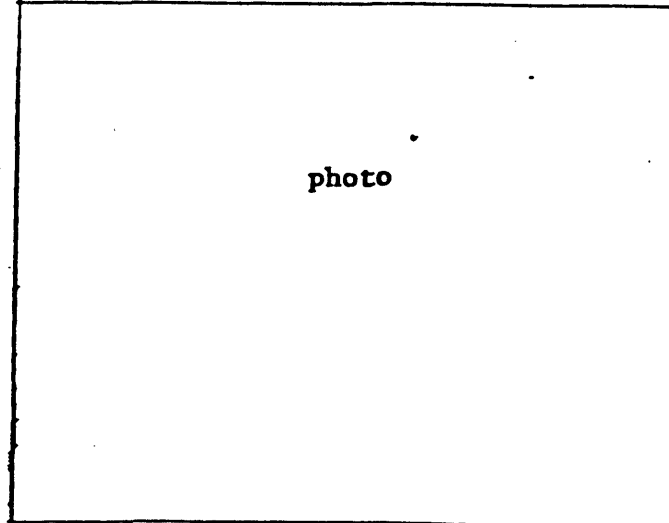
Mount Vernon, Iowa
address

USE Multiple residence

VIEW _____ PHOTO # _____

ARCH/BLDR C.H. Davis & Marsden Keyes

DATE(S) 1889 MAP REF _____



DESCRIPTION Roof: hips with semi circular dormer east side; two large brick ornate chimneys on south side and one large simple column brick chimney on north side.

Walls: clapboard siding with accented corner trim; denticulated cornice; palladian windows on south flanking center porch with ornate balustrade and large leaded glass with paint window (semi-circular) over palladian motif on 2nd floor over porch.

Porches: front porch supported by 2 pairs of columns of ionic order; south facing porch full length with simple balustrade and balcony. This Porch elevated with lattice-work enclosing space below porch.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE Built on lots purchased by Collin from the land originally purchased by Dr. W.F. King from a local farmer (Peter McDowell). Residence of Collin 1882-1932; thereafter, rented as faculty apartments.

Good example of Georgian Revival domestic architecture.

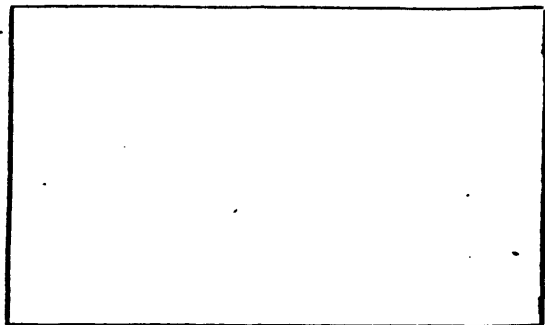
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B.R.F.; Reminiscences of William Fletcher King,
p. 257.

Cornellian. July 1888, May-June-July 1889.
Mt. Vernon.

Hawkeye. April 12 1889, December 13 1889.

SITE PLAN



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MAR 31 1980

NAME Carriage Barn (house)

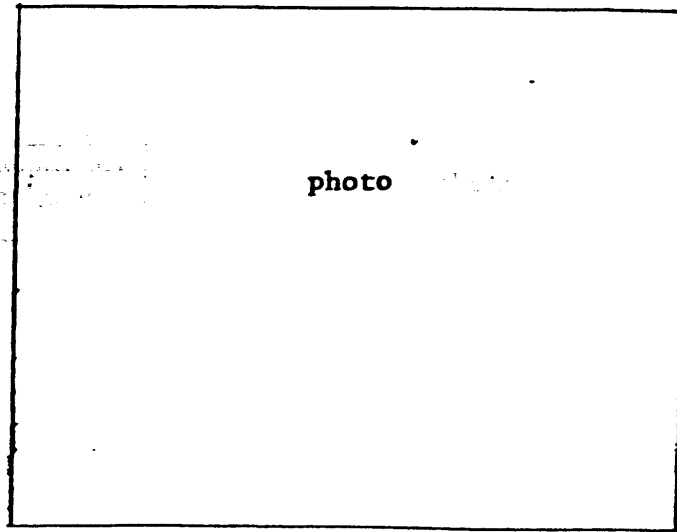
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LOCATION Cornell College Campus
street and number

DISTRICT RATING: A B C

Mount Vernon Linn
town or vicinity county

legal _____
urban: ~~subdiv-block-parcel-subparcel~~
rural: ~~tpw-range-section-1/4sec-1/4sec~~



UTM _____ ACREAGE _____
zone easting northing

DISTRICT NAME _____

OWNER Cornell College
name

Mount Vernon, Iowa
address

USE storage

VIEW _____ PHOTO # _____

ARCH/BLDR unkown

DATE(S) unkown MAP REF _____

DESCRIPTION Essentially a square structure of 2 floors. Hip roof. Interior shows marks of carriage and horse areas. Hay storage area on second floor.

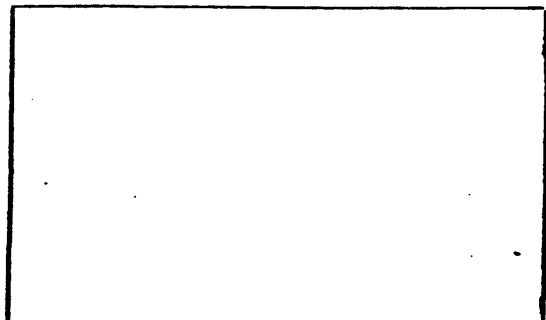
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Neutral Structure.

SOURCES

Extensive search of records and older citizens turned up no data.

SITE PLAN



RECORDER(S) _____ DATE _____

NAME President's House (White House)

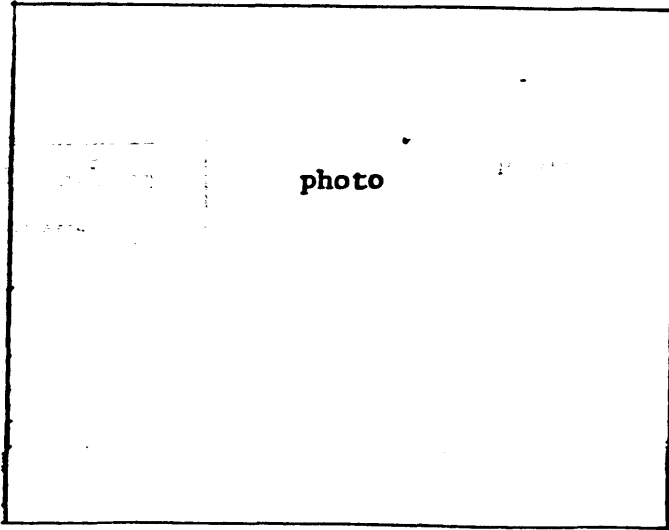
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UTM _____ ACREAGE _____
zone easting northing

DISTRICT NAME _____

OWNER Cornell College
name

Mount Vernon
address

USE residence

VIEW _____ PHOTO # _____

ARCH/BLDR Bldr-William Hamilton

DATE(S) 1850 MAP REF _____

DESCRIPTION Roof: variety of roof forms; gable, hip, on uppermost mass hip roof cresting at peak of hip. Dormers all sides. Projecting dormers have mutipaned windows and segmental arch head and roof with fan motif in end. Brackets under projecting roof are included at gable end. Walls: Clap-board siding with vertical trim at corners. Windows: most evident are the tall slender windows in pairs or trio with semi-circular heads and flanked by round topped shutter. Highly irregular in original design but accentuated because of addition, form includes a turret. Main porch supported by 2 pairs of columns with unidentified capitols-balustraded. Porch on SE corne has been incorporated into house and is balustraded. Two large sun porches on west (enclosed). There are 3 brick chimneys, two decorated with molded brick.

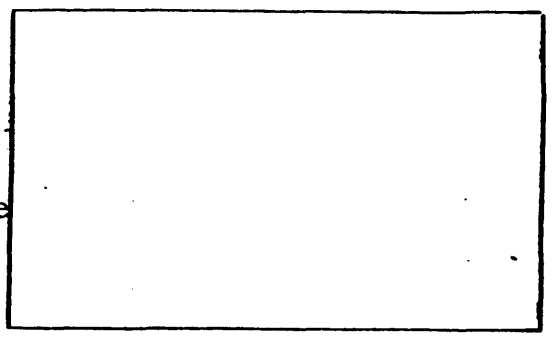
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE Oldest building on campus; built by and residence of William Hamilton, early trustee of Cornell College and local merchant and banker. (Hamilton's daughter married Lord Mayor of London--became Lady Waterlow). 1863-4: King purchsed house and land as part of a trade with farmer Peter McDowell. 1875: college bought it for president's residence--King continued living there, shared it with Flint from 1916-1921 whe he died in the study. House has been the official presidential home since 1875.

House has developed a decidedly eclectic character since original construction, and cannot be said to display any particular style.

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Mount Vernon Linn
town or vicinity county

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rural: ~~twp-range-section-1/4sec-1/4sec~~

UTM _____ ACREAGE _____
zone easting northing

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OWNER Cornell College
name

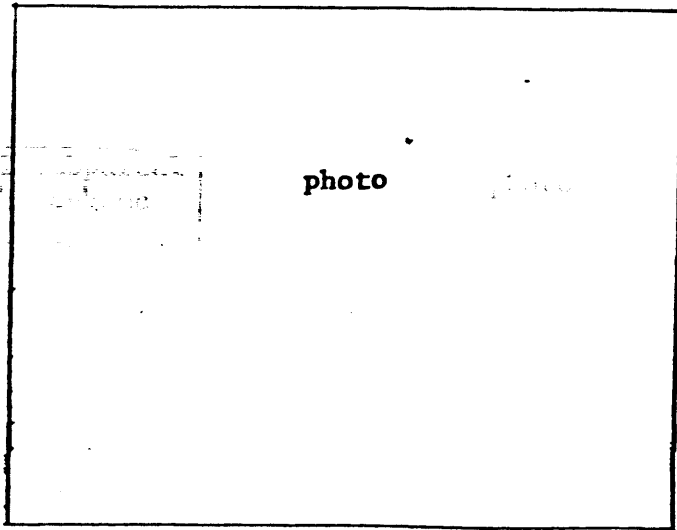
Mount Vernon, Iowa
address

USE Garage

VIEW _____ PHOTO # _____

ARCH/BLDR probably Wm. Fletcher King

DATE(S) 1880's MAP REF _____



DESCRIPTION simple rectangular plan with jerkinhead roof. Clapboard siding with corner trim. Hay door on second floor on west facade. Garage doors added in 1920's, car-port added in 1958.

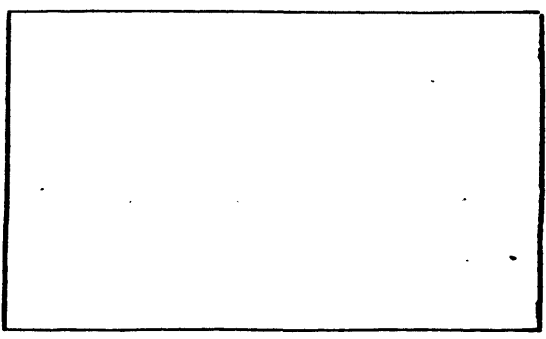
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

An unassuming little structure associated with President's house (#4).

SOURCES

Records of Cornell Business Office 1920-30 and 1950-60.

SITE PLAN



RECORDER(S) _____ DATE _____

MAR 31 1980

NAME Armstrong Hall

SITE NUMBER: 57-030-005

LOCATION Cornell College Campus
street and number

DISTRICT RATING: A B C

Mount Vernon Linn
town or vicinity county

legal
urban: ~~subdiv-block-parcel-subparcel~~
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UTM _____ ACREAGE _____
zone easting northing

DISTRICT NAME _____

OWNER Cornell College
name

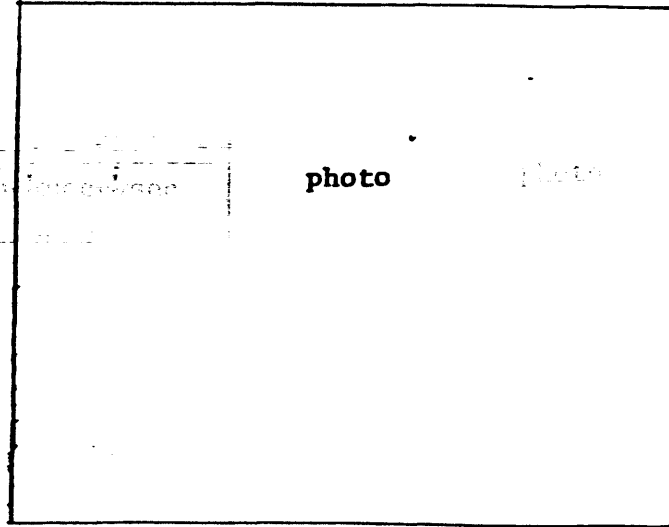
Mount Vernon, Iowa
address

USE houses dpts. music, art, theater & speech

ARCH/BLDR William J. Brown

VIEW _____ PHOTO # _____

DATE(S) 1938 MAP REF _____



DESCRIPTION

Two-story classroom building with symmetrical, 11-bay main facade dominated by giant tetra style portico. Outer walls faced with brick. Stone trim.

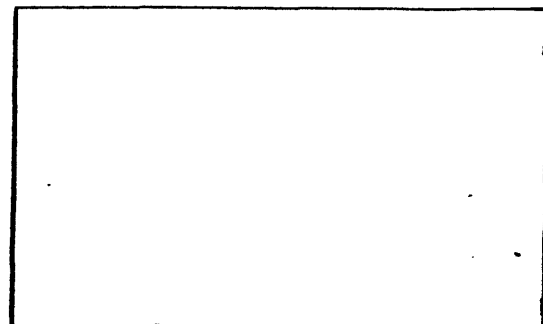
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE one of 3 major buildings constructed during the Depression. Illustrative of the growth of midwest liberal arts colleges. Frank H. Armstrong, who spent his early years in Mount Vernon, became Chicago businessman-major donor.

The building carries on the tradition established with Old Sem. (#23) in use of classical elements in college architecture - a tradition followed up to the past decade. See also # 10, 26.

SOURCES

B. R. F.

SITE PLAN



RECORDER(S) _____ DATE _____

NAME The Commons

SITE NUMBER: 57-030-006

LOCATION Cornell College Campus
street and number

DISTRICT RATING: A B C

Mount Vernon Linn
town or vicinity county

legal
urban: ~~subdiv-block-parcel-subparcel~~
rural: ~~tpw-range-section-1/4sec-1/4sec~~

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DISTRICT NAME _____

OWNER Cornell College
name

Mount Vernon, Iowa
address

USE dining and activity facility

VIEW _____ PHOTO # _____

ARCH/BLDR Harry Weese & Associates

DATE(S) 1966 MAP REF _____

DESCRIPTION

A low modern building of irregular plan.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

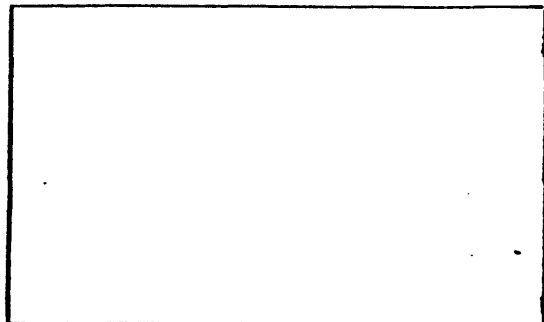
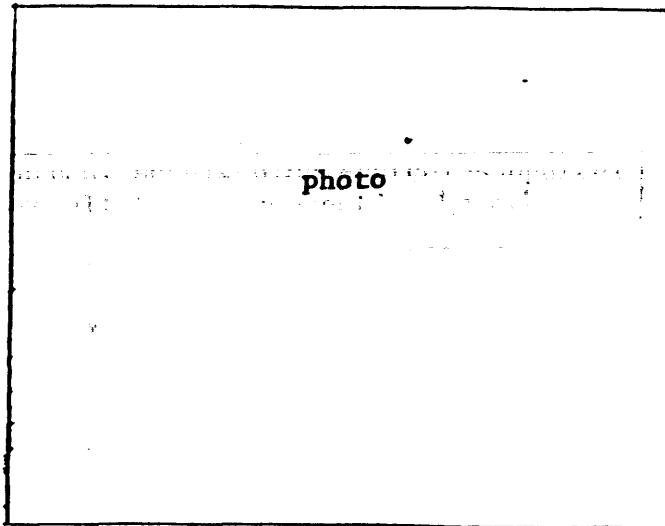
A distinctly modern building that maintains the relatively low profile and use of brick characteristic of Cornell's campus architecture. Chronologically intrusive.

SOURCES

B. R. F.

SITE PLAN

RECORDER(S) _____ DATE _____



MAR 31 1980

SITE NUMBER: 57-030-009

NAME Dows Hall

LOCATION Cornell College Campus
street and number

Mount Vernon Linn
town or vicinity county

legal
urban: ~~subdiv-block-parcel-subparcel~~
rural: ~~twp-range-section-1/4sec-1/4sec~~

UTM _____ ACREAGE _____
zone easting northing

DISTRICT NAME _____

OWNER Cornell College
name

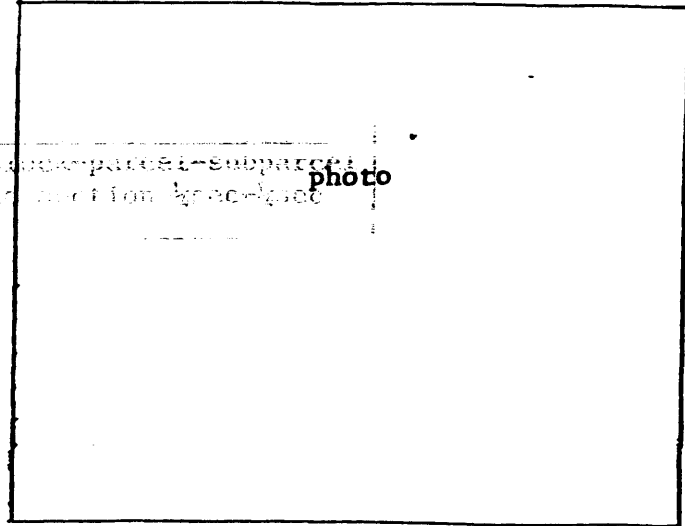
Mount Vernon, Iowa
address

USE Women's residence

VIEW _____ PHOTO # _____

ARCH/BLDR Harry Weese & Assoc.

DATE(S) 1963 MAP REF _____



DESCRIPTION Intrusion, not Characteristic of district

Contemporary residence hall of four stories, with exterior faced in brick. Overall horizontality of the form is balanced by strong vertical combinations of tall, narrow windows and advanced and recessed brick piers, which create the effect of overlapping planes.

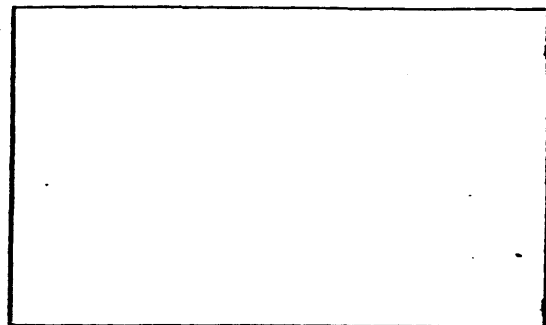
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Building utilizes traditional brick for exterior, thus bringing it at least partly into harmony with the overall character of the campus. Roof treatment is unfortunately suggestive of Mansard, and reduces the visual interest of the irregular wall surfaces. Building is too recent to be eligible for the Register, but cannot be considered a visual detractant. See also #11, 28, 29, and discussion under section 8 of the National Register form.

SOURCES

B. R. F.

SITE PLAN



RECORDER(S) _____ DATE _____

NAME Pfeiffer Hall

SITE NUMBER: 57-030-010

LOCATION Cornell College Campus
street and number

DISTRICT RATING: A B C

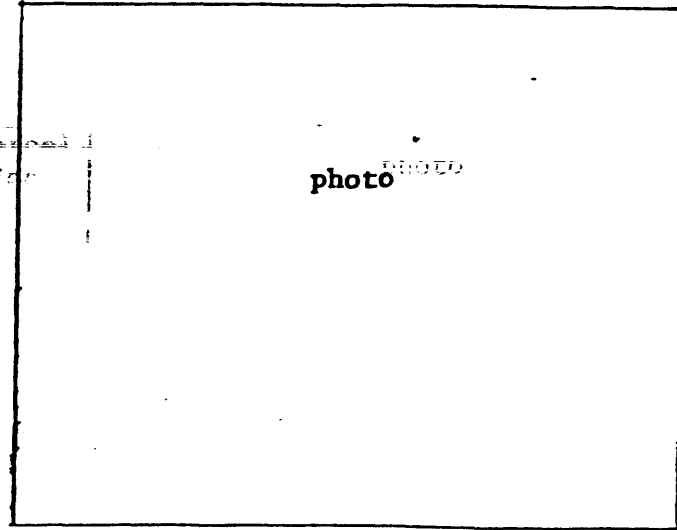
Mount Vernon Linn
town or vicinity county

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urban: subdiv-block-parcel-subparcel
rural: twp-range-section-1/4sec-1/4sec

UTM _____ ACREAGE _____
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DISTRICT NAME _____

OWNER Cornell College
name
Mount Vernon, Iowa
address



USE Dormitory

VIEW _____ PHOTO # _____

ARCH/BLDR William Jay Brown

DATE(S) 1930 MAP REF _____

DESCRIPTION

Three-story, side-gable dormitory, with giant pilasters reaching to a shallow triangular pediment above the main entrance. Pedimented dormers feature engaged colonettes. Main entrance set set between engaged Doric columns supporting a full entablature. Exterior faced with red brick.

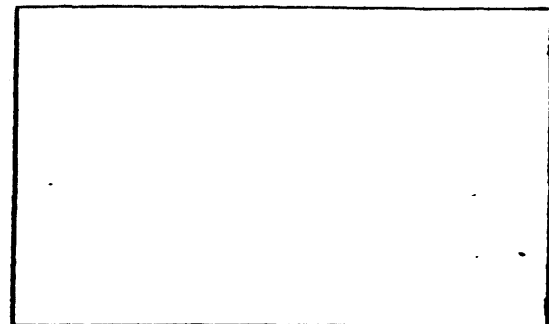
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

one of 3 major buildings constructed during the Depression. Illustrative of the growth of midwest liberal arts colleges. Another example of Cornell's "college classical" architecture. See also #5, 26.

SOURCES

B. R. F.

SITE PLAN



RECORDER(S) _____ DATE _____

NAME Heating PlantSITE NUMBER: 57-030-013 **MAR 31 1980**LOCATION Cornell College Campus
street and numberDISTRICT RATING: A B CMount Vernon Linn
town or vicinity county

legal

urban: subdiv-block-parcel-subparcel
rural: twp-range-section-1/4sec-1/4sec

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ACREAGE

zone easting northing

DISTRICT NAME _____

OWNER Cornell College
nameMount Vernon, Iowa
addressUSE Heating facility

VIEW _____ PHOTO # _____

ARCH/BLDR Mundie & Jensen/W. Al Furgus Co DATE(S) 1916 MAP REF _____

DESCRIPTION Rectangular, massive brick chimney at one end. Gable roof, gable end projects above roof with stone coping, windows: paired, double hung windows each side with 4/4 muntin pattern. Large semi-circular headed window in one gable end with slightly accented brick arch above. Window is divided into many segments with the semi-circular arch pattern repeated into the window trim. There is a large circular chimney at one gable end. Chimney serves boilers.

Building houses original and present central heating system for all major college buildings.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

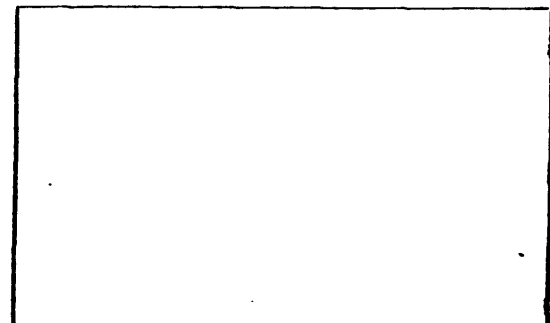
An odd little building exhibiting vaguely medieval influences. It is stylistically nonconforming, but cannot be considered intrusive.

SOURCES

CC Buildings and grounds.

SITE PLAN

RECORDER(S) _____ DATE _____



NAME Merle S. West Science Center

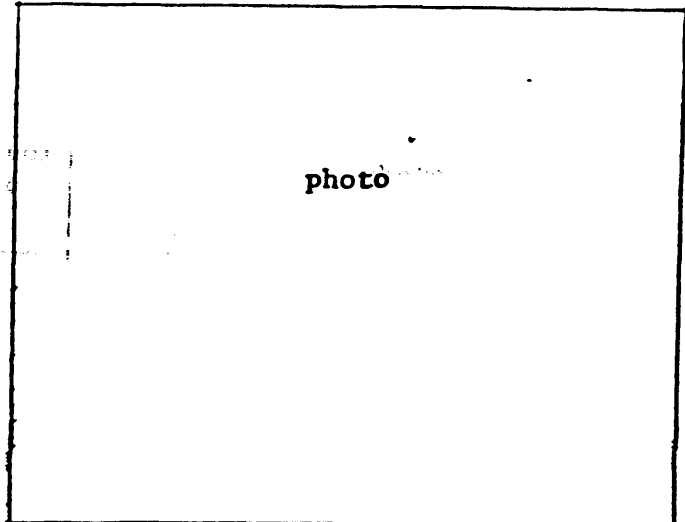
SITE NUMBER: 57-030-015 **MAR 31 1980**

LOCATION Cornell College Campus
street and number

DISTRICT RATING: A B C

Mount Vernon Linn
town or vicinity county

legal urban: subdiv-block-parcel-subparcel
rural: twp-range-section-1/2sec-1/4sec



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ACREAGE

DISTRICT NAME _____

OWNER Cornell College
name

Mount Vernon, Iowa
address

USE Science classroom structure

VIEW _____ PHOTO # _____

ARCH/BLDR Weese & Assoc./Loomis Bros.

DATE(S) 1976 MAP REF _____

DESCRIPTION

A three-story L-plan structure, faced with brick. Stone lintels and sills are featured at windows, which are of varying size and irregular, asymmetrical placement. Curious little ventilators on roof.

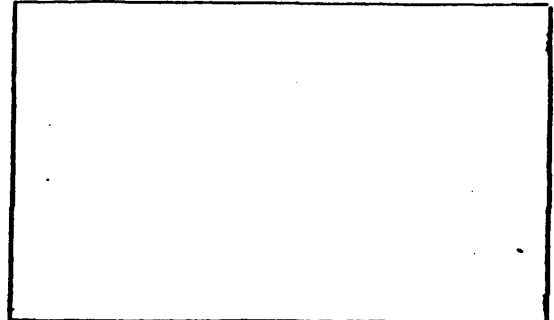
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This building presents a curious combination of contemporary architectural themes (walls as thin "skins", irregular arrangement of fenestration) and a vernacular masonry tradition of great age (the use of enormous stone slab lintels).

SOURCES

B. R. F.

SITE PLAN



RECORDER(S) _____ DATE _____

NAME House

SITE NUMBER: 57-030-017 MAR 31 1980

LOCATION 309 S. 5th Ave.
street and number

DISTRICT RATING: A B C

Mount Vernon Linn
town or vicinity county

legal
urban: subdiv-block-parcel-subparcel
rural: tpw-range-section-1/4sec-1/4sec

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DISTRICT NAME _____

OWNER Cornell College
name

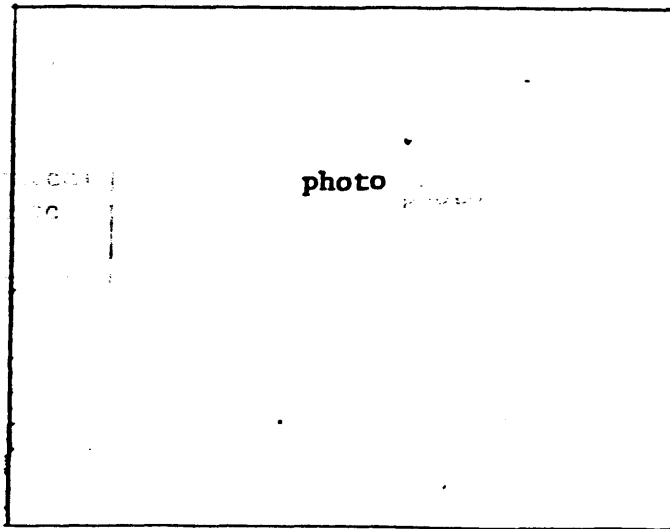
Mount Vernon, Iowa
address

USE Residence

VIEW _____ PHOTO # _____

ARCH/BLDR unknown

DATE(S) 1870's (?) MAP REF _____



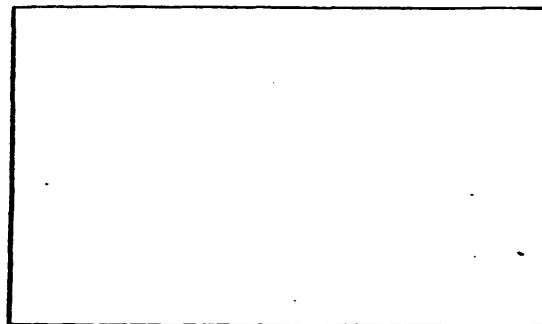
DESCRIPTION 2 story rectangular with one story frame addition at one end. Balance of structure is masonry. Entrance on Narrow (gable) end, asymmetrical composition. Simple gable roof, both main form and addition. Windows are double hung 4/4/muntin pattern, segmental arch heads of two courses of brick, flush with face of wall. Small "bay" type window on south, simple cornice at top.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Good example of local mid-nineteenth century masonry construction.

SOURCES
Cornell archives and Business Office Records.

SITE PLAN



RECORDER(S) _____ DATE _____

NAME C.C. Boarding AssociationSITE NUMBER: 57-030-018 **MAR 31 1980**LOCATION (South Hall) Cornell Campus
street and numberDISTRICT RATING: A B CMount Vernon Linn
town or vicinity county

legal

urban: subdiv-block-parcel-subparcel
rural: twp-range-section- $\frac{1}{4}$ sec- $\frac{1}{4}$ sec

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ACREAGE

zone easting northing

DISTRICT NAME _____

OWNER Cornell College
nameMount Vernon, Iowa
addressUSE classroom structure

VIEW _____ PHOTO # _____

ARCH/BLDR W.W. SanbornDATE(S) 1873 MAP REF _____

DESCRIPTION Rectangular plan with projection at entrance, full height 3 stories plus basement. Hip roof with gable over entrance mass. Large paired brackets at all outside corners. Walls are brick running bond, Accentuated outside corners. Brick dentils under soffit. Windows are double hung 9/2 muntin pattern. Double door entrance with fan window above (semi-circular). Raised brick trim over segmental arched window on projection.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE building served as a men's dormitory at a time when many male students lived in boarding houses in town. Soon converted to classroom use.

A well-maintained example of institutional Italianate design.

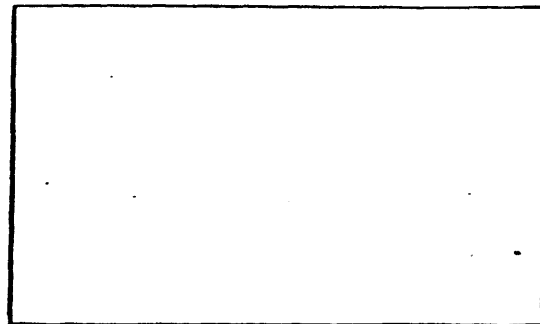
SOURCES

B.R.F.

Minutes of Board of Trustees. June 18 1872,
June 13, 1916.Collegian. Sept.1, Oct.1, Nov.1, Dec.1 1872,
Feb.1 1873.

SITE PLAN

RECORDER(S) _____ DATE _____



NAME Carnegie Library Building
(Chemistry building"

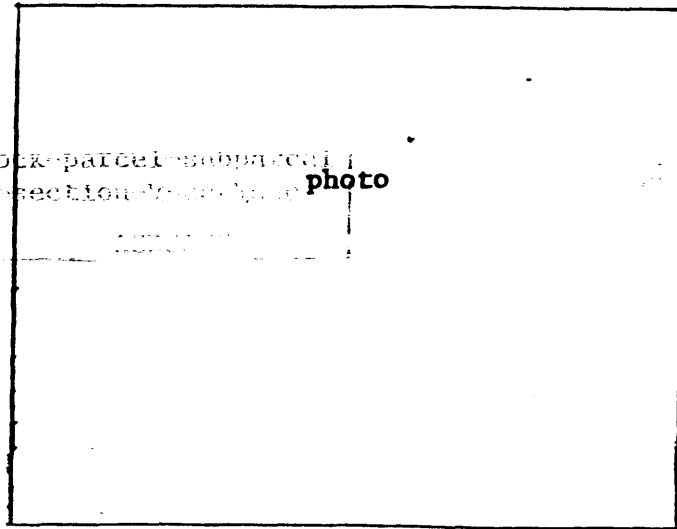
SITE NUMBER: 57-030-020 **MAR 31 1980**

LOCATION Cornell College Campus
street and number

DISTRICT RATING: A B C

Mount Vernon Linn
town or vicinity county

legal urban: subdiv-block-parcel-subparcel
rural: twp-range-section-1/4sec-1/4sec



UTM zone easting northing
ACREAGE

DISTRICT NAME _____

OWNER Cornell College
name

Mount Vernon, Iowa
address

USE Library; Classroom

VIEW _____ PHOTO # _____

ARCH/BLDR B.-Barlett & Kling

DATE(S) 1905 MAP REF _____

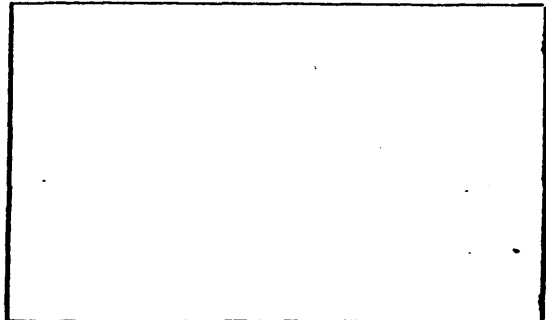
DESCRIPTION Basically rectangular with projecting full ht. mass at entry. Large un-roofed porch on south. Two stories plus basement. Brick walls with quoins at corners and around the entire projecting entrance mass. Projecting limestone cornice near top of structure; brick parapet above cornice with limestone cap. Horizontal limestone banding at main floorline. Window pattern is two small vertical windows flanking a single middle window. Ground floor windows are taller than second floor windows and are double hung. Lintels are brick with a keystone of projecting brick. Bricks angle away from center (jack arch lintel). Entrance is highly ornate. Semi-circular arch with brick in radiating pattern. Window muntins are in crossing diagonal pattern. Large brackets support projection above door. Ornamentation: large stone ornament centered over door and at roof parapet above door. Also stone ornaments under cornice each side of door.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE Representative of Carnegie Library era; gift to town and college. Placement on east of campus-accessibility to town. 1st building on campus to be constructed with interior steel frames.

SOURCES

B. R. F.

SITE PLAN



RECORDER(S) _____ DATE _____

NAME Spears Fountain

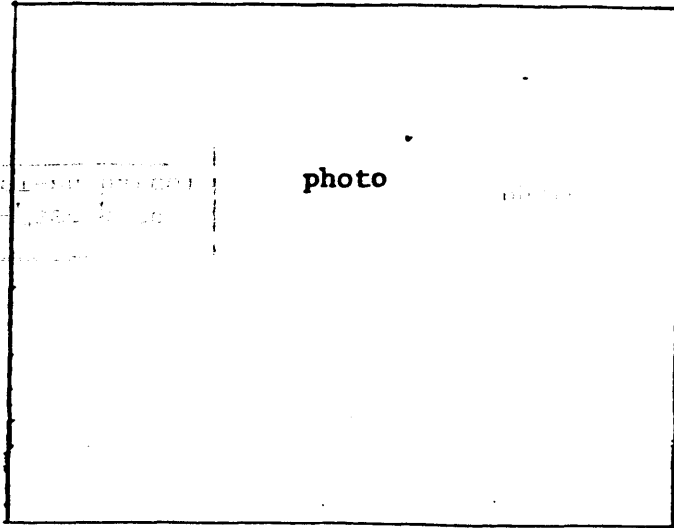
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LOCATION Cornell College Campus
street and number

DISTRICT RATING: A B C

Mount Vernon Linn
town or vicinity county

legal
urban: subdiv-block-parcel-subparcel
rural: tpw-range-section-1/4sec-1/4sec



UTM _____ ACREAGE _____
zone easting northing

DISTRICT NAME _____

OWNER Cornell College
name
Mount Vernon, Iowa
address

USE Decorative fountain

VIEW _____ PHOTO # _____

ARCH/BLDR Unknown (doner: Armstrong Spear)

DATE(S) 1906 MAP REF _____

DESCRIPTION "On a circular stone plinth rising some 8 inches above the great circle of cement pavement stands a hexagonal block of solid granit which serves as a base for a bronze fountain piece designed with 3 dolphins. The side of granite block are ornamented in strong relief with six chubby infants in happy dance bearing up a fruit garland that passes in festoons around the block." C.C. Bulletin November 1, 1906

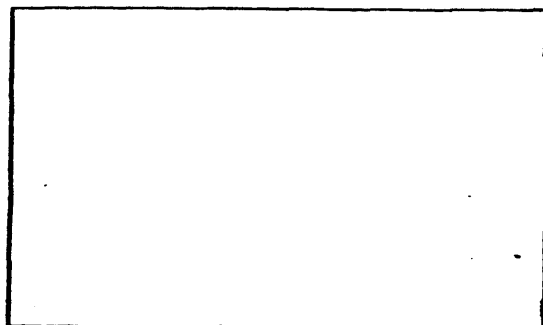
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

A campus curiosity for many years.

SOURCES

B. R. F.
C.C. Bulletin Nov. 1 1906.

SITE PLAN



RECORDER(S) _____ DATE _____

MAR 31 1980

NAME Law Memorial Building of Geology and Biology

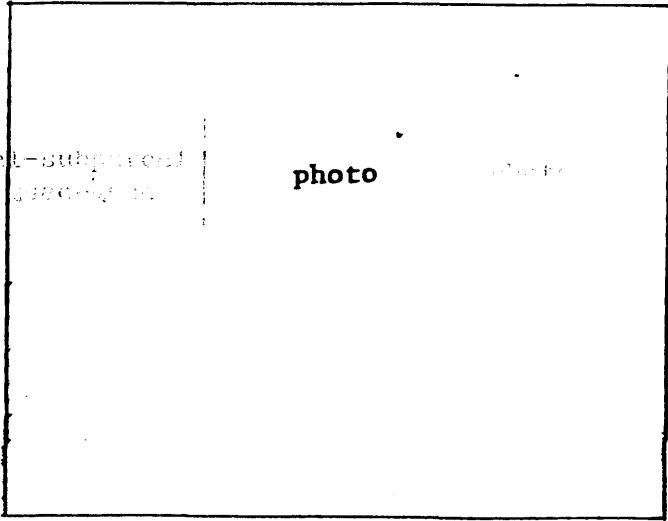
SITE NUMBER: 57-030-022

LOCATION Cornell College Campus
street and number

DISTRICT RATING: A B C

Mount Vernon Linn
town or vicinity county

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urban: ~~subdiv-block-parcel-subparcel~~
rural: ~~twp-range-section-sec-sec~~



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DISTRICT NAME _____

OWNER Cornell College
name

Mount Vernon, Iowa
address

USE classroom

VIEW _____ PHOTO # _____

ARCH/BLDR Miller, Fullenwider, Dowling(A) DATE(S) 1925 MAP REF _____
Loomis brothers-contractor

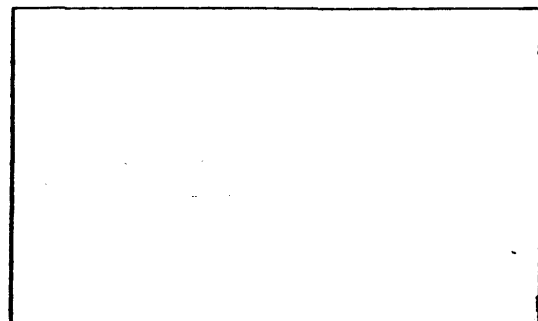
DESCRIPTION Rectangular with slight offsets. Three stories. Entrance is offset, producing asymmetrical effect. Hip roof. Walls are brick with stone banding near lower floor window heads; at 3rd story window sill, and at top of building. Stone foundation. Modillions under eave. Projecting stone pilasters flank north entrance. Stone porch or balustrade above main floor entrance. Three windows on 2nd level have an arched motif above windows (north exposure). Windows are double hung on all floors. Single lower level and second level, paired in several areas on third level. Stone lintel lower level, brick lintel with stone keystone second and 3rd levels, various muntin patterns 9/2 predominating windows above entrance are two small units flanking a larger unit. Ornament: Doric stone columns flank entrance with balustraded stone porch above. Decorative stone emblem above 2nd story windows. Stone lintel above 3rd story window

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

~~Only major building built in the 1920's (illustrative of unique growth-history of Cornell-despite national trends toward expansion; Law only major campus building constructed in 1920's).~~

SOURCES
B.R.F.

SITE PLAN



RECORDER(S) _____ DATE _____

NAME The Seminary Building "Old Sem"

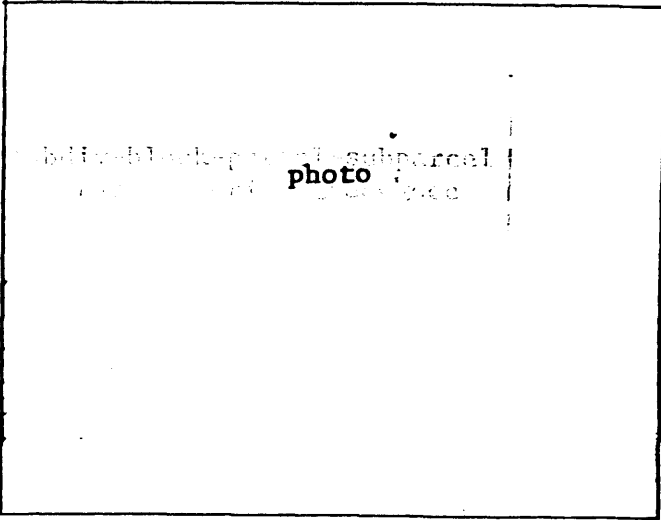
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LOCATION Cornell College Campus
street and number

DISTRICT RATING: A B C

Mount Vernon Linn
town or vicinity county

legal urban: subdiv-block-parcel-subparcel
rural: twp-range-section-1/2sec-1/2sec



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zone easting northing

DISTRICT NAME _____

OWNER Cornell College
name

Mount Vernon, Iowa
address

USE houses administration offices

VIEW _____ PHOTO # _____

ARCH/BLDR B-William & H.T. Albright and
R.J. Harbert

DATE(S) 1853 MAP REF _____

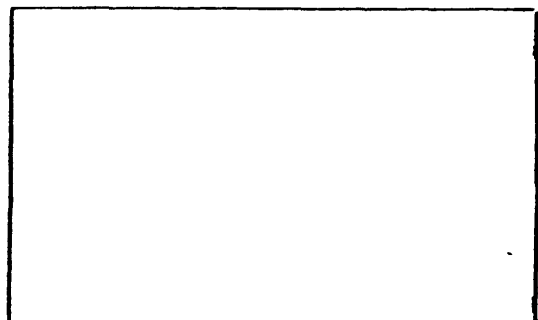
DESCRIPTION Basic structure rectangular, three story with two story "L" addition (2 story) and other small frame additions. Gable roof on two and three story portions. Walls are brick, flat except at frieze where there are some porjections. Gable end is stucco with the eave returned onto gable end. The frieze line continues across the gable end. Windows are all double hung except semi-circular window in gable ends. Double hung windows with 6/6 or 6/2 muntin pattern. Brick lintels with slight projection all floors. Entrance has small gable roof porch over it. Major alterations include: enlarged in 1869 by 30 feet addition to south wing; mansard added (creating 4th floor) in 1892-outside stairway removed from north facade in 1906 - main entrance was the on ground floor - 2 windows cut into west wall on 3rd floor; in 1924, fire destroyed all but walls-when rebuilt, mansardnot included-North entrance door now protected by outside vestibule. Original bldg. had 9 chimneys (4N, 4S)-series of chimney modifications between 1892 and 1924-after fire, removed. 1958-9 renovation for administrative offices. Exterior form after '24 fire was essentially retained. Extensive documentation of interior structural arrangement and window and chimney modifications is available

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE: Housed entire college until 1857 and has served as the historical symbol of Cornell College; it is the oldest campus structure that has been continually used since its construction. A chastely simple Greek Revival building that has been lovingly rehabilitated for continued service to the college.

SOURCES

- B.R.F.
- History of Linn County, 1878.
- Cornellian, Sept. 19 1892, Sept. 22 1906.
- Minutes of Board of Trustees. June 18 1887.
- Cornell College Bulletin. Nov. 1906.

SITE PLAN



RECORDER(S) _____ DATE _____

NAME King Memorial Chapel

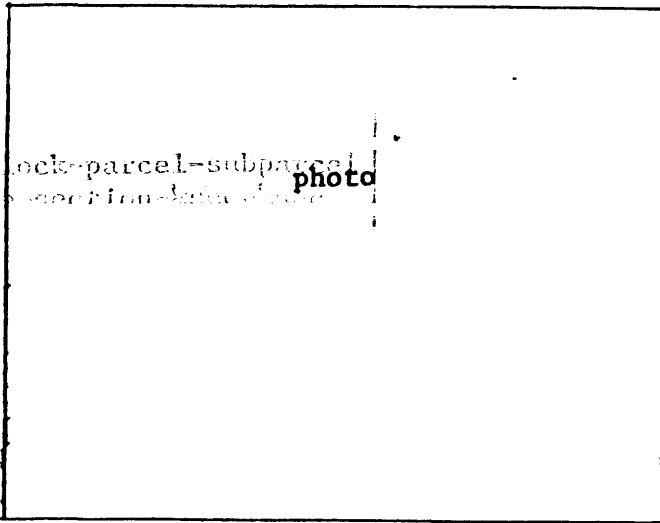
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LOCATION Cornell College Campus
street and number

DISTRICT RATING: A B C

Mount Vernon Linn
town or vicinity county

legal Linn
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rural: ~~twp-range-section-1/4sec-1/4sec~~



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DISTRICT NAME _____

OWNER Cornell College
name

Mount Vernon, Iowa
address

USE Aditorium, classrooms, offices

VIEW _____ PHOTO # _____

ARCH/BLDR Cass Chapman/George Haldstock

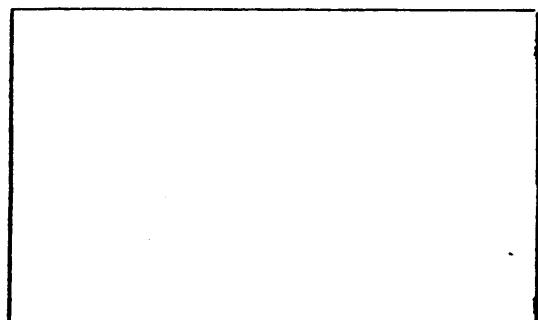
DATE(S) 1876-1876 MAP REF _____

DESCRIPTION Cruciform-plan structure of undressed yellow dolomite limestone, laid in a random ashlar pattern. The structure is marked by 3 towers. One is square-sided, with louvered, pointed-arched openings on each side; the four-sided spire bears four clocks and a mansard spire topped by a decorative iron railing. Another is round, in four sections divided by stringcourses. The lower 3 sections are pierced by pointed-arched openings, the fourth by circular windows. The round spire is surmounted by a molded tin pinnacle. A 3rd tower at the rear is square-based and also pierced by pointed-arched lights. Windows throughout the bldg. exhibit tracery and are filled w/stained glass, including the fanlight over the front entrance. 2 of 3 chimneys have pressed tin decorative pinnacles aboe the flue opening. Gabled roof is covered in composition shingle. The interior has undergone extensive alteration. Exterior changes have been limited to the removal of decorative wrought-iron from the roof ridge, replacement of main entrance doors, removal of a flagpole and the original slate roof, and the addition of a spiral fire escape.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE: King chapel has served as a cultural center for C.C., Mt. Vernon & a rather wide geographic area. The 19th Century Iowa Colleges were part of a movement to spread culture among the people. Cornell played a role in this effort, offering lectures, concerts, and performances which were open to the public. Some of those appearing at King Chapel over the years were William Howard Taft, Amelia Earhart, Carl Sandburg, Frank Lloyd Wright, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Walter Giesecking. As a house of worship, the chapel has never been the home of a formal and established congregation. Religious services were originally required as part of the educational experience provided by the college, and in later years the building has served as a worship place for meetings of the Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church and for special meeting of other denominations.

SOURCES

SITE PLAN



RECORDER(S) _____ DATE _____

NAME Bowman Hall

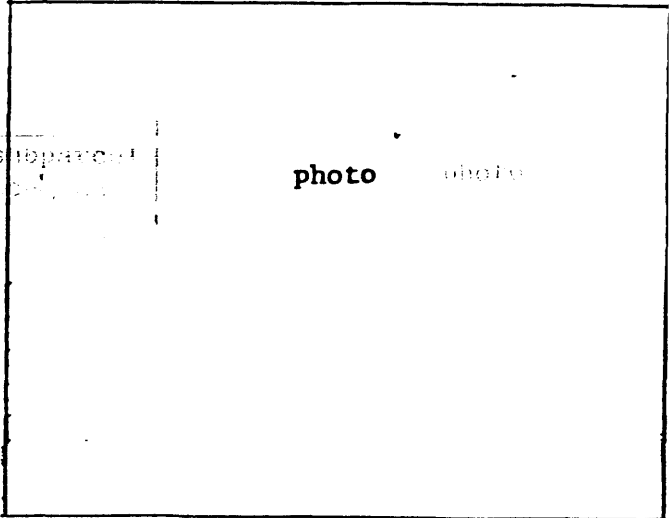
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LOCATION Cornell College Campus
street and number

DISTRICT RATING: A B C

Mount Vernon Linn
town or vicinity county

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rural: twp-range-section-1/4sec-1/4sec



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DISTRICT NAME _____

OWNER Cornell College
name
Mount Vernon, Iowa
address

USE Women's residence hall
ARCH/BLDR Cass Chapman

VIEW _____ PHOTO # _____
DATE(S) 1885 MAP REF _____

DESCRIPTION ELL shaped with rectangular projection and tower at outside corner, small projection at entry, and small projection at west end. Three stories plus basement and attic. Gable roof with many dormers. Gable ends over entrance projection and west end projection. Some dormers have jerkinhead roof penetrated with chimneys. Peak of roof at the intersection of ell legs is topped with cresting. The hip roof on the corner tower is also topped with cresting. Walls are brick, with projecting pilasters between the large dormers. The base or basement walls are limestone with segmental arches over large openings. The bricks project in a dentil like form under the eaves. The predominant window is double hung with segmental arch head. The 3rd floor tower windows are gothic, the large dormer windows flanking the chimneys are 1/4 circular. On triangular dormer has triangular window and the windows over the entry are varied with a gothic window on the gable end. The gable end has a decorative wood peak with dentils under the eave. **

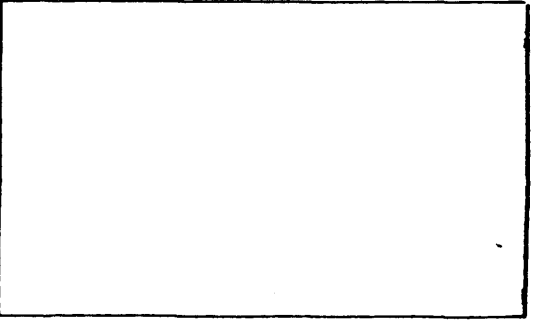
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE One of three buildings in district executed by Cass Chapman. A massive Gothic Revival edifice of typical high Victorian complexity. Its fortress-like appearance was well-suited to its purpose of housing (and protecting?) young women students in the late 19th century.

** Original porch is gone. Existing porch has masonry piers and limestone sides. Chimneys have been simplified but exist at each major dormer.

SOURCES

B.R.F.
Hawkeye. November 12, 1936.

SITE PLAN



RECORDER(S) _____ DATE _____

NAME Olin Hall

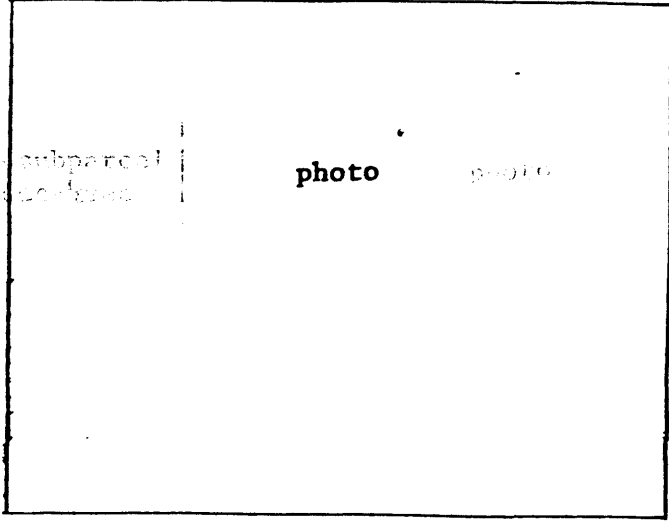
SITE NUMBER: 57-030-027 **MAR 31 1990**

LOCATION Cornell College Campus
street and number

DISTRICT RATING: A B C

Mount Vernon Linn
town or vicinity county

legal urban: subdiv-block-parcel-subparcel
rural: twp-range-section-1/4sec-1/4sec



UTM _____ ACREAGE _____
zone easting northing

DISTRICT NAME _____

OWNER Cornell College
name

Mount Vernon, Iowa
address

USE Men's dormitory

VIEW _____ PHOTO # _____

ARCH/BLDR Green & Co.

DATE(S) 1955 MAP REF _____

DESCRIPTION

Three-story, side-gable building on high windowed basement. A slightly projecting three-bay center frontispiece is topped with a triangular pediment. Shed dormers added at roof edge.

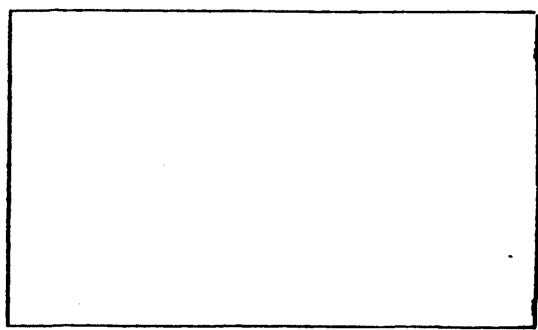
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

A very half-hearted attempt to carry on prevailing architectural motifs of campus.

SOURCES

B.R.F.

SITE PLAN



RECORDER(S) _____ DATE _____

NAME Roem Hall

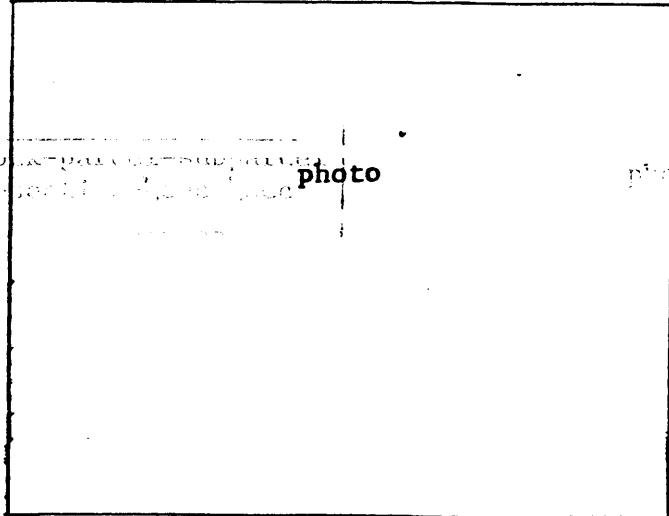
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LOCATION Cornell College Campus
street and number

DISTRICT RATING: A B C

Mount Vernon Linn
town or vicinity county

legal _____
urban: subdiv-block-parcel-subparcel
rural: twp-range-section-1/4sec-1/4sec



UTM _____ ACREAGE _____
zone easting northing

DISTRICT NAME _____

OWNER Cornell College
name

Mount Vernon, Iowa
address

USE men's academic residence

VIEW _____ PHOTO # _____

ARCH/BLDR Harry Weese & Assoc.

DATE(S) 1966 MAP REF _____

DESCRIPTION

See #9, 11.

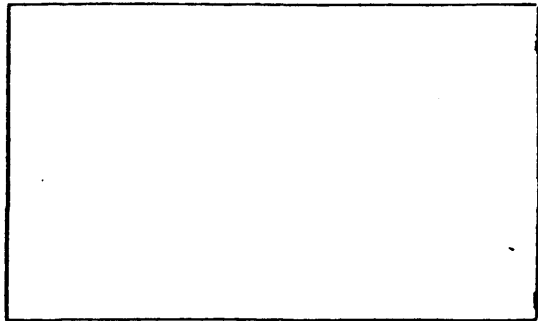
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

See #9, 11.

SOURCES

B.R.F.

SITE PLAN



RECORDER(S) _____ DATE _____

NAME Ash Field

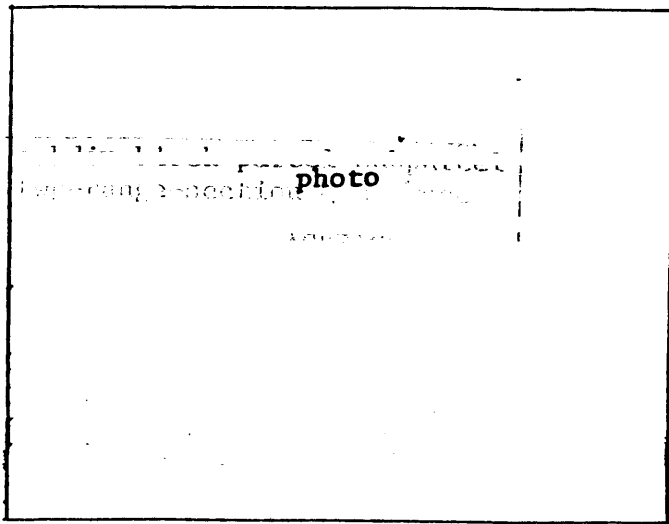
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LOCATION Cornell College Campus
street and number

DISTRICT RATING: A B C

Mount Vernon Linn
town or vicinity county

legal
urban: subdiv-block-parcel-subparcel
rural: twp-range-section- $\frac{1}{4}$ sec- $\frac{1}{4}$ sec



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zone easting northing

DISTRICT NAME _____

OWNER Cornell College
name
Mount Vernon, Iowa
address

USE Sports and picnic area

VIEW _____ PHOTO # _____

ARCH/BLDR N/A - Purchased 1891 from Rueben Ash DATE(S) _____ MAP REF _____

DESCRIPTION Background structure, concrete bleachers built in 1921 builder unknown. Extensive park area devoted to athletic field, field houses, and picnic area. Concrete bleachers and press box (some 20 rows of seats--wooden)

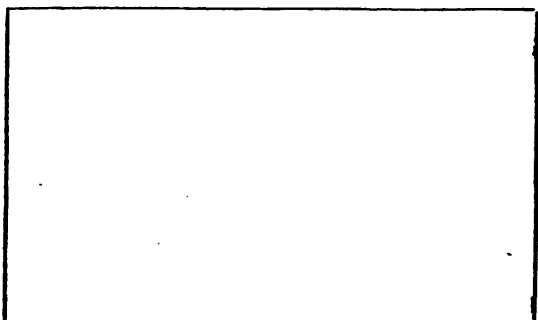
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

An integral and noticeable element of the landscape, particularly when viewed from almost anywhere on the west side of the main campus. Acts as a transitional element between the dense residential and campus areas and the open farmland to the north.

SOURCES

Cornell Building Files
College Bulletin. May 15, 1922.

SITE PLAN



RECORDER(S) _____ DATE _____

NAME Field House

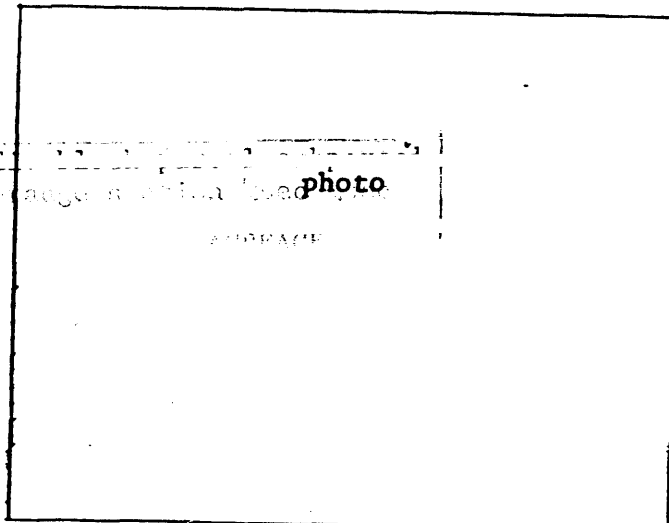
SITE NUMBER: 57-030-031

LOCATION Cornell College Campus
street and number

DISTRICT RATING: A B C

Mount Vernon Linn
town or vicinity county

legal
urban: ~~subdiv-block-parcel-subparcel~~
rural: ~~tpw-range-section-1/4sec-1/4sec~~



UTM _____ ACREAGE _____
zone easting northing

DISTRICT NAME _____

OWNER Cornell College
name

Mount Vernon, Iowa
address

USE Physical Education/gym facility

VIEW _____ PHOTO # _____

ARCH/BLDR Green & Co.

DATE(S) 1953 MAP REF _____

DESCRIPTION Intrusion-not typical of district

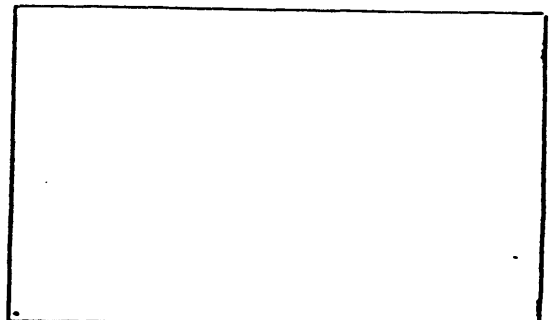
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

An undistinguished, utilitarian building.

SOURCES

B.R.F.

SITE PLAN



RECORDER(S) _____ DATE _____

NAME House (INTRUSION)

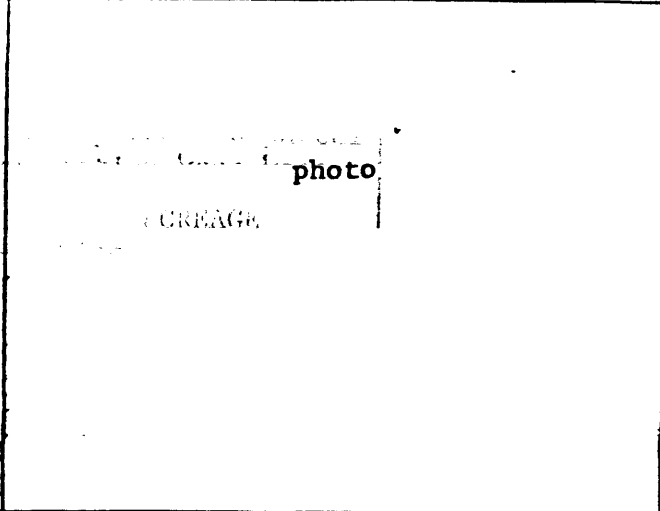
SITE NUMBER: 57-030-034 **MAR 31 1990**

LOCATION 724 8th Ave. N.
street and number

DISTRICT RATING: A B C

Mount Vernon Linn
town or vicinity county

legal Ash Park Add., Block 8, lot 4
urban: subdiv-block-parcel-subparcel
rural: tpw-range-section-1/4sec-1/4sec



UTM _____ ACREAGE _____
zone easting northing

DISTRICT NAME _____

OWNER Allen Griffith
name 724 8th Ave. N.
Mount Vernon, Iowa
address

USE Residence

VIEW _____ PHOTO # _____

ARCH/BLDR _____

DATE(S) 1959 MAP REF _____

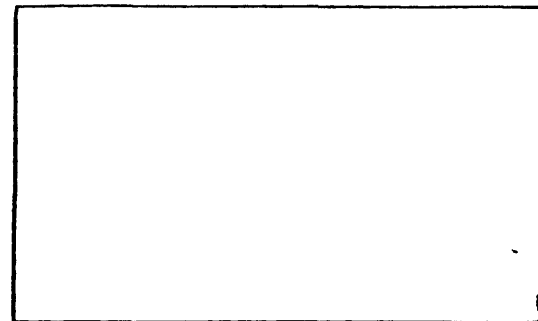
DESCRIPTION INTRUSION-not typical of district
Modern ranch-style house.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE NONE

SOURCES

Allen Griffith, owner.

SITE PLAN



RECORDER(S) _____ DATE _____

NAME House

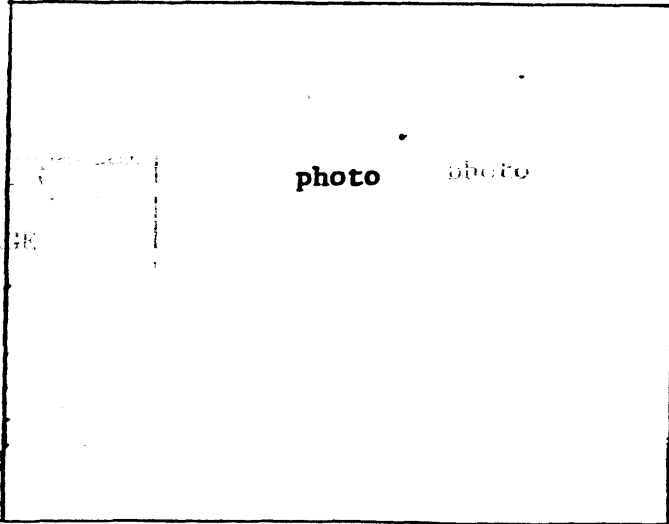
SITE NUMBER: 57-030-035 **MAR 31 1990**

LOCATION 718 8th Ave. N.
street and number

DISTRICT RATING: A B C

Mount Vernon Linn
town or vicinity county

legal Ash Park Add., Block 8, Lot 3
urban: ~~subdiv-block-parcel-subparcel~~
rural: ~~twp-range-section-1/2sec-1/2sec~~



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DISTRICT NAME _____

OWNER Paul Maaske
name

718 8th Ave. N., Mount Vernon, Iowa
address

USE residence

VIEW _____ PHOTO # _____

ARCH/BLDR Professor Harlan Betts

DATE(S) 1912 MAP REF _____

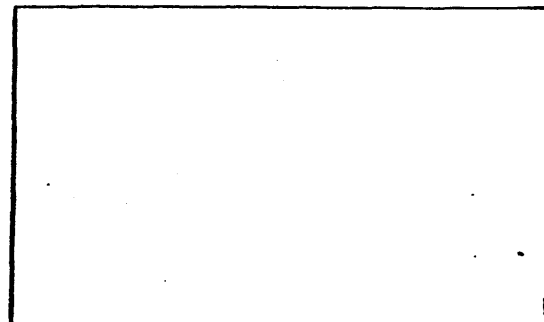
DESCRIPTION Rectangular plan, two story with dormer and small porches. Hip roof on main structure and porches. Shed type roof on dormer. Stucco on all walls except sides of dormer which are shakes. Windows are double hung, usually in pairs. 3/1 muntin pattern. West facade has two groups of 3 windows with a fixed glass panel above each and divisions at the top of the top sash. Porches--The entrance is covered by a projecting roof supported (aesthetic only) by two brackets, one each side. The porch roof form continues to the south over one of the groupings of three windows.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE Earliest known stucco house in town, background structure to district

SOURCES

Paul Maaske, owner.

SITE PLAN



RECORDER(S) _____ DATE _____

NAME Elmer Moots HouseSITE NUMBER: 57-030-036 MAR 31 1980LOCATION 710 8th Ave. N.
street and numberDISTRICT RATING: A B CMount Vernon Linn
town or vicinity countylegal Ash Park Add. Block 8 Lots 1 & 2
urban: subdiv-block-parcel-subparcel
rural: twp-range-section- $\frac{1}{4}$ sec- $\frac{1}{4}$ secUTM _____ ACREAGE _____
zone easting northing

DISTRICT NAME _____

OWNER Alan DuVal
name710 8th Ave. N., Mount Vernon, Iowa
addressUSE residence

VIEW _____ PHOTO # _____

ARCH/BLDR William Jay Brown/Elmer MootsDATE(S) 1928 MAP REF _____

DESCRIPTION Ell shaped with small extension at one of gable ends (One story). Main house $1\frac{1}{2}$ or 2 stories. Gable roof with gable dormer. Wood shingles (?) Walls are irregular undressed limestone. Windows-casement and double hung, in groups of two or three (except dormer). Stone, jack arch lintels small double door onto balcony on second level east gable end. Double door to south wing extension. Entrance recessed from corner of house with large semi-circular arches on each side of corner. Limestone planter to south of entrance. Limestone walk and steps to entry from west.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE One of the first houses that had a garage incorporated into house. Elmer Moots was a math prof., and civil engineer.

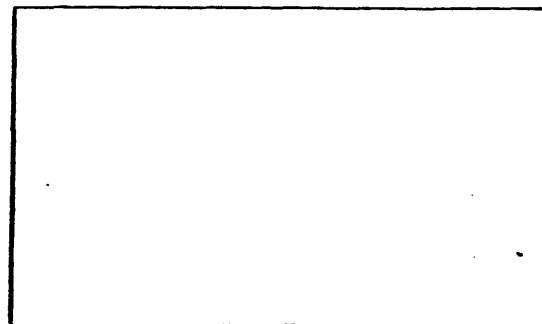
The house is a local representative of the "picturesque revivals" of medieval residential forms that were popular after World War I. The random projection of stone blocks from the exterior wall surface gives a highly textured appearance.

SOURCES

Owner and Alan DuVal.

SITE PLAN

RECORDER(S) _____ DATE _____



NAME Reuben Ash House

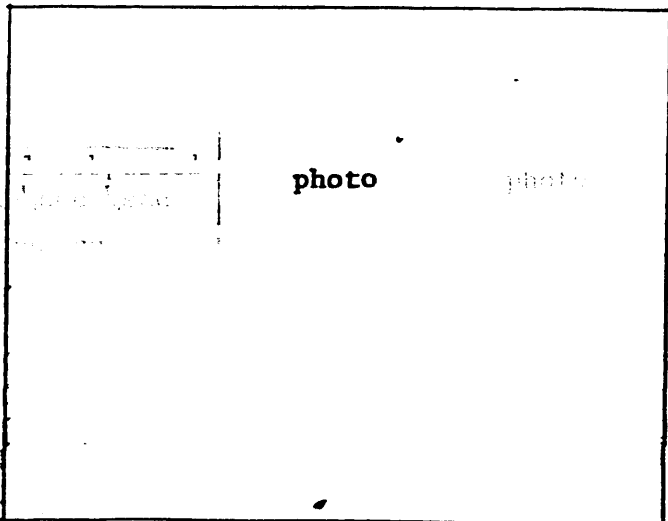
SITE NUMBER: 57-030-037 **MAR 3 1 1990**

LOCATION 702 8th Ave. N.
street and number

DISTRICT RATING: A B C

Mount Vernon Linn
town or vicinity county

legal Ash Park Add. Block 8 Homestead
~~urban: subdiv-block-parcel-subparcel~~
~~rural: twp-range-section-1/4sec-1/4sec~~



UTM _____ ACREAGE _____
zone easting northing

DISTRICT NAME _____

OWNER Claude Harrison
name
702 8th Ave. N., Mount Vernon, Iowa
address

USE Residence

VIEW _____ PHOTO # _____

ARCH/BLDR Reuben Ash

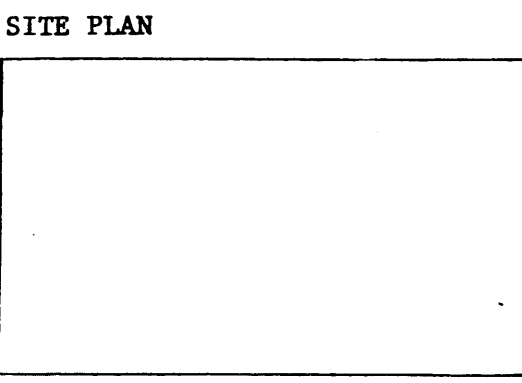
DATE(S) 1854, 1863 MAP REF _____

DESCRIPTION "T" shape plan, gable roof with dormer in south wing. limestone sills and lintels on 1st and 2nd floors. Walls are of local brick 1/2 running bond. Entrance porch extended to wing, supported by columns, is an early 20th century feature. Doorway features multi-light transom and side-lights, and is framed by simple pilasters and cornice.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE Reuben Ash was one of the earliest settlers in county as well as town. Farmer and benefactor.

The house is a good example of Iowa's mid-19th century domestic architecture, in which the Greek Revival is given vernacular expression.

SOURCES
Cent. History.



RECORDER(S) _____ DATE _____

NAME Barry Garage

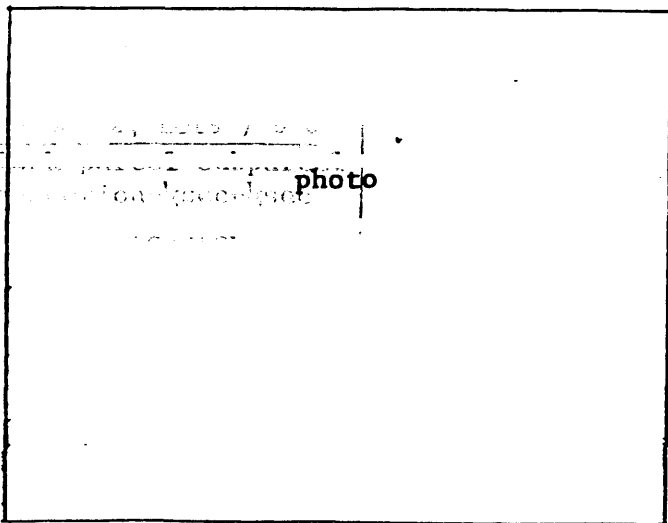
SITE NUMBER: 57-030-038 **MAR 31 1980**

LOCATION 702 8th Ave. N
street and number

DISTRICT RATING: A B C

Mount Vernon Linn
town or vicinity county

legal Ash Park Add. Block 8
urban: ~~subdiv-block-parcel-subparcel~~
rural: ~~tpw-range-section-1/4sec-1/4sec~~



UTM _____ ACREAGE _____
zone easting northing

DISTRICT NAME _____

OWNER Claude Harrison
name
702 8th Ave. N., Mt. Vernon, Iowa
address

USE garage & storage

VIEW _____ PHOTO # _____

ARCH/BLDR Theodore Stinger

DATE(S) 1924 MAP REF _____

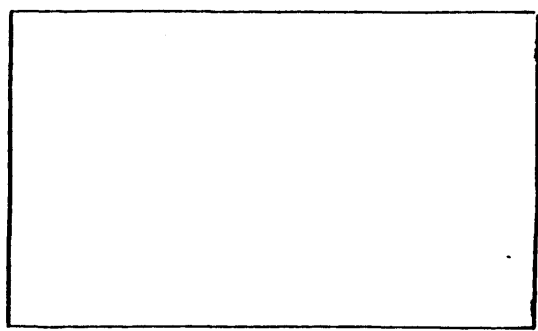
DESCRIPTION 2 story rectangular with one story ell addition. Hip roof on both forms exposed rafter ends. Composition (asphalt) shingles. Horizontal wood siding with trim at corners and windows. Double hung windows on main floor, original structure 4/4/ muntin pattern. 1/1/ pattern in addition. Fixed windows divided into 4 sections upper level. Hay door on 2nd level. Sectional door (not original). No ornamentation. Chimney between two story & one story portion.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE one of the last barns for horses etc. before coming of auto

SOURCES

Interview with property owner who has correspondance with the Stinger family about the structure (May 10, 1979).

SITE PLAN



RECORDER(S) _____ DATE _____

NAME Platner House (Music Practice)

SITE NUMBER: 57-030-039 MAR 31 1980

LOCATION Cornell College Campus
street and number

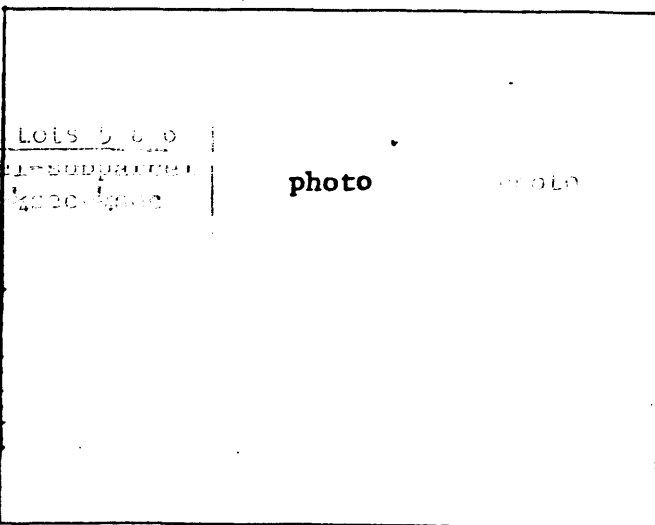
DISTRICT RATING: A B C

Mount Vernon Linn
town or vicinity county

legal Bowman 2nd Add. Block 2, Lots 7 & 8

urban: ~~subdiv-block-parcel-subparcel~~

rural: ~~twp-range-section-1/4sec-1/4sec~~



UTM _____ ACREAGE _____
zone easting northing

DISTRICT NAME _____

OWNER Cornell College
name

Mount Vernon, Iowa
address

USE Music practice house

VIEW _____ PHOTO # _____

ARCH/BLDR Marsden Keyes/Charles Davis

DATE(S) 1892 MAP REF _____

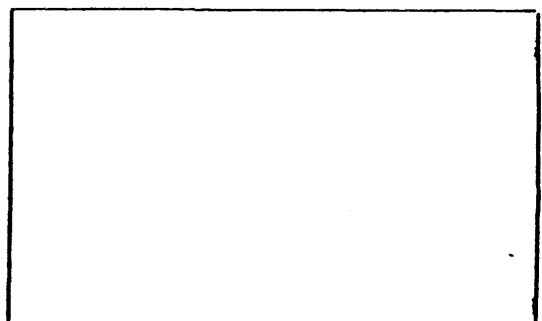
DESCRIPTION Irregular plan, High mass with 3 styles of windows. Wood siding, decorative siding. Entry mass 2 story porch, one porch 2nd floor east, two (1st & 2nd floor) west facade. Characteristic of Queen Anne style (Neo Jacobean). Limestone foundation, tin roof and ridge cresting.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE Platner was local hardware dealer and operated stone quarry This richly-textured late Victorian house preserves nearly all of the elaborate ornamentation characteristic of its type and period. The effect is lessened, however, by the flat white paint; the earlier polychrome exterior treatment was far more successful in bringing out the wealth of detail.

SOURCES

Centennial History of Mt. Vernon.
Hawkeye. October 14, 1892; 1937.
Iowan (Fall 1971). Keyes, Margaret. "He
Left a Legacy in Landmarks."

SITE PLAN



RECORDER(S) _____ DATE _____

NAME Wade House (Admissions)

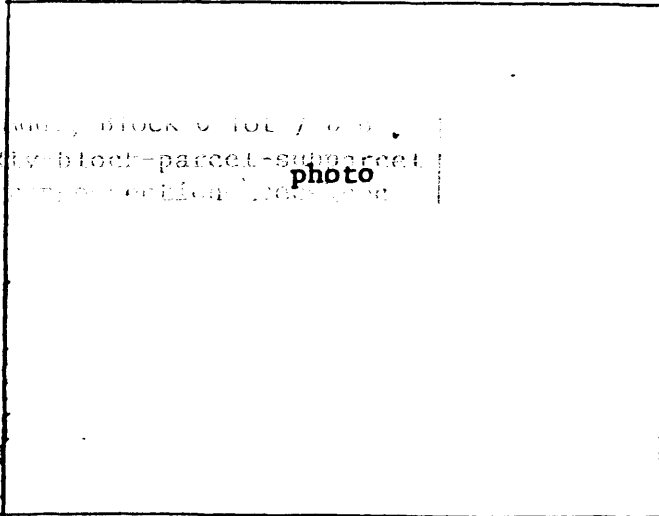
SITE NUMBER: 57-030-040 MAR 31 1980

LOCATION 701 1st St. W.
street and number

DISTRICT RATING: A B C

Mount Vernon Linn
town or vicinity county

legal Bowman 2nd Add., Block 2, Lots 5 & 6
urban: ~~subdiv-block-parcel-subparcel~~
rural: ~~twp-range-section-1/4sec-1/4sec~~



UTM _____ ACREAGE _____
zone easting northing

DISTRICT NAME _____

OWNER Cornell College
name

Mount Vernon, Iowa
address

USE Admissions house

VIEW _____ PHOTO # _____

ARCH/BLDR William McIntyre

DATE(S) 1884 MAP REF _____

DESCRIPTION Limestone foundation, wood frame; irregular plan, roof intersecting gables & Turrett. Three gable ends; gothic double windows on 2nd floor & full barge-board.

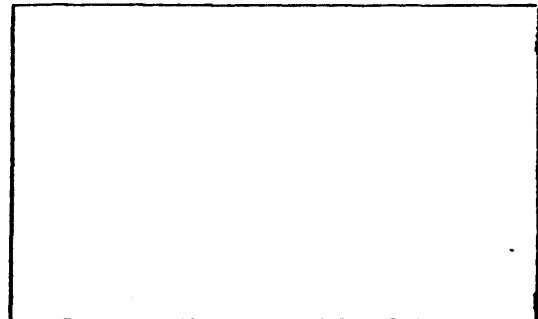
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This late-Victorian house has a strong vertical emphasis appropriate to the period. Note details such as verge boards, decorative window surrounds, and dog-tooth molding applied to roof fascia at bay window, porch, and tower pentroof.

SOURCES

Cornellian. June 1884, July 1889.
Hawkeye. August 15 1884, October 24 1884,
January 10 1890, July 26 1889.

SITE PLAN



RECORDER(S) _____ DATE _____

NAME Albright House

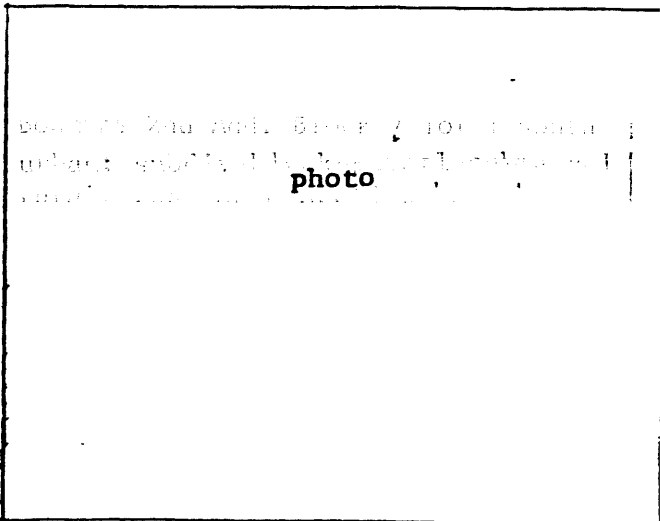
SITE NUMBER: 57-030-041 **MAR 31 1980**

LOCATION 617 1st St. W.
street and number

DISTRICT RATING: A B C

Mount Vernon Linn
town or vicinity county

legal Bowman 2nd Add., Block 6 lot 7 & 8
urban: ~~subdiv-block-parcel-subparcel~~
rural: ~~twp-range-section-1/4sec-1/4sec~~



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zone easting northing

DISTRICT NAME _____

OWNER Cornell College
name
Mount Vernon, Iowa
address

USE ?

VIEW _____ PHOTO # _____

ARCH/BLDR _____

DATE(S) c. 1890 MAP REF _____

DESCRIPTION Limestone foundation, irregular plan, walls regular and decorative shingles on porch entry 2nd & 3rd floors--1st floor brick walls. Roof is basic gambrel with hip form over 2 floor massing with 5 sides. Chimney is cut limestone and molded design brick placed in essentially a plain brick stack.

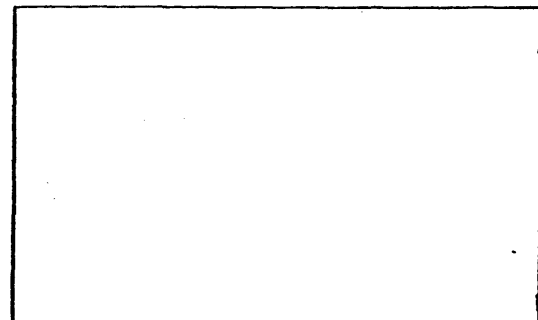
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

A typical late 19th-century residential form.

SOURCES

B.R.F.
Grace Albright.

SITE PLAN



RECORDER(S) _____ DATE _____

NAME Rood House

SITE NUMBER: 57-030-042 MAR 31 1980

LOCATION 607 1st Street W
street and number

DISTRICT RATING: A B C

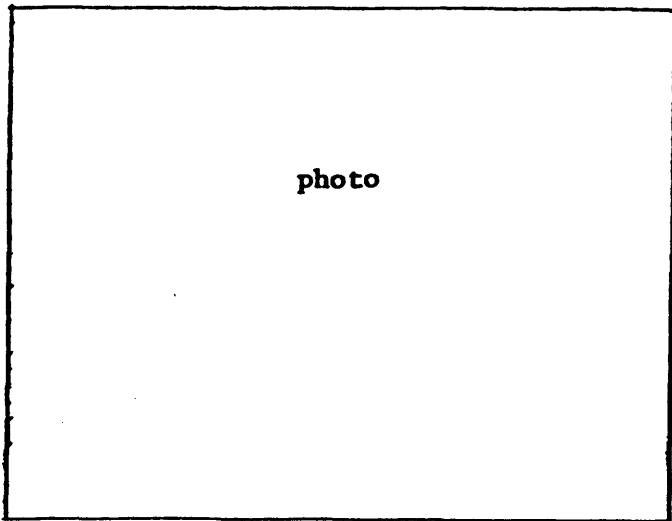
Mt. Vernon Linn
town or vicinity county

legal Bowman's 2nd Add., Block 6, Lots 5&6
urban: subdiv-block-parcel-subparcel
rural: twp-range-section- $\frac{1}{4}$ sec- $\frac{1}{4}$ sec

UTM _____ ACREAGE _____
zone easting northing

DISTRICT NAME _____

OWNER Cornell College
name
Mount Vernon, Iowa
address



USE women's dormitory

VIEW _____ PHOTO # _____

ARCH/BLDR Marsden Keyes

DATE(S) 1884 (Rood) MAP REF _____

DESCRIPTION

The property collectively known as Rood House is an L-shaped group of three former residences, two of which were moved (1936, 1954) from their original locations on Linden Terrace and connected to the main (Rood) house by two-story frame hyphens. All three houses are two stories, of frame construction. The two Linden Terrace houses (known as East and North Houses) are turn of the century vernacular, combining late Queen Anne and Colonial Revival details. Most noteworthy feature of East House is the polygonal corner tower. The main house, or Rood House proper, is older (1884) and in the Stick Style, although the flat white paint tends to obscure the many details remaining.

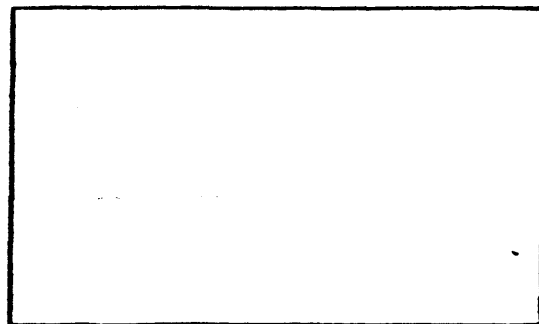
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Rood House itself is the district's only example of the Stick Style. Significant features are the vertical and diagonal stickwork, decorative bargeboarding, well-preserved main entrance porch and rectangular corner tower with steeply pitched flared roof. Rood house was built as a residence for Civil War Colonel H.H. Rood. Rood was a local merchant and secretary to the Cornell Board of Trustees for 47 years. The house was later used as a social center. It was purchased by the Cornell class of 1894 and presented to the college in 1919.

SOURCES

SITE PLAN

RECORDER(S) _____ DATE _____



NAME Stoner House

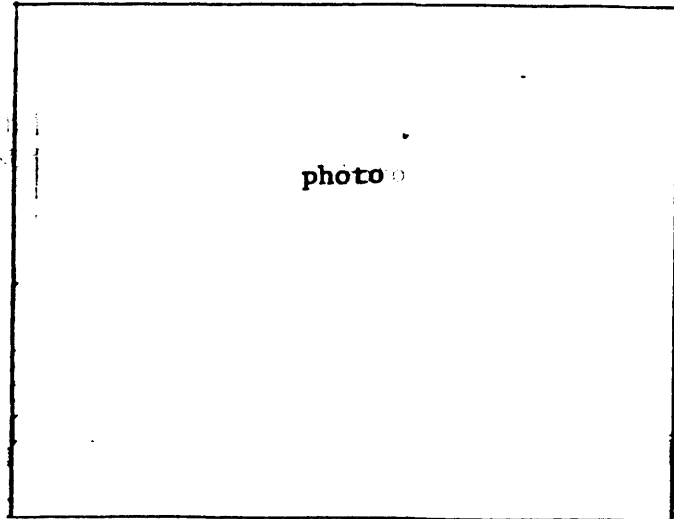
SITE NUMBER: 57-030-043 **MAR 31 1980**

LOCATION 527 1st St. W.
street and number

DISTRICT RATING: A B C

Mount Vernon Linn
town or vicinity county

legal: Bowmans 2nd Add. Block 7 lot 1 south
~~urban: subdiv-block-parcel-subparcel~~
~~rural: twp-range-section-1/2sec-1/2sec~~



UTM _____ ACREAGE _____
zone easting northing

DISTRICT NAME _____

OWNER Cornell College
name

Mount Vernon
address

USE multiple residence

VIEW _____ PHOTO # _____

ARCH/BLDR Dr. A.C. Fenney

DATE(S) 1902 MAP REF _____

DESCRIPTION Rectangular with two story projection on south elevation. Hip roof on main mass gable roof with pent roof on two story projection. Small dormer with hip roof on east slope of hip. Horizontal clapboard siding walls with "V" shingles on gable end, dormer, and horizontal band around house between 1st and 2nd floor. (at second floor line). Small 2nd story projection over 45 degree 1st story corner at SW corner. Corner trim all corners. Windows: semi-circular arch window in gable end. Small colored glass rectangular window over front porch. Small bay window east side, main floor with hip roof. Front porch supported by 2 square tapered columns. Hip roof, back porch enclosed. Brackets supporting 2nd story qbove 45 degree corner ornamentation. Background structure to district .

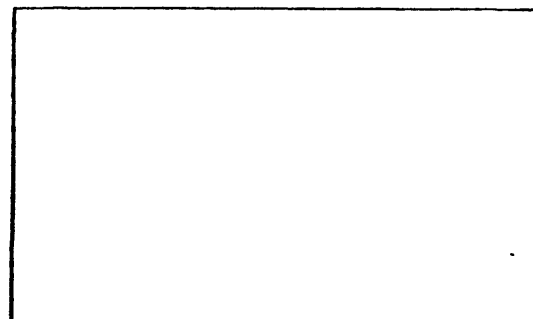
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Typical turn-of-the century residence Diamond-pattern shingling enriches the exterior.

SOURCES

Abstract (\$15,000 lean 1902)
Edgar Gillette, CC class of 1908.

SITE PLAN



RECORDER(S) _____ DATE _____

NAME House

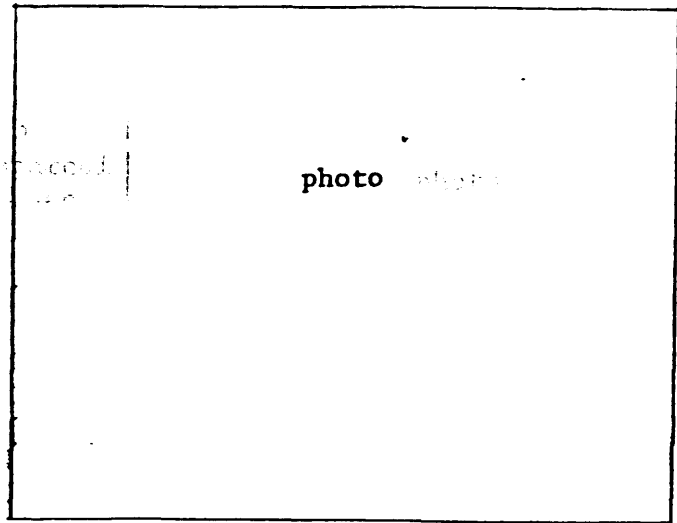
SITE NUMBER: 57-030-044 **MAR 31 1980**

LOCATION 519 1st St. W.
street and number

DISTRICT RATING: A B C

Mount Vernon Linn
town or vicinity county

legal Bowman 2nd Add., Block 7, Lot 2 South
~~urban: subdiv-block-parcel-subparcel~~
~~rural: twp-range-section-1/4sec-1/4sec~~



UTM _____ ACREAGE _____
zone easting northing

DISTRICT NAME _____

OWNER Cornell College
name
Mount Vernon, Iowa
address

USE residence

VIEW _____ PHOTO # _____

ARCH/BLDR August Gerdes

DATE(S) 1952 MAP REF _____

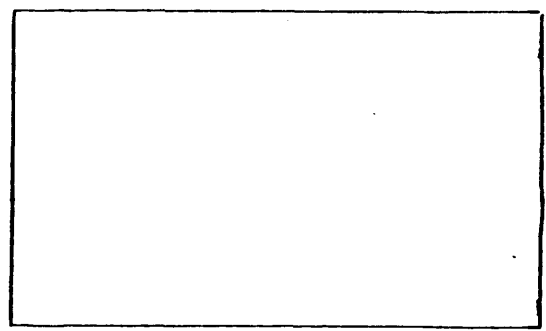
DESCRIPTION cement block, wood, INTRUSION-not typical of district

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

SOURCES

James McCutcheon, Hawkeye editor 1925-1970.
Dr. Gene Hiriman, CC student at time of construction;
now professor of geology.

SITE PLAN



RECORDER(S) _____ DATE _____

NAME Kettleson House

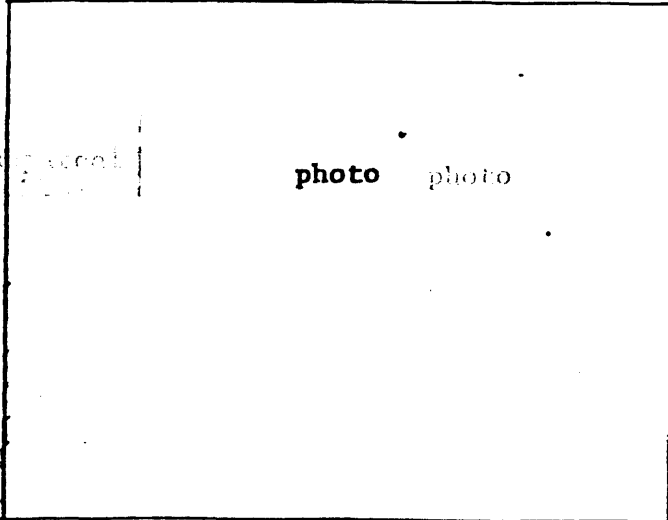
SITE NUMBER: 57-030-045 **MAR 31 1980**

LOCATION 515 2st St. W.
street and number

DISTRICT RATING: A B C

Mount Vernon Linn
town or vicinity county

legal Bowman's 2nd Add., Block 7, Lot 3
urban: ~~subdiv-block-parcel-subparcel~~
rural: ~~twp-range-section-1/4sec-1/4sec~~



UTM _____ ACREAGE _____
zone easting northing

DISTRICT NAME _____

OWNER Christy Winebrenner
name

515 1st St. W., Mt. Vernon, Iowa
address

USE residence

VIEW _____ PHOTO # _____

ARCH/BLDR _____

DATE(S) 1880's MAP REF _____

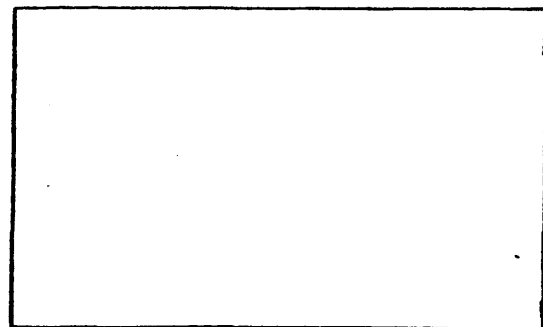
DESCRIPTION "T" shape, 2 storys with one story addition to rear and one story garage on west. One story bay with 4 sides 1/2 octagon at ent of east wing. Entry asymmetrical. Gable roof on main mass and one story addition to rear (north) hip roof on porch. Walls-horizontal wood siding "C" type ship lap corner trim. One story continuous porch on south and east supported by square colomns and curved brackets. Ornaament: bay window eave supported by brackest. Applied ornament above windows. "Stick" motif in gable ends. Curved ornament at bottom of gable end barge board. Windows double hung. Ground floor, south wing windows go to floor. 2/2/ muntin other windows. Double garage added to front & west 1969, closed window on 1st floor east side, south of bay 1969, patio attached to NE corner

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Typical late-19th century residence. Porch roof, replaced in 1969 to conform with that of the garage, is too "heavy" in appearance to blend properly with the main house.

SOURCES

SITE PLAN



RECORDER(S) _____ DATE _____

NAME Old Knox Grill

SITE NUMBER: 57-030-046 MAR 31 1980

LOCATION 503 1st St. W.
street and number

DISTRICT RATING: A B C

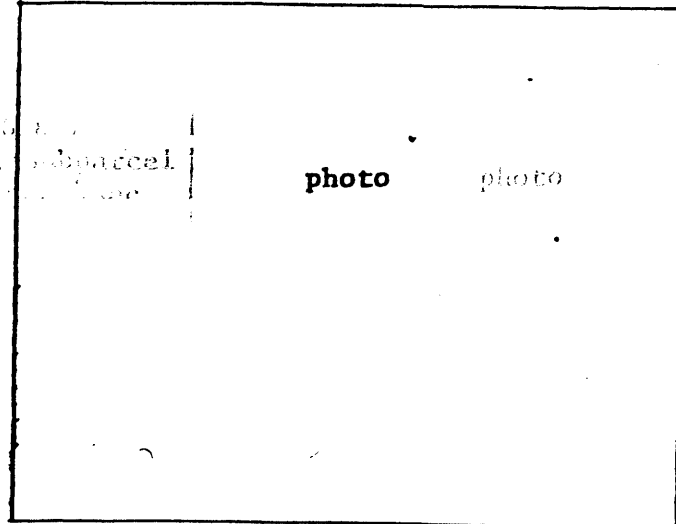
Mount Vernon Linn
town or vicinity county

legal Young's 2nd Add.; Lot 8 Block 7
~~urban: subdiv-block-parcel-subparcel~~
~~rural: twp-range-section-1/4sec-1/4sec~~

UTM _____ ACREAGE _____
zone easting northing

DISTRICT NAME _____

OWNER Charles Willits
name
503 1st St. W., Mt. Vernon, Iowa
address



USE Student rooming and apartments

VIEW _____ PHOTO # _____

ARCH/BLDR unknown

DATE(S) 1922 MAP REF _____

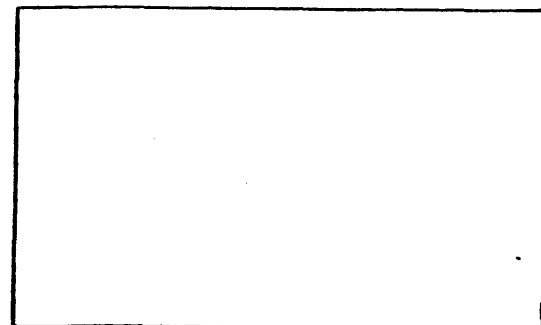
DESCRIPTION rectangular plan, gable, jerkin head, hip dormers (3). House is the result of enlargements of a much smaller house on the site as of 1906. Rear addition (north) 1917. Enlargement of main block, addition of third floor, front porch and stucco 1922. Composition shingling and siding 1946.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE Provided for social and food needs of students and faculty for over 20 years. Shows adaptive use of a home.

SOURCES

The Royal Purple (college annual) for 1921 and 1922
(Pictures show house being changed and completed).
Interviews: Mr. James McCutcheon, newspaper editor
for 40 years, May 1979. Mr. James Young, local
merchant for 50 years, May 1979.

SITE PLAN



RECORDER(S) _____ DATE _____

NAME Memorial Park (watertower and pump house) SITE NUMBER: 57-030-048 MAR 31 1980

LOCATION 400 1st St. W.
street and number
Mount Vernon Linn
town or vicinity county

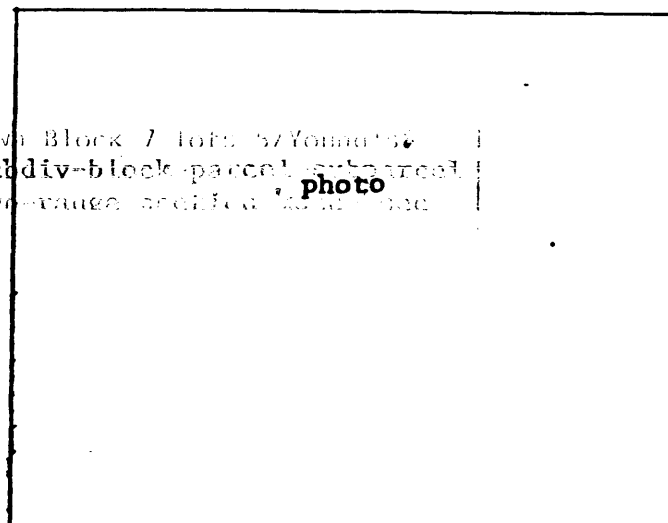
DISTRICT RATING: A B C

legal Young's Add., Lots 3-5, 10-12, and 15 Young's Add., Lots 7-9
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rural: twp-range-section-1/2sec-1/2sec twp-range-section-1/2sec-1/2sec photo

UTM _____ ACREAGE _____
zone easting northing

DISTRICT NAME _____

OWNER City of Mount Vernon
name
Mount Vernon, Iowa
address



USE city park

VIEW _____ PHOTO # _____

ARCH/BLDR _____

DATE(S) 1939 MAP REF _____

DESCRIPTION Water tower-1939, pump house-1939

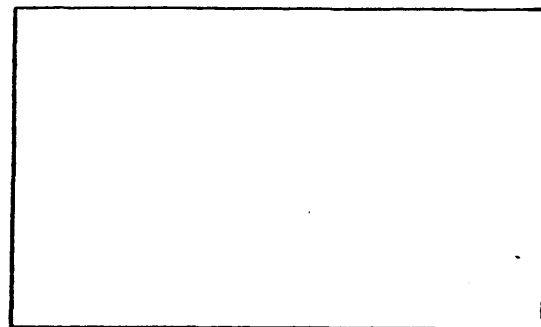
INTRUSION-not typical of district

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE Federally assisted community eimprovement project (water-tower) in Depression. Local bank loaned much of the capital to the city as a witness of new faith in economy of the area.

SOURCES

Mt. Vernon City Council Minutes, June 1937.
A Short History of Mt. Vernon, Iowa by Richard H. Thomas, 1973, p.16.

SITE PLAN



RECORDER(S) _____ DATE _____

NAME Altoona Hall

SITE NUMBER: 57-030-049 **MAR 31 1980**

LOCATION 325 1st St. W.
street and number

DISTRICT RATING: A B C

Mount Vernon Linn
town or vicinity county

legal Orig. Town Block 7 Lots 5/Young's*
urban: ~~subdiv-block-parcel-subparcel~~
rural: ~~twp-range-section-sec-sec~~

UTM _____ ACREAGE _____
zone easting northing

DISTRICT NAME _____

OWNER Cornell College
name

Mount Vernon, Iowa
address

USE Vacant

VIEW _____ PHOTO # _____

ARCH/BLDR Fred J. Brown

DATE(S) 1903 MAP REF _____

DESCRIPTION rectangular plan with wall elevation over entrance, Roof: flat with short parapet, Walls: yellow brick, entrance mass distinguished by large roman arch window and extended projection above regular wall level. Decorative brick banding between 1st and 2nd floors and above 3rd floor to parapet.
Originally a hotel

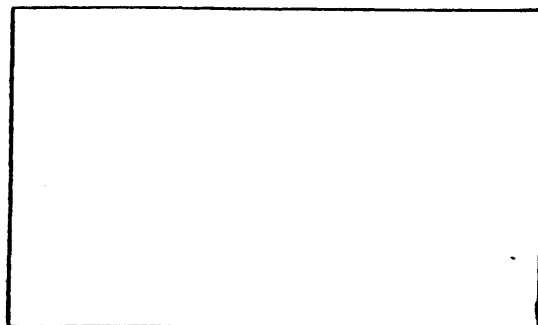
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE Second structure in town built as hotel. Anticipated business with the opening of the interurban in 1915.

* addition, Lots 2 & 2

SOURCES

B.R.F.
Cornellian, September 20 1902.
Mt. Vernon Record, March 20 1903, July 29 1904.
Royal Purple, 1935-1948.

SITE PLAN



RECORDER(S) _____ DATE _____

NAME Presbyterian Parish House

SITE NUMBER: 57-030-050 MAR 31 1980

LOCATION 310 1st St. W.
street and number

DISTRICT RATING: A B C

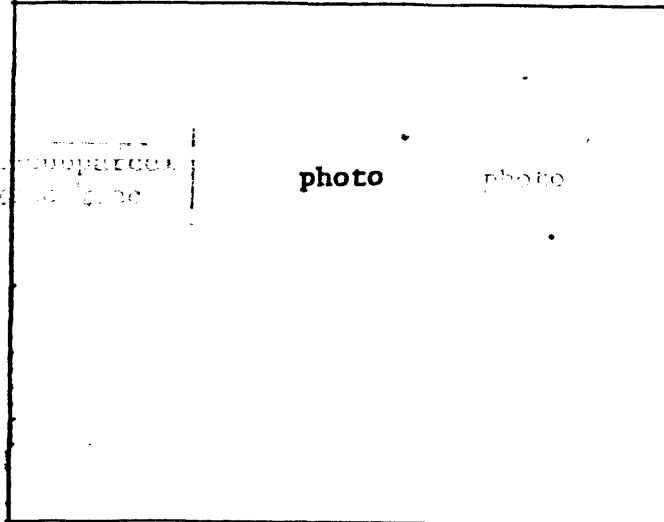
Mount Vernon Linn
town or vicinity county

legal Orig. Town, Block 7, Lot 4
~~urban: subdiv-block-parcel-subparcel~~
~~rural: twp-range-section-1/2sec-1/2sec~~

UTM _____ ACREAGE _____
zone easting northing

DISTRICT NAME _____

OWNER First Presbyterian Church
name
1st St. West & 3rd Ave.
Mount Vernon, Iowa
address



USE religious offices and education fac.

VIEW _____ PHOTO # _____

ARCH/BLDR unknown

DATE(S) unknown MAP REF _____

DESCRIPTION two story "L" shape with additions, gable roof, 2 porches on front (south) side (not enclosed) Walls are horizontal siding with corner trim clapboard siding in V pattern in gable end.. An Addition on NE corner to connect parish house to church (passage way constructed between two buildings.

Background structure to district -

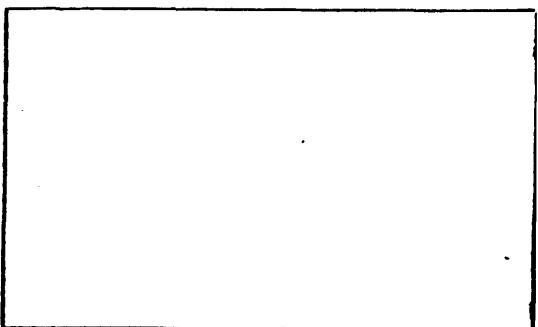
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This is a common late 19th-early 20th century residential type: the chevron pattern in the front gable and the spindles of the west porch add interest.

SOURCES

Interview with Willard Palmer, Clerk of the Session of the Church when additions to building were made and new parsonage was constructed at another location, May 22, 1979.

SITE PLAN



RECORDER(S) _____ DATE _____

NAME First Presbyterian Church

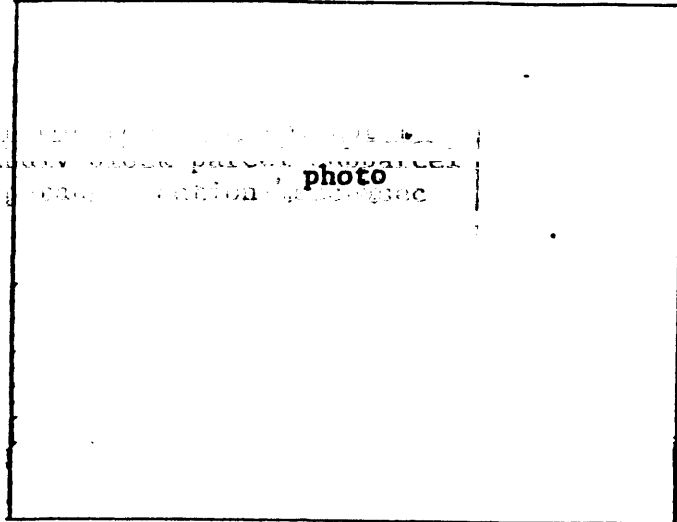
SITE NUMBER: 57-030-051 MAR 31 1980

LOCATION 1st St. W. and 3rd Ave.
street and number

DISTRICT RATING: A B C

Mount Vernon Linn
town or vicinity county

legal Original Town Block 7 Lot 3
urban: subdiv-block-parcel-subparcel
rural: tpw-range-section-1/2sec-1/2sec



UTM _____ ACREAGE _____
zone easting northing

DISTRICT NAME _____

OWNER First Presbyterian Church
name

Mount Vernon, Iowa
address

USE Church

VIEW _____ PHOTO # _____

ARCH/BLDR _____

DATE(S) 1895-1896 MAP REF _____

DESCRIPTION Basically rectangular shape with asymmetrical tower massing at entrance (SE corner) slight projection of mass at center of east wall and at SW corner. Gable roof over main mass extending in N-S direction. Gable roof over east projection and projection on SW corner. Hip roof over entrance mass (bell tower) with ornament at peak. Walls are undressed limestone with dressed stone around all doors and window. Horizontal back of dressed stone at main floor line. Wood shingles at upper portion of gable on main mass and small mass and SW corner. Small pent roof at lower end of shingles portions. Semi-circular arched windows in south facade and in east projecting mass. Semi-circular arched openings into bell tower. Other openings with stone lintel. Entrance tower has trio of windows, two high, with stone lintel between. All glass is stained glass. Large undressed limestone chimney at north end. Romanesque Style.

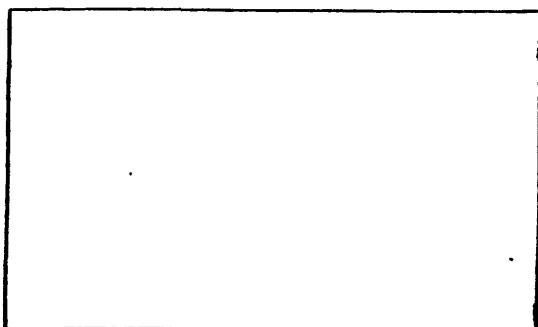
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This church and the Methodist Church opposite (#52) guard the eastern entrance to the district. Their size and massing contribute to their evaluation as pivotal structures.

SOURCES

- A Centennial History of Mt. Vernon, Iowa, 1947 (by local committee).
- A Century of Presbyterianism in Mt. Vernon, Iowa.
Henry C. Stancliffe, The Press of the Mt. Vernon Hawkeye Record, 1943.

SITE PLAN



RECORDER(S) _____ DATE _____

NAME Mount Vernon United Meth. Church

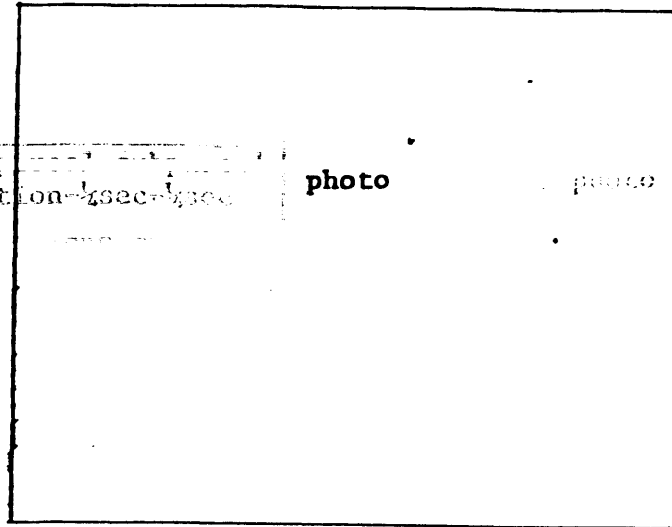
SITE NUMBER: 57-030-052

LOCATION 304 1st St. W.
street and number

DISTRICT RATING: A B C

Mount Vernon Linn
town or vicinity county

legal Orig. Town Lot 1/Bowman Add. Lot 1
urban: ~~subdiv-block-parcel-subparcel~~
rural: ~~twp-range-section-1/2sec-1/2sec~~



UTM _____ ACREAGE _____
zone easting northing

DISTRICT NAME _____

OWNER same
name
304 1st St. W., Mount Vernon, Iowa
address

USE Church

VIEW _____ PHOTO # _____

ARCH/BLDR George Cramer/John R. Gier

DATE(S) 1900 MAP REF _____

DESCRIPTION Rectangular plan. Two stories plus basement except in nave (one story). Four story square tower NE corner; two story square tower NW corner. Towers do not project. Intersecting gables with hip roof on towers. Small gable roof projection on east side near south end. Walls are of undressed stone (limestone) Banding of vertical undressed stone on north facade below large window, and at the frieze line of the towers and main structure. The corners of the towers are buttressed. Gothic arched stained glass windows at gable ends (N., E., & W.,) arches over openings to upper portion of bell tower. Openings all sided of tower. All other windows have simple stone lintels except tower windows which are irregularly grouped and more vertical than other windows with semi-circular arches. Ornament: cross atop bell tower.

Key structure in district

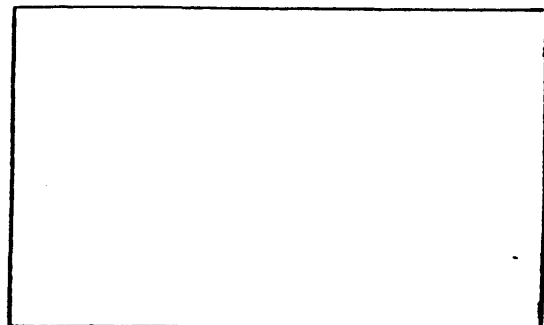
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE Church is outgrowth of work of early Methodist circuit riders Congregation and pastor (George Bowman) provided the leadership for founding of Cornell College.

See statement for #51. These two churches firmly establish the eastern entrance to the district, and act also as transitional elements between the commercial center and the district.

SOURCES

First Methodist Church. Mt. Vernon, Iowa, 1841-1966.

SITE PLAN



RECORDER(S) _____ DATE _____

NAME Methodist Parsonage

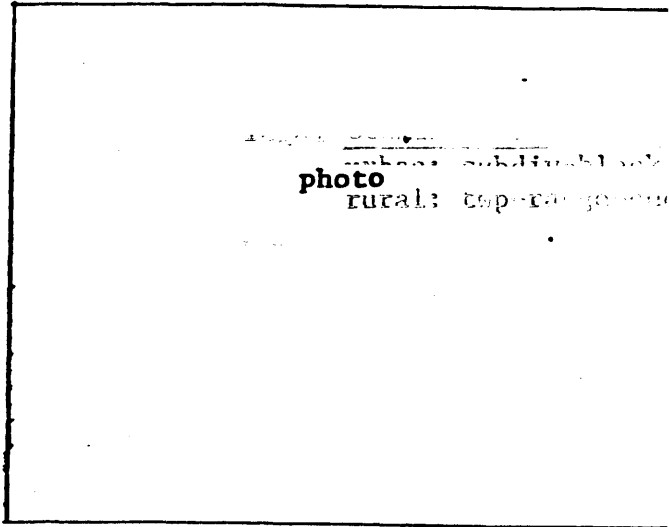
SITE NUMBER: 57-030-053 **MAR 31 1980**

LOCATION 312 1st St. W.
street and number

DISTRICT RATING: A B C

Mount Vernon Linn
town or vicinity county

legal Bowman's Add., Lot 2
urban: subdiv-block-parcel-subparcel
rural: twp-range-section- $\frac{1}{4}$ sec- $\frac{1}{4}$ sec



UTM _____ ACREAGE _____
zone easting northing

DISTRICT NAME _____

OWNER Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church
name 304 1st St. W.
Mount Vernon, Iowa
address

USE Pastor's residence

VIEW _____ PHOTO # _____

ARCH/BLDR unknown

DATE(S) 1916 MAP REF _____

DESCRIPTION "L" shaped with entry massing above the eave and projected from wall face. walls are brick, banding between floors-frieze cut to cap windows on 2nd floor. Entry massing: gothic arch in doorway set in essential rectangle form. Deep recessed small windows either side of door and in attic. Hip roof with one dormer.

Background structure to district

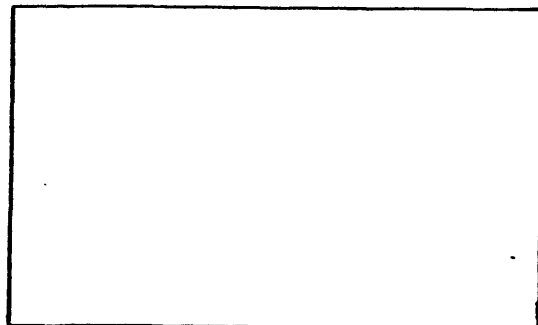
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

A large structure of vaguely Gothic inspiration. The pointed arch at the entrance repeats a prominent feature of the Methodist church on the east (#52).

SOURCES

Centennial History of Mt. Vernon, Iowa 1847-1947.
First Methodist Church, Mt. Vernon, Iowa 1841-1966.

SITE PLAN



RECORDER(S) _____ DATE _____

MAP 3 1 1980

NAME Garage

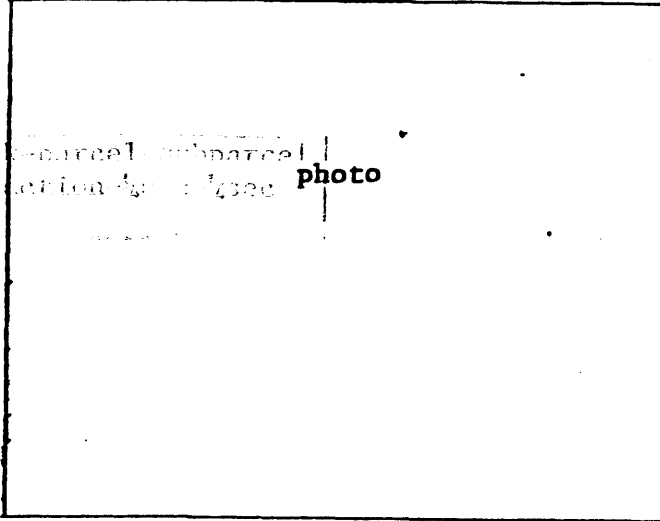
SITE NUMBER: 57-030-053a

LOCATION rear of 312 1st St. W.
street and number

DISTRICT RATING: A B C

Mt. Vernon Linn
town or vicinity county

legal Bowman's Add. Block--Lot 2
~~urban: subdiv-block-parcel-subparcel~~
~~rural: twp-range-section-1/4sec-1/4sec~~



UTM _____ ACREAGE _____
zone easting northing

DISTRICT NAME _____

OWNER Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church
name 312 1st St. W.
Mt. Vernon, Iowa
address

USE Garage

VIEW _____ PHOTO # _____

ARCH/BLDR unknown

DATE(S) 1920's (?) MAP REF _____

DESCRIPTION

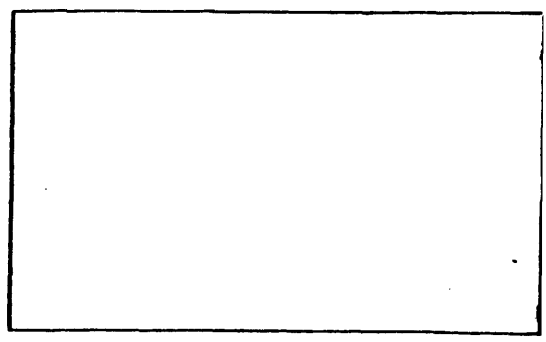
Small garage, of wood frame and construction and covered with shiplap siding.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This unobtrusive structure displays the roof shape and projecting rafter ends of the Craftsman style, and diamond shingles in the gable end more appropriate in a late-Victorian house.

SOURCES

SITE PLAN



RECORDER(S) _____ DATE _____

NAME Guild Hall (Mt. Vernon House)

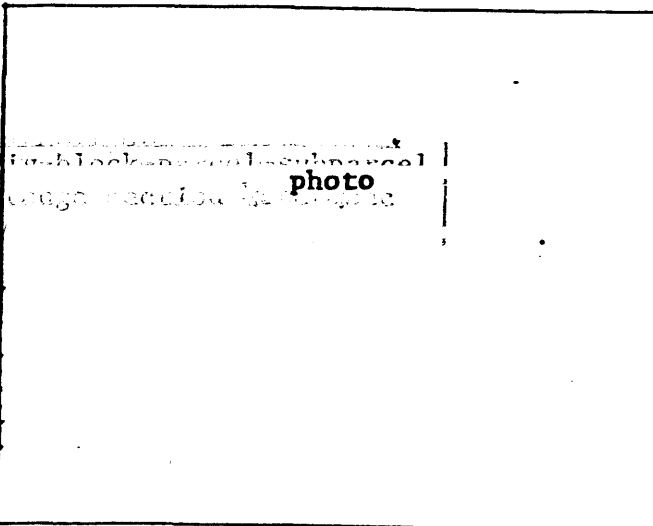
SITE NUMBER: 57-030-054 **MAR 31 1980**

LOCATION 328 1st St. W
street and number

DISTRICT RATING: A B C

Mount VErnon Linn
town or vicinity county

legal Bowman's Addition Lot 3
~~urban: subdiv-block-parcel-subparcel~~
~~rural: twp-range-section-1/4sec-1/4sec~~



UTM _____ ACREAGE _____
zone easting northing

DISTRICT NAME _____

OWNER Roy Bowman
name 508 W. 10th Ave. St.
Mount Vernon, Iowa
address

USE men's residence hall

VIEW _____ PHOTO # _____

ARCH/BLDR E. Bowman

DATE(S) 1853 MAP REF _____

DESCRIPTION Mass & Plan: rectangle with mansard, 4 floors. Roof: Hip and mansard (asphalt shingle). Windows: Lintels of raised brick, limestone sills 6/6/ muntins. Walls: brick dentils, 16 dormers in mansard. Mansard added 1874. Porch removed and main entrance lowered 1916. Roof deck railing removed and chimneys cut down, date unknown.

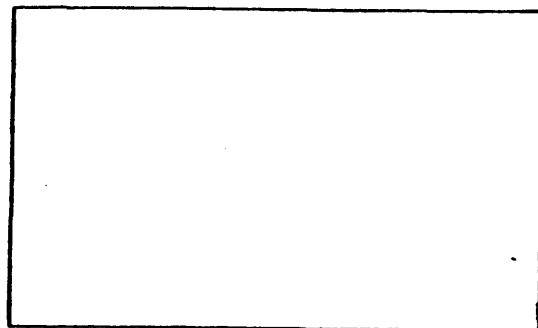
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE First hotel in area; prior to railroad housed civic and artist dignitaries (i.e. William Taft, Lilian Russell). This building size and corner location contribute to its status as a pivotal structure in the district. Its long role in the commercial history of Mt. Vernon is another important factor.

SOURCES

- B.R.F. Centennial History of Mt. Vernon. Collegian. October and November 1874.
- Mt. Vernon Record. June 4 1907, August 31 1915, August 8 1916.
- Cornellian. September 13 and September 29 1915, September 15 1920.

RECORDER(S) _____ DATE _____

SITE PLAN



NAME Dr. Hogel House/Morgan's Funeral Home

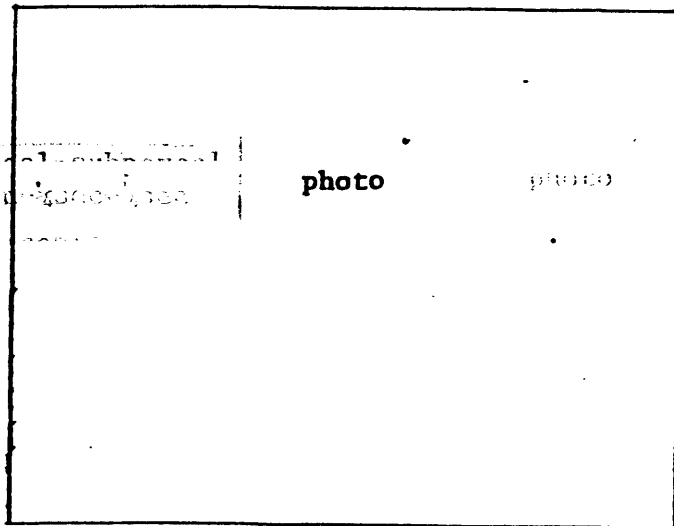
SITE NUMBER: 57-030-055 **MAR 31 1980**

LOCATION 400 1st Street W.
street and number

DISTRICT RATING: A B C

Mount Vernon Linn
town or vicinity county

legal Bowman's Addition lot 4
urban: ~~subdiv-block-parcel-subparcel~~
rural: ~~twp-range-section-1/2sec-1/2sec~~



UTM _____ ACREAGE _____
zone easting northing

DISTRICT NAME _____

OWNER Jack Morgan
name 400 1st Street W.
Mount Vernon, Iowa
address

USE Funeral Home

VIEW _____ PHOTO # _____

ARCH/BLDR Thomas Clark

DATE(S) 1867-87 (?) MAP REF _____

DESCRIPTION Irregular plan, 3 story, mansard roof (flat), brick walls, brackets, raised brick hoods over windows. Two story bay (6 sides) on east facing wood brackets and pent roof-8 dormer windows in mansard. Original porches removed, replaced with pseudo-Colonial Revival elements. Chimney above polygonal bay (east side) removed. Brick has been painted dark red.

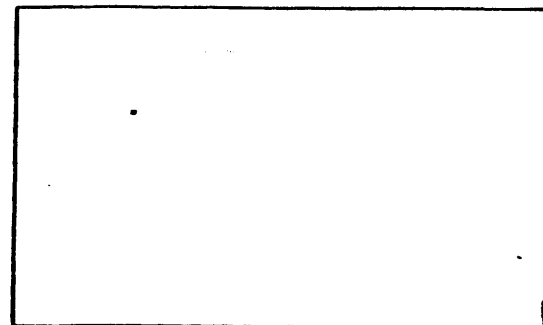
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE Home, office and clinic of Dr. Kate Mason Hogel and husband Dr. George Hogel. She graduated from Cornell in 1882 and is earliest woman physician in the area.

Despite loss of some detail (most notably the richly-ornamented front porch), this house remains a well-kept example of Second Empire residential architecture.

SOURCES

Abstract of Property. Interviews with Mr. James McCutcheon, newspaper editor for 40 years. A Centennial History of Mt. Vernon, Iowa by local committee, Hawkeye-Record Press, 1947.

SITE PLAN



RECORDER(S) _____ DATE _____

NAME Stearns Apartments

SITE NUMBER: 57-030-056 **MAR 31 1980**

LOCATION 410 1st St. W.
street and number

DISTRICT RATING: A B C

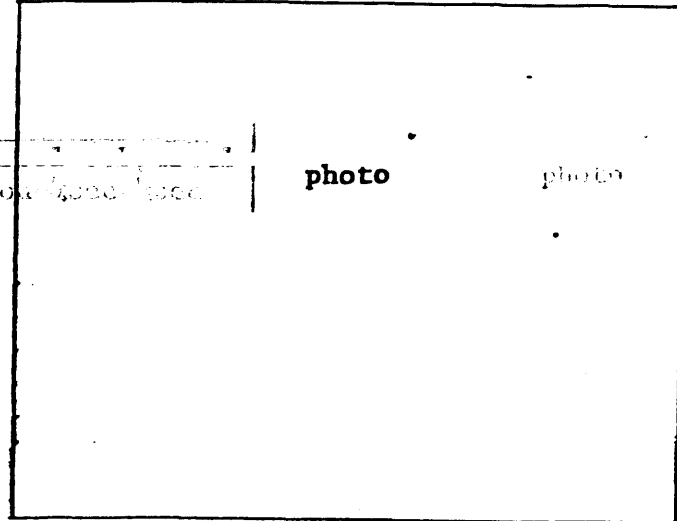
Mt. Vernon Linn
town or vicinity county

legal Bomans Add. lot 5
urban: ~~subdiv-block-parcel-subparcel~~
rural: ~~twp-range-section-1sec-1section~~

UTM _____ ACREAGE _____
zone easting northing

DISTRICT NAME _____

OWNER Bruce H. Scott
name 721 7th Ave. N.
Mt. Vernon, Iowa 52314
address



USE residence

VIEW _____ PHOTO # _____

ARCH/BLDR unknown

DATE(S) before 1895 MAP REF _____

DESCRIPTION Rectangular two story with basement & attic in gable roof. Small one story bay on gable (west) end. (3 sided bay). Gable roof with gable form over entrance. The entire house is symmetrical except for the bay on the west. The front porch has a peaked or gable roof with the gable end open. The eave is returned and supported by pairs of square columns. Hip roof form over bay window. Walls: horizontal clapboard siding with corner trim. Windows: simple double hung, symmetrically placed in front facade. Double door entrance with full width transom above. Small square window in gable of entrance. Alterations: front entrance changed by removind double porch (vertical) date unknown; aluminum siding in 1978, and barge boards removed. Back (south) porches enclosed into house for apartments (1910)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

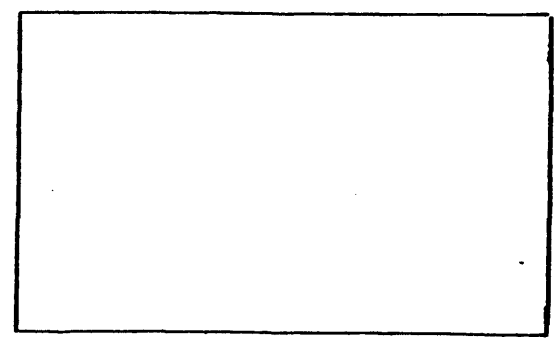
An undistinguished, but not intrusive, late 19th century house.

SOURCES

Pictured in A Centennial History of Mt. Vernon, Iowa
by local committee, Press of the Hawkeye-Record,
1947.

Interview with Mrs. D.C. Stearns who owned the property
1940-79, May 24, 1979.

SITE PLAN



RECORDER(S) _____ DATE _____

NAME Strite House

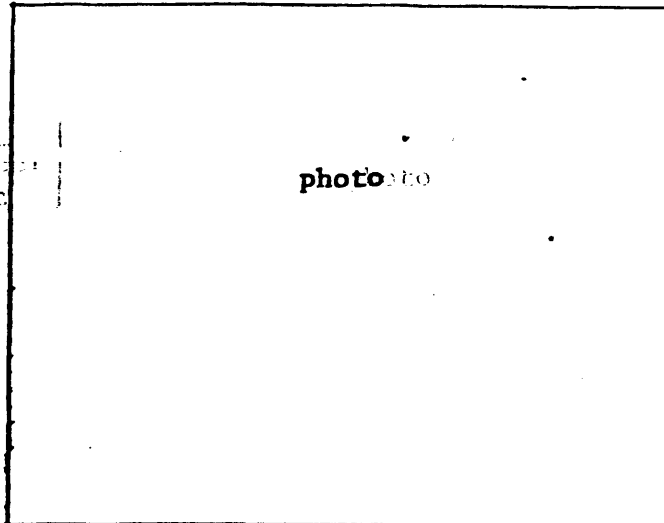
SITE NUMBER: 57-030-058 MAR 31 1980

LOCATION 420 1st St. W.
street and number

DISTRICT RATING: A B C

Mount Vernon Linn
town or vicinity county

legal: Bowman's add. Lot 16
~~urbans: subdiv. block parcel subparcel~~
~~rural: twp-range-section-1/4sec-1/4sec~~



UTM _____ ACREAGE _____
zone easting northing

DISTRICT NAME _____

OWNER Donald W. Lester
name 420 1st St. W.
Mount Vernon, Iowa
address

USE multiple residence

VIEW _____ PHOTO # _____

ARCH/BLDR _____ /Bldr.-John B. Leigh DATE(S) 1891 MAP REF _____

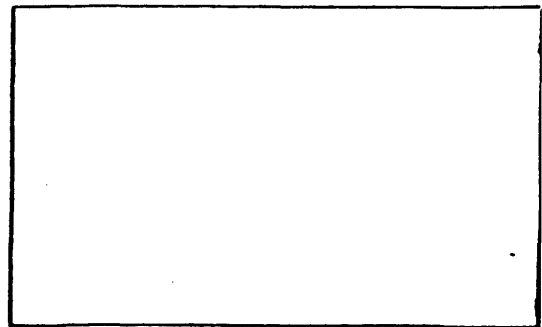
DESCRIPTION Basically rectangular plan with gable roofed projection on east with bay window at end of gable projection, and large two story porch on south and east. Gable roof except porches., Asphalt shingles. Walls: stucco. Pilasters supporting porch are wood with relief panels. Half timber motif on east projecting gable end. Windows are double hung except bay which has large fixed glass w/multiple panes. Windows occasionally paired. Ornament--no special ornament. Alteration: 1923: North end of house was extended north about 10 feet and 2 story screen porches across north facade added small addition of 2 stories to N.W. corner brigh the outer west wall flush with earlier bay. Entire house stuccoed.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE Residence of Charles Strite (1923-26) inventor of the toastmaster. Builder Leigh was a large landowner, pioneer & farmer.

SOURCES

Mt. Vernon Hawkeye, August 22 1890, May 3 1895.

SITE PLAN



RECORDER(S) _____ DATE _____

NAME Theodore Stinger House

SITE NUMBER: 57-030-060 **MAR 31 1980**

LOCATION 424 1st St. W.
street and number

DISTRICT RATING: A B C

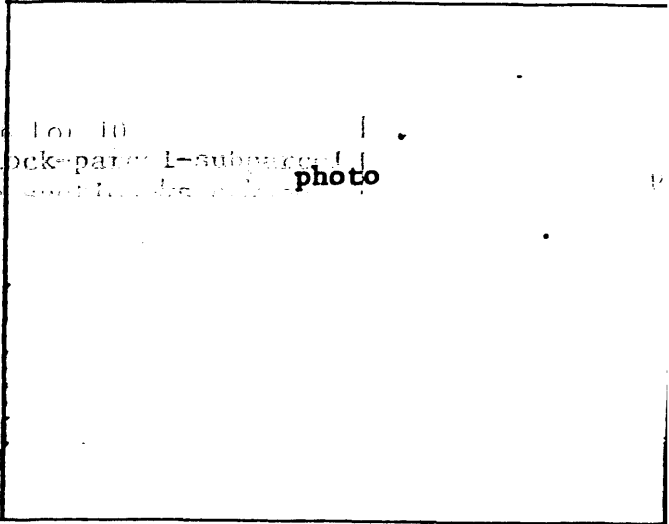
Mount Vernon Linn
town or vicinity county

legal Bowman's Add. Ldt 71 Bowman's Addition Lot 10
urban: ~~subdiv-block-parcel-subparcel~~ block-parcel-subparcel
rural: ~~twp-range-section-1/2sec-1/2sec~~ photo

UTM _____ ACREAGE _____
zone easting northing

DISTRICT NAME _____

OWNER Mrs. L.C. West
name 124 1st St. W.
Mount Vernon, Iowa
address



USE residence

VIEW _____ PHOTO # _____

ARCH/BLDR Theodore Stinger

DATE(S) 1922 MAP REF _____

DESCRIPTION rectangular plan, symmetrical facade (north), asymmetrical east and west facades (gable ends). Large gable roof dormer centered in north facade, large full width north porch supported by square pillars. Small shed roofed bay window on west facade. Gable roof running east/west; roof pitch becomes shallower at beginning of porch. exposed rafter ends. Large simple brackets under gable end overhangs. Brick foundation remainder of structure is stucco. Windows are double hung, often in pairs. Symmetrical on north facade, one west facade, two double hung windows flank a high fixed sash, next to the bay. porch-incorporated into roof of house. Pillars become part of beams that support roof with a large quarter circle transition, all in stucco.

Background structure to district.

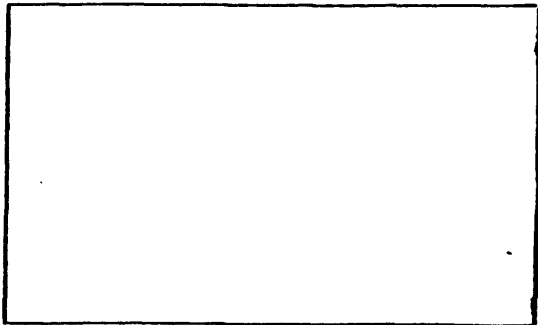
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Straightforward example of the Craftsman style.

SOURCES

Mrs. Arlo Stinger (daughter-in-law of Theodore Stinger, builder).
Mt. Vernon Hawkeye. June 3 1937.

SITE PLAN



RECORDER(S) _____ DATE _____

NAME House

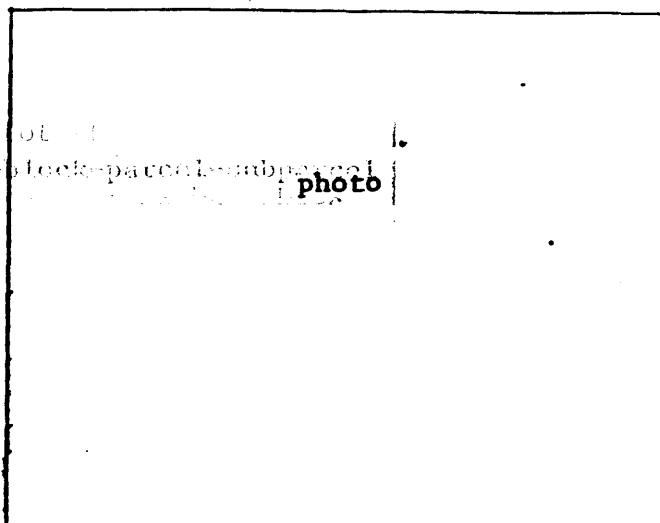
SITE NUMBER: 57-030-061 MAR 31 1980

LOCATION 419 S. 2nd St. W.
street and number

DISTRICT RATING: A B C

Mount Vernon Linn
town or vicinity county

legal Bowman's Addition Lot 10
urban: subdiv-block-parcel-subparcel
rural: twp-range-section- $\frac{1}{4}$ sec- $\frac{1}{4}$ sec



UTM _____ ACREAGE _____
zone easting northing

DISTRICT NAME _____

OWNER Dr. Elmer C. Prall
name 419 S. 2nd St. W.
Mount Vernon, Iowa
address

USE residence

VIEW _____ PHOTO # _____

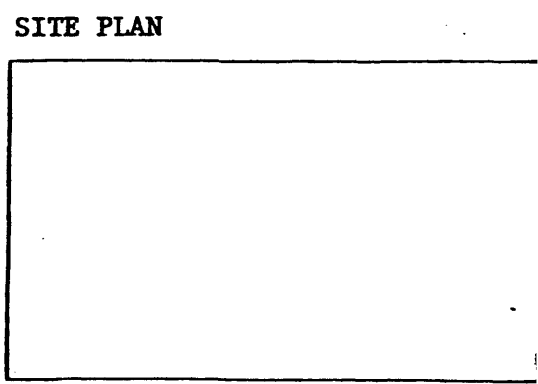
ARCH/BLDR M.B. Waln

DATE(S) 1922 MAP REF _____

DESCRIPTION Irregular plan, asymmetrical. several projections and bays differing in shape and height. Jerkinhead roof over main 2½ story mass with one eave lower than other. Shed roofed dormer on largest roof form. Eave return at bottom of large roof. Shed roof addition on north. Entire roof of rectangular red tile. Exposed rafter ends. Walls are dark brick main material contrasted with stucco/half timber with horizontal siding on dormer (probably not original siding). Windows are of great variety. Front with easements in groups of 3 or 4. Soldier course lintel over 4 wide casements on main floor. Segmental arch over 3 casements on second floor. Pair of fixed windows in tow faced dormer over entry. Double hung windows, singular or paired with segmental brick arches over pairs in other faces. Porch is heavy timber porch form at front door. Not roofed, supported by a pair of large brackets each side.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE
A highly eclectic house of Craftsman tradition.

SOURCES
Elmer Prall, owner.
James McCutcheon, Mount Vernon Hawkeye editor 1925-1970.



RECORDER(S) _____ DATE _____

MAR 31 1980

NAME DeBray House Thomas House

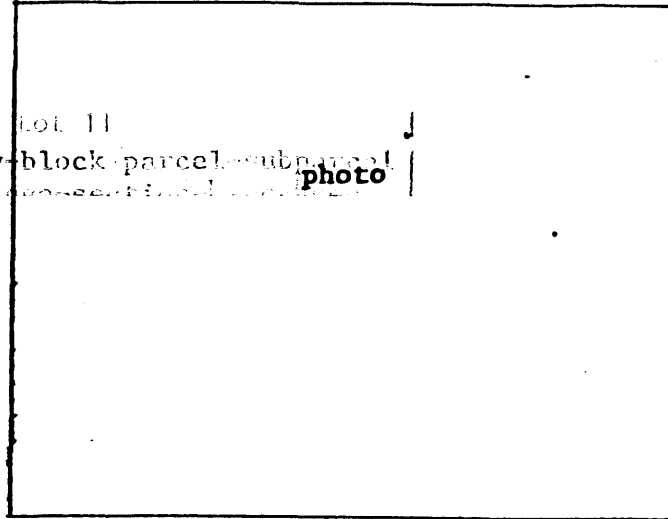
SITE NUMBER: 57-030-062

LOCATION 413 S. 2nd St. W.
street and number

DISTRICT RATING: A B C

Mount Vernon Linn
town or vicinity county

legal Bowman's Add. Lot 11
~~urban: subdiv-block-parcel-subparcel~~
~~rural: twp-range-section-1/2sec-1/2sec~~



UTM _____ ACREAGE _____
zone easting northing

DISTRICT NAME _____

OWNER Robert Kupfer
name 413 S. 2nd St. W.
Mount Vernon, Iowa
address

USE residence

VIEW _____ PHOTO # _____

ARCH/BLDR unknown; possibly DeBray

DATE(S) ca. 1900 MAP REF _____

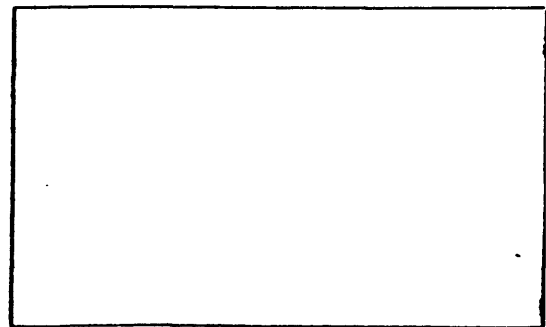
DESCRIPTION Highly irregular, asymmetrical plan with several projecting bays and forms. Main structure is hip roof with gable roof over south facing 3 story projecting mass. Semi-conical roof form over semi-circular projection on the east. Roof is painted slate shingles. A variety of materials and textures create the walls. Brick 1st story on east and half of west. Wood shingles, square bottom on north skirt bottemed projectio Fish scale shingles on 2nd floor. Trim boards at corner, and fascia. Skirt around entire house at 2nd floor line. Double hung windows throughout, singular or in pairs. Three in row under large projecting south mass. Windows with semi-circular heads on 3rd level of south mass. Porches are all enclosed. Ornamentation: cloverleaf motif under 2nd floor skirting above windows on south facing 3 story mass. Wood panel type wall below same windows. Alterations: Front porch (2nd & 1st floors) enclosed 1910-1920; (note: shingling on 2nd floor enclosure replicates that of original house). Enclosed por on east side 1975; large room added on the north side-1973

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Although somewhat altered, this house retains the asymmetrical composition and textured wall surfaces characteristic of American Queen Anne residential architecture.

SOURCES

SITE PLAN



RECORDER(S) _____ DATE _____

NAME House

SITE NUMBER: 57-030-064 **MAR 31 1980**

LOCATION 115 S. 4th Ave. W.
street and number

DISTRICT RATING: A B C

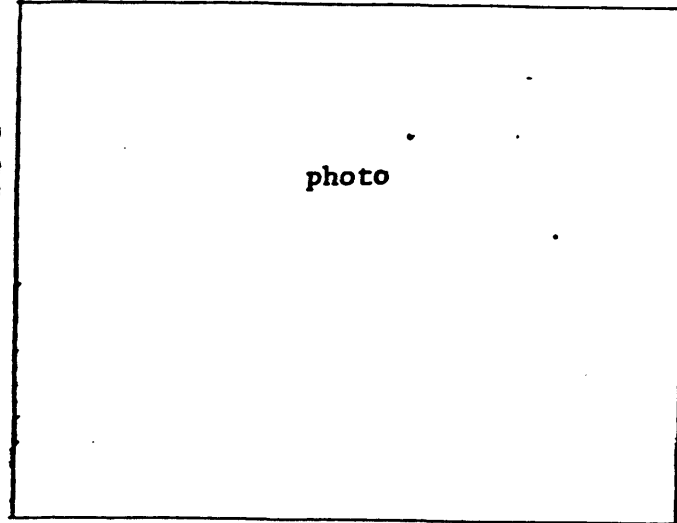
Mount Vernon Linn
town or vicinity county

legal Bowman's Add., Lots 12 & 13
urban: subdiv-block-parcel-subparcel
rural: twp-range-section- $\frac{1}{2}$ sec- $\frac{1}{4}$ sec

UTM _____ ACREAGE _____
zone easting northing

DISTRICT NAME _____

OWNER James McCutcheon
name 115 S. 4th Ave. W.
Mount Vernon, Iowa
address



USE residence

VIEW _____ PHOTO # _____

ARCH/BLDR Merle Burge, Leo Kirkpatric

DATE(S) 1953 MAP REF _____

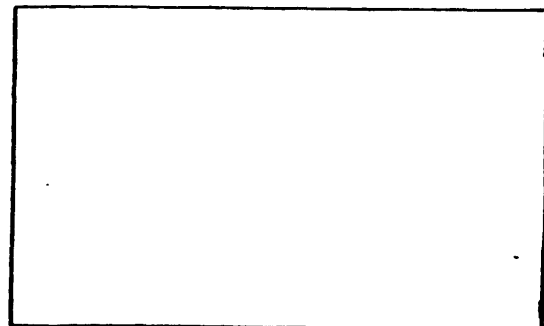
DESCRIPTION Intrusion-not typical of district

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE
Typical 1950's ranch house form.

SOURCES

SITE PLAN

RECORDER(S) _____ DATE _____



RESOURCE INVENTORY FORM

Division of Historic Preservation, 1971
Iowa State Historical Department

NAME House

SITE NUMBER: 57-030-065 MAR 31 1980

LOCATION 205 4th Ave. S.
street and number

DISTRICT RATING: A B C

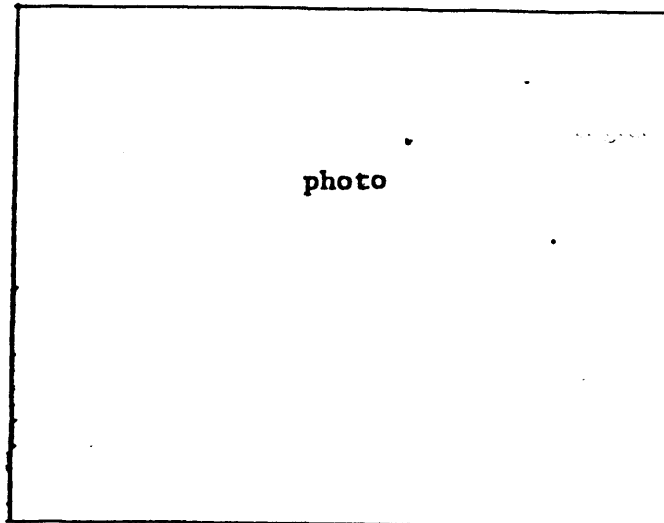
Mount Vernon Linn
town or vicinity county

legal Bowman's Add. Block-Lot 18 and Halls*
urban: subdiv-block-parcel-subparcel
rural: twp-range-section-1/4sec-1/4sec

UTM _____ ACREAGE _____
zone easting northing

DISTRICT NAME _____

OWNER Gaillard Beranek
name 205 4th Ave. S.
Mount Vernon, Iowa
address



USE Residence

VIEW _____ PHOTO # _____

ARCH/BLDR Beranek of Bruse Const. (M.V.)

DATE(S) 1955 MAP REF _____

DESCRIPTION Intrusion-not typical of district

*Addition, Block 6 Lot 8

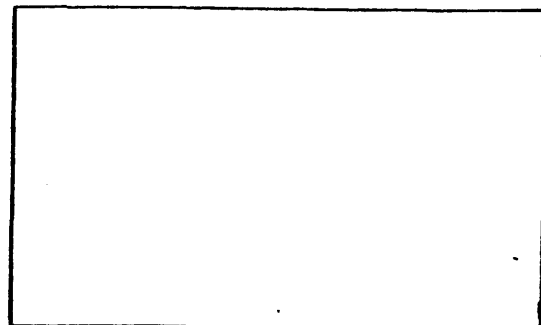
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Typical suburban ranch house.

SOURCES

Owner.

SITE PLAN



RECORDER(S) _____ DATE _____

NAME Benesh House

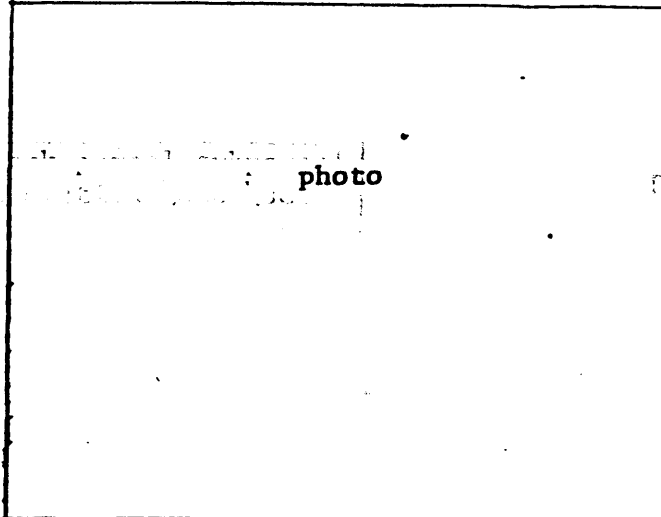
SITE NUMBER: 57-030-066 **MAR 31 1980**

LOCATION 406 S. 2nd St. W.
street and number

DISTRICT RATING: A B C

Mount Vernon Linn
town or vicinity county

legal Bowman's Add. Lot 19 and Halls first*
urban: ~~subdiv-block-parcel-subparcel~~
rural: ~~twp-range-section-1/2sec-1/2sec~~



UTM _____ ACREAGE _____
zone easting northing

DISTRICT NAME _____

OWNER Wayne Rife
name 406 S. 2nd St. W.
Mount Vernon, Iowa
address

USE residence

VIEW _____ PHOTO # _____

ARCH/BLDR Benesh

DATE(S) 1883- 90 MAP REF _____

DESCRIPTION Irregular massing and plan. (EII shape with several porches and projections. Asymmetrical plan. Multiple roof forms. Hip and gable on main massing with gable roofed dormers. Asphalt shingles. Limestone foundation wall, horizontal clapboard siding main floor. Small slant between 2nd and second floor. Second floor starts with clapboard siding, switches to fish scale shingles and back to clapboard siding to bottom of gable. Gable end has random length, square bottom, wood shingles as does the dormer gable. Windows are double hung. Usually singular but paired on front. Front porch fills in EII shape. Supported with square columns with capital and base. Circular motif on architrave. Small 2nd story porch over part of main floor porch. Simple rail with square balusters. Large chimney on west side, steps out at top, brick.

background structure to district

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

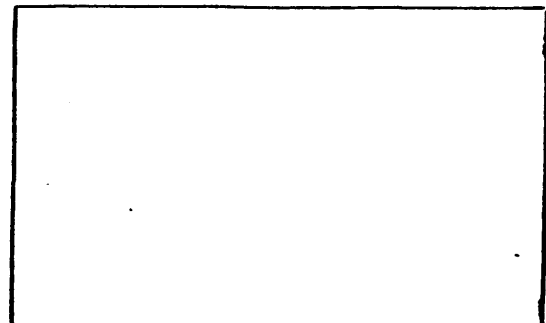
Well-preserved turn of the century residence.

*addition Block 6 Lot 1

SOURCES

James McCutcheon, Mt. Vernon Hawkeye editor 1925-60. Abstract.
Mr. Frank Benesh (son of builder).

SITE PLAN



RECORDER(S) _____ DATE _____

NAME Brackett House

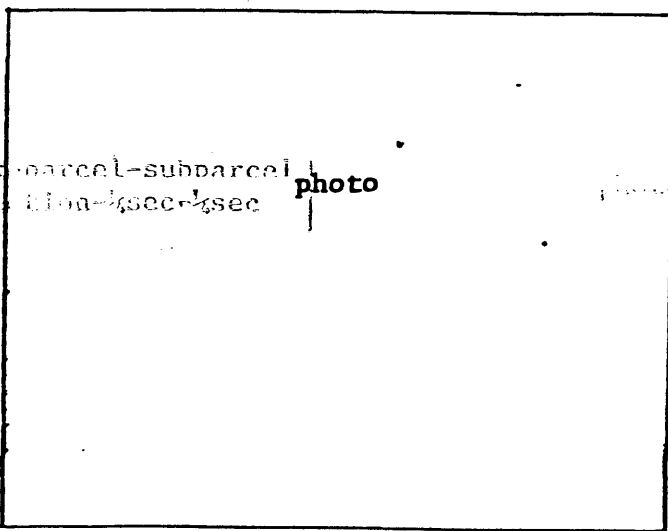
SITE NUMBER: 57-030-068 MAR 31 1980

LOCATION S 5th Ave. & S. 2nd St.
street and number

DISTRICT RATING: A B C

Mount Vernon Linn
town or vicinity county

legal Bowman's Add., Lots 20 & 21
urban: subdiv-block-parcel-subparcel
rural: twp-range-section-1/4sec-1/4sec



UTM _____ ACREAGE _____
zone easting northing

DISTRICT NAME _____

OWNER Cornell college
name
Mount Vernon, Iowa
address

USE Guest House

VIEW _____ PHOTO # _____

ARCH/BLDR William Brackett

DATE(S) 1877 MAP REF _____

DESCRIPTION Rectangular plan with 2 large 2 story rectangular porches at each end. Symmetrical about all facades 2 story. Gable roof. Horizontal clapboard siding with large full height (2 story) relief wood pilasters between porches and main portion of house and at outside corners. Small capital. Main house, full ht. casement windows (french doors) with four paned transom above, opening onto wrought iron balconies; (windows symmetrical). 2 casements above main entry. Main entrance with classical porch. (Architrave, frieze, denticulated cornice; and large round columns. Door is flanked by multipainted sidelites with transom above. wrought iron balconies ornate with boat shape pattern. Porches with combination (alum) windows. Clapboard siding between pilasters except 2nd story of long dimension which an ornate rail with vertical balusters and diamond pattern infill in three locations. Door is in the center of each porch. Other ornament-lattice work encloses space under porches. Large brick chimney on south Steps out towards top.

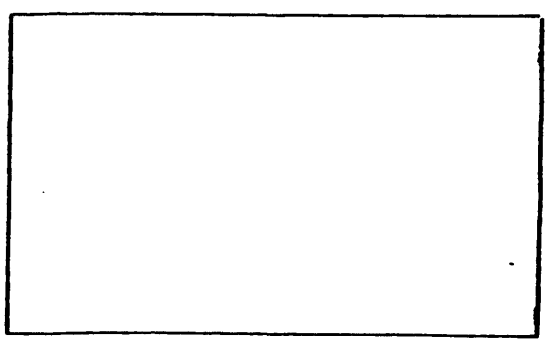
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Widow of builder, Clara, stayed in the house; she married Armstrong Spear, a Philadelphia-banker who commuted from Philadelphia to Mt. Vernon.
The 1914-19 remodelling "updated" a fairly traditional 19th century house form to conform with the then-popular Colonial Revival style.

SOURCES

B.R.F.
Collegian. October 1877.

SITE PLAN



RECORDER(S) _____ DATE _____

MAR 31 1980

NAME House (Pinecrest)

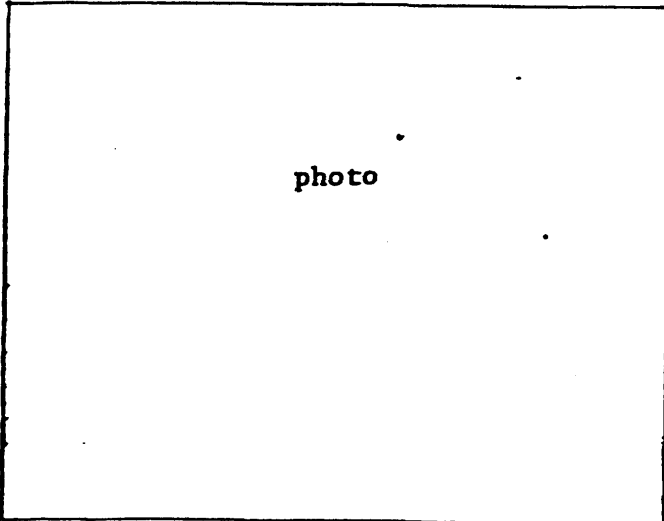
SITE NUMBER: 57-030-069

LOCATION 415 S. 3rd St. W
street and number

DISTRICT RATING: A B C

Mount Vernon Linn
town or vicinity county

legal Halls 1st Add. Block 6 Lot 6 and *
urban: subdiv-block-parcel-subparcel
rural: twp-range-section- $\frac{1}{2}$ sec- $\frac{1}{4}$ sec



UTM _____ ACREAGE _____
zone easting northing

DISTRICT NAME _____

OWNER Elizabeth Issacs
name 415 S. 3rd St. W.
Mount Vernon, Iowa
address

VIEW _____ PHOTO # _____

USE Residence.

DATE(S) 1938-42 MAP REF _____

ARCH/BLDR Rev. S.V. Williams/Lawrence Current

DESCRIPTION Intrusion-not typical of district

*Bowmans Add., Lot 24

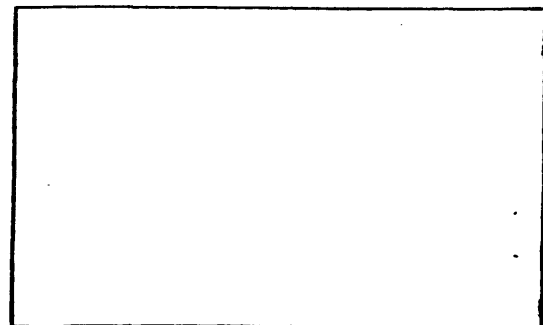
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

House demonstrates continuing popularity of the Colonial Revival style well into the mid-20th century.

SOURCES

Elizabeth Issacs, owner.
Cedar Rapids Gazette. 1949.

SITE PLAN



RECORDER(S) _____ DATE _____

NAME Garage

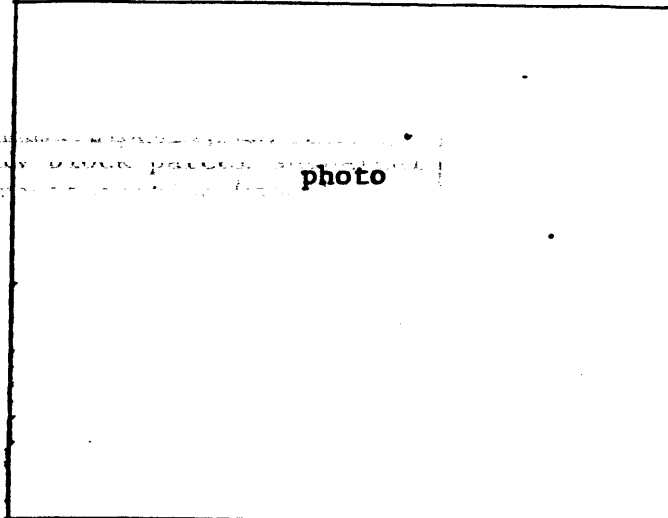
SITE NUMBER: 57-030-072 MAR 31 1980

LOCATION rear of 413 S. 3rd St. W.
street and number

DISTRICT RATING: A B C

Mount Vernon Linn
town or vicinity **county**

legal Hall's 1st Add., Block 6 Lot 5
urban: subdiv-block-parcel-subparcel
rural: twp-range-section-1/2sec-1/2sec



UTM _____ ACREAGE _____
zone easting northing

DISTRICT NAME _____

OWNER Kenneth Litts
name 413 S. 3rd St. W.
Mount Vernon, Iowa
address

USE garage

VIEW _____ PHOTO # _____

ARCH/BLDR unknown

DATE(S) 1930's? MAP REF _____

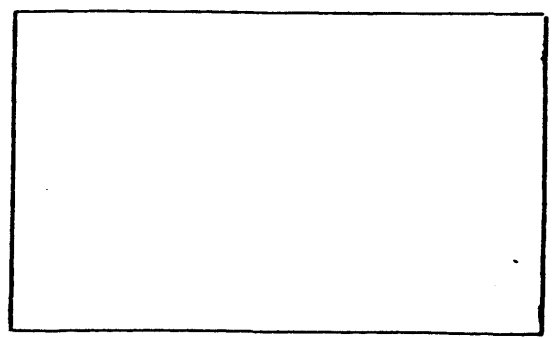
DESCRIPTION 2 cars enter from south and one from west at northwest corner

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

An undistinguished, but unobtrusive, utilitarian structure.

SOURCES

SITE PLAN



RECORDER(S) _____ DATE _____

NAME Boyd House - Pinky's Palace

SITE NUMBER: 57-030-073 MAR 31 1980

LOCATION 405 W. 3rd St. W.

street and number

Mount Vernon Linn

town or vicinity county

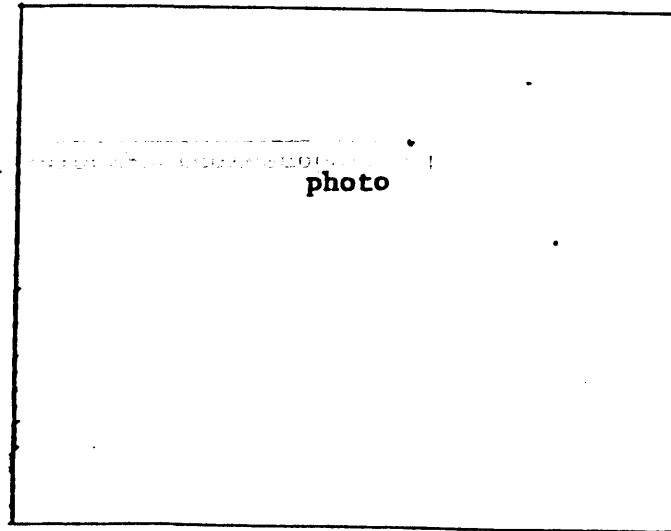
legal Hall's 1st Add., Block 6, Lot 1
urban: subdiv-block-parcel-subparcel
rural: twp-range-section- $\frac{1}{2}$ sec- $\frac{1}{2}$ sec

UTM _____ ACREAGE _____
zone easting northing

DISTRICT NAME _____

OWNER Denver Dillard
name 405 S. 3rd St. W.
Mount Vernon, Iowa
address

USE residence



VIEW _____ PHOTO # _____

ARCH/BLDR Cass Chapman/Wm. Brackett & Marsden Key DATE(S) 1877 MAP REF _____

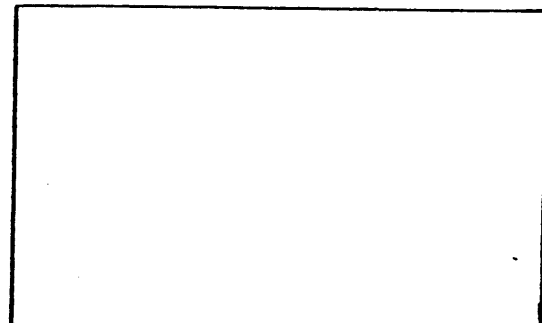
DESCRIPTION Gothic Revival style. Mass & Plan: irregular-vertical unfinished central tower is main feature. Roof: intersecting gables with 4 dormers; extensive overhang; pairs of brackets. Walls: banding of rough limestone. Tower: (Unfinished) limestone coping and parapet. Windows: 2 floors bays on face (south side) and east; 1st and 2nd floor windows stone lintels and sills; 3rd floor windows & tower gothic arches. Architectural features: 3 sided porch with 45° angle; surrounds base of tower.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE One of three structures in district by Cass Chapman, and an interesting example of a vernacular Gothic Revival. Significant features include the richly-decorative verandah and Gothic windows in the tower and gable ends. Rusticated stone belt coursing counteracts the overall verticality of the house.

SOURCES

B.R.F.
Collegian. July 13 1877.

SITE PLAN



RECORDER(S) _____ DATE _____

NAME Garage

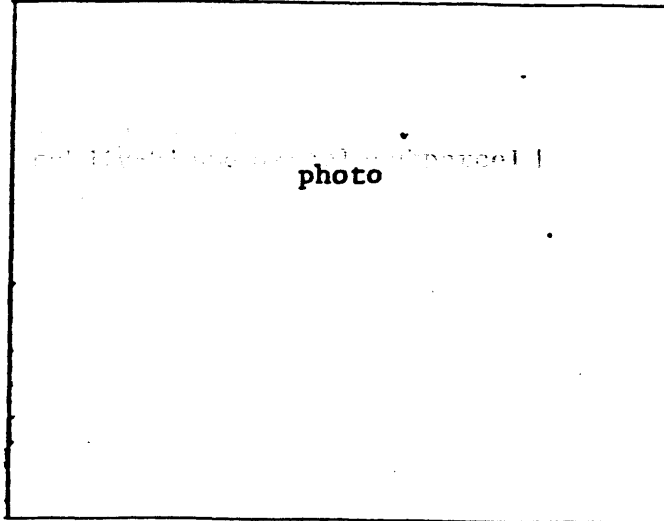
SITE NUMBER: 57-030-074 **MAR 31 1980**

LOCATION 405 S. 3rd St. W.
street and number

DISTRICT RATING: A B C

Mount Vernon Linn
town or vicinity county

legal Hall's 1st Add., Block 6, Lot 1
urban: subdiv-block-parcel-subparcel
rural: twp-range-section- $\frac{1}{4}$ sec- $\frac{1}{4}$ sec



UTM _____ ACREAGE _____
zone easting northing

DISTRICT NAME _____

OWNER Denver Dillard
name 405 S. 3rd St. W.
Mount Vernon, Iowa
address

USE Garage

VIEW _____ PHOTO # _____

ARCH/BLDR Denver Dillard

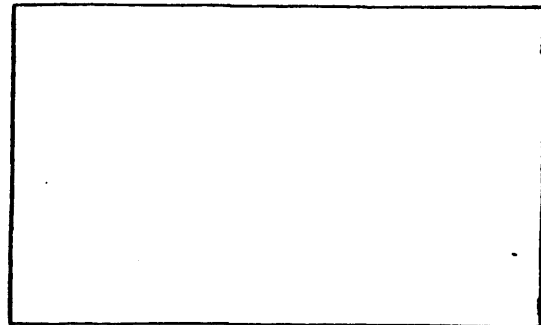
DATE(S) 1977 MAP REF _____

DESCRIPTION intrusion-not characteristic of district

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

SOURCES

SITE PLAN



RECORDER(S) _____ DATE _____

NAME House

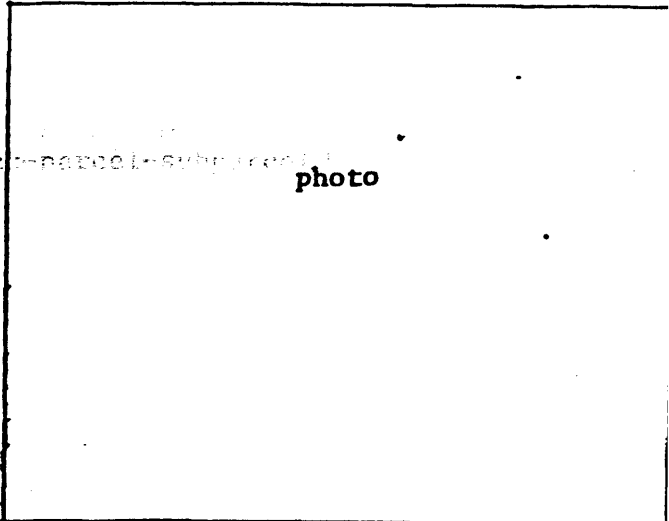
SITE NUMBER: 57-030-075 MAR 3 1 1980

LOCATION 906 Summit Ave.
street and number

DISTRICT RATING: A B C

Mount Vernon Linn
town or vicinity county

legal Boulevard Add. Block C, Lot 11
urban: subdiv-block-parcel-subparcel
rural: twp-range-section- $\frac{1}{2}$ sec- $\frac{1}{4}$ sec



UTM _____ ACREAGE _____
zone easting northing

DISTRICT NAME _____

OWNER Charles Cochran
name 906 Summit Ave.
Mount Vernon, Iowa
address

USE residence

VIEW _____ PHOTO # _____

ARCH/BLDR S.W. Tinger

DATE(S) 1914 MAP REF _____

DESCRIPTION Bungalow, 1 1/2 story, gable roof, exposed rafters & projecting roofs, protruding brackets; wood shingle walls, exposed basement walls are brick; large porch on front (north) and west facade, small side and rear porches.

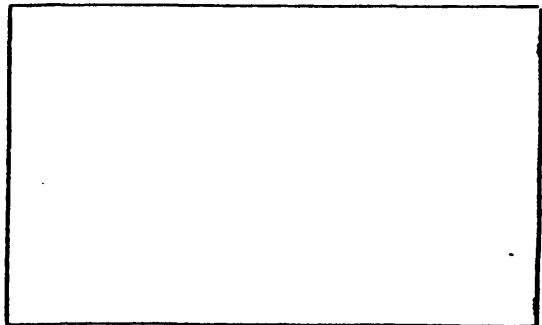
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Example of the Craftsman bungalow form.

SOURCES

Abstract
Charles Cochran, owner.

SITE PLAN



RECORDER(S) _____ DATE _____

NAME House

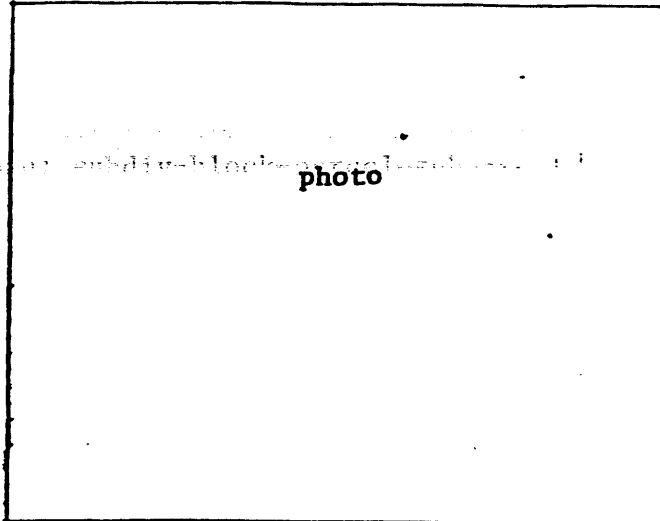
SITE NUMBER: 57-030-076 MAR 31 1980

LOCATION 824 Summit Ave.
street and number

DISTRICT RATING: A B C

Mount Vernon Linn
town or vicinity county

legal Boulevard Add Block C, Lot 12
urban: ~~subdiv-block-parcel-subparcel~~
rural: ~~tpw-range-section-1/4sec-1/4sec~~



UTM _____ ACREAGE _____
zone easting northing

DISTRICT NAME _____

OWNER William Debbins
name 824 Summit Ave.
Mount Vernon, Iowa
address

USE residence

VIEW _____ PHOTO # _____

ARCH/BLDR knox

DATE(S) 1914 MAP REF _____

DESCRIPTION rectangular plan; gable roof, dormer on front with broken pediment on cornice return; walls are aluminum sided; Porches: one front & one rear partially enclosed, front included in main roof, back is separate roof (attached)

background structure

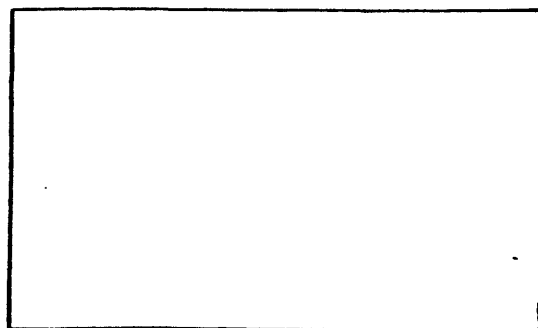
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

A common house type. Wide aluminum siding has obliterated much of the original character, but the form and massing are compatible with other houses of its general type in the district.

SOURCES

Joe Meade, Cornell College Class of 1914. Abstract.

SITE PLAN



RECORDER(S) _____ DATE _____

NAME House

SITE NUMBER: 57-030-077 MAR 31 1980

LOCATION 818 Summit Ave.
street and number

DISTRICT RATING: A B C

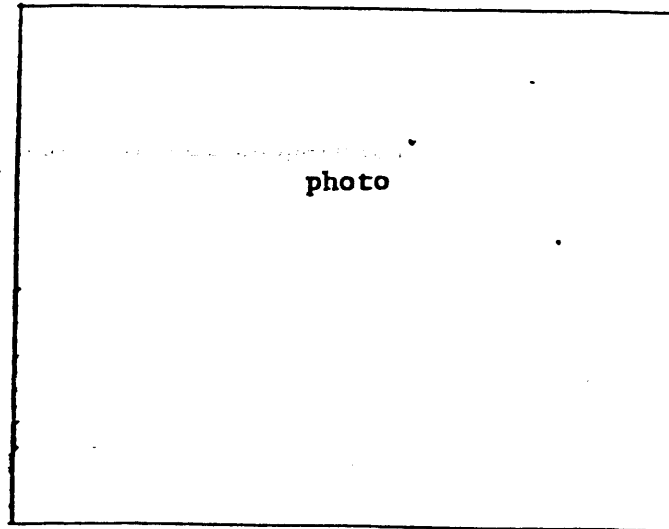
Mount Vernon Linn
town or vicinity county

legal Boulevard Addition, Block C, lot 13
urban: ~~subdiv-block-parcel-subparcel~~
rural: ~~tpw-range-section-1/4sec-1/4sec~~

UTM _____ ACREAGE _____
zone easting northing

DISTRICT NAME _____

OWNER Francis Pray
name 818 S. Summit Ave.
Mount Vernon, Iowa
address



USE rooming house

VIEW _____ PHOTO # _____

ARCH/BLDR _____

DATE(S) 1913-14 MAP REF _____

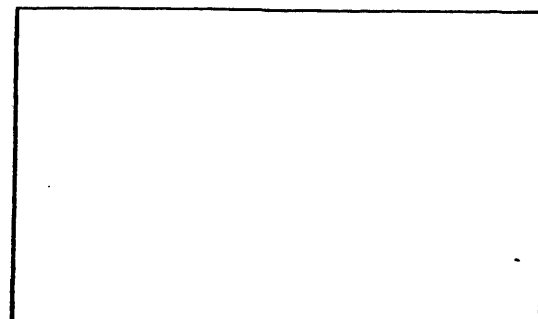
DESCRIPTION 2 story rectangular plan, gable roof, 1st & 2nd floor windows 6/1 muntins on 1st floor symmetrical, 2nd floor side hung single sash windows-8 muntins, wood shingle walls

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE served for several years (1914-18) as rooming house for women students. Built for Mary Lorraine MacLeod, Cornell class of 92, a Dean of Women and director of Physical Training for Women.

SOURCES

Francis Pray, owner.
Royal Purple, 1910-1915.

SITE PLAN



RECORDER(S) _____ DATE _____

NAME House

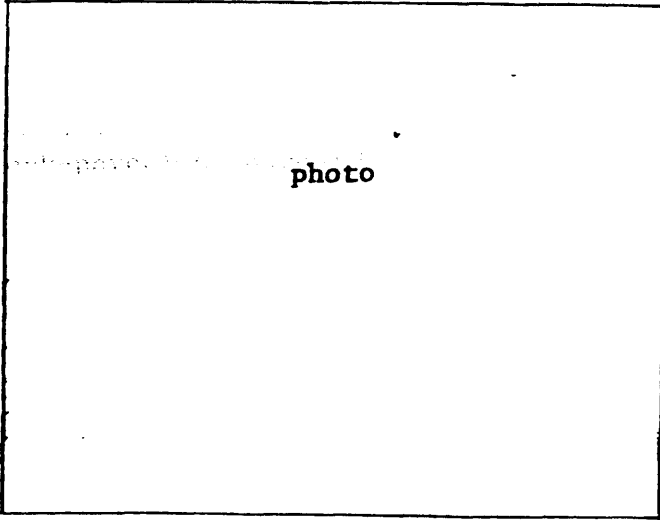
SITE NUMBER: 57-030-078 **MAR 31 1980**

LOCATION 812 Summit Ave.
street and number

DISTRICT RATING: A B C

Mount Vernon Linn
town or vicinity county

legal Boulevard Add., Bock C. lot 14
urban: ~~subdiv-block-parcel-subparcel~~
rural: ~~twp-range-section-1/4sec-1/4sec~~



UTM _____ ACREAGE _____
zone easting northing

DISTRICT NAME _____

OWNER Mrs. Peggy Ehrmann
name 812 Summit Ave.
Mount Vernon, Iowa
address

USE Resting Home

VIEW _____ PHOTO # _____

ARCH/BLDR Josselyn & Taylor/

DATE(S) 1903-4 MAP REF _____

DESCRIPTION Mass & plan: 2½ story rectangular; 3 sided bay sindows on 1st & 2nd floor on west. Roof: gable, one dormer; brackets on either side of windows on iron facade (north) and west side. Walls: variety of surface textures (shingle, lap siding of 2 sizes; ornamented wood shingle on frieze; pent roof only on east side. Porches: front face full porch with single columns, except triple arrangement on north-west corner; 2nd floor sleeping porches on southeast (1932 addition) extend around to south side.

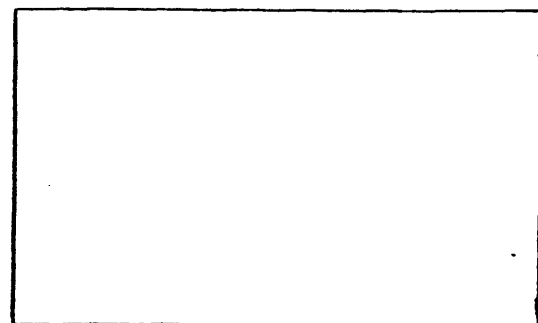
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE Bishop Nicholson (United Methodist Church) lived in house upon retirement in 1930's.

This turn of the century house is noteworthy chiefly for its variously-textured wall surfaces, which display shingling, two widths of clapboarding and a shingled "frieze". The transition nature of its form is accentuated by the combination of Victorian era brackets and a Colonial Revival verandah.

SOURCES

Examination of original and 1932 plans of the house and interview with the current owner, May 23, 1979.

SITE PLAN



RECORDER(S) _____ DATE _____

NAME Ristine House

SITE NUMBER: 57-030-079

MAR 31 1980

LOCATION 808 Summit Ave.
street and number

DISTRICT RATING: A B C

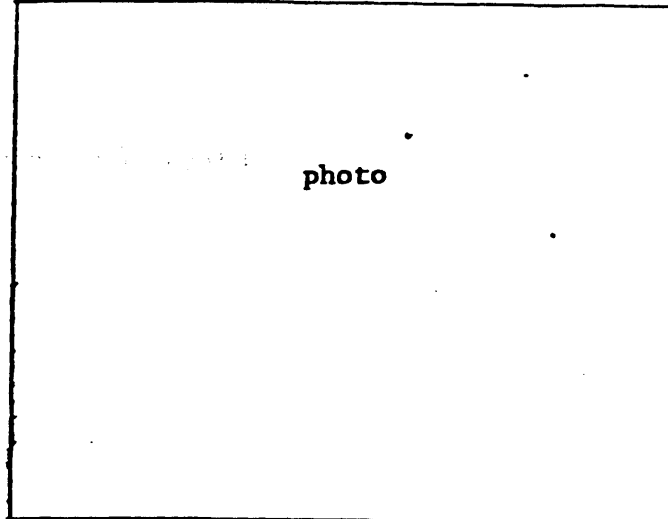
Mount Vernon Linn
town or vicinity county

legal Boulevard Add. Block C lot 15
urban: subdiv-block-parcel-subparcel
rural: twp-range-section- $\frac{1}{2}$ sec- $\frac{1}{2}$ sec

UTM _____ ACREAGE _____
zone easting northing

DISTRICT NAME _____

OWNER Dr. Thomas Rogers
name 808 Summit Ave.
Mount Vernon, Iowa
address



USE residence

VIEW _____ PHOTO # _____

ARCH/BLDR Edward Ransom Ristine

DATE(S) 1930 MAP REF _____

DESCRIPTION

A one-story side-gable frame house, situated on sloping ground resulting in a raised basement at the rear. 12/12 double-hung sash windows in simple surrounds topped by narrow cornices. The main entrance is located in a projecting center pavilion. Pavilion and main roof cornices have partial returns. Exterior is sheathed with narrow clapboards. Exterior chimney on west side.

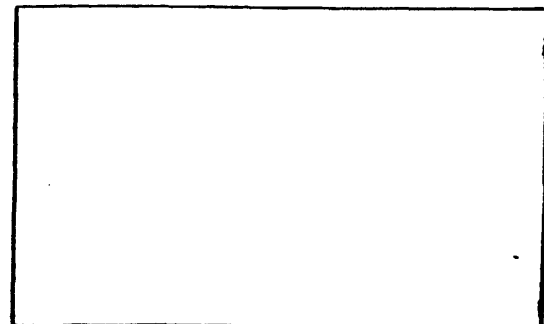
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

A nicely-kept, simple house.

SOURCES

Dr. T. Rogers, owner.
Abstract.

SITE PLAN



RECORDER(S) _____ DATE _____

NAME Rigby House

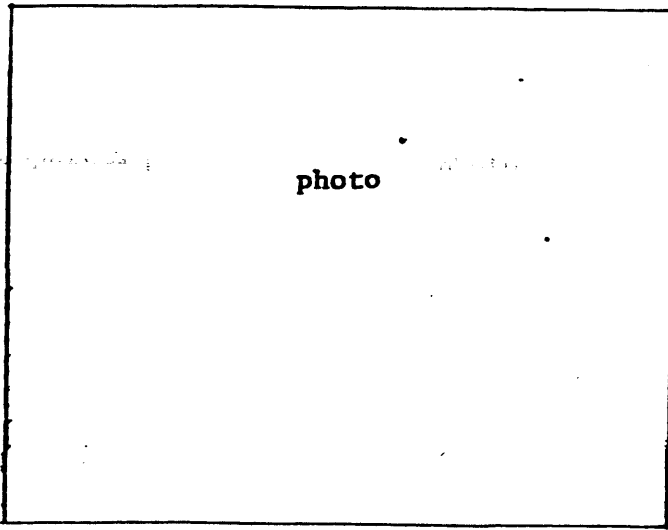
SITE NUMBER: 57-030-080 MAR 31 1980

LOCATION 730 Summit Ave.
street and number

DISTRICT RATING: A B C

Mount Vernon Linn
town or vicinity county

legal Boulevard Add. Block 6 Lot 16
urban: ~~subdiv-block-parcel-subparcel~~
rural: ~~twp-range-section-1/4sec-1/4sec~~



UTM _____ ACREAGE _____
zone easting northing

DISTRICT NAME _____

OWNER Cornell College
name
Mount Vernon, Iowa
address

USE residence

VIEW _____ PHOTO # _____

ARCH/BLDR Rigby

DATE(S) 1908 MAP REF _____

DESCRIPTION Massing & plan: 2 story, rectangular, 2nd floor dormer essential features on front facade (north). Roof: Basically gable with gambrel effect on front facing of dormer, cornice return or broken pediment on east & west facades. Walls: Lap board 1st floor, wood shingle 2nd floor, decorative shingle on gable ends (attic). Dormer: full pediment with ornament on the face, sitting porch with double square columns at corners, balustrade, wood shingle sloping walls, resting gambrel effect. Porch: embraces front and east facing, 5 square posts & balustrace (copied on dormer)

background structure

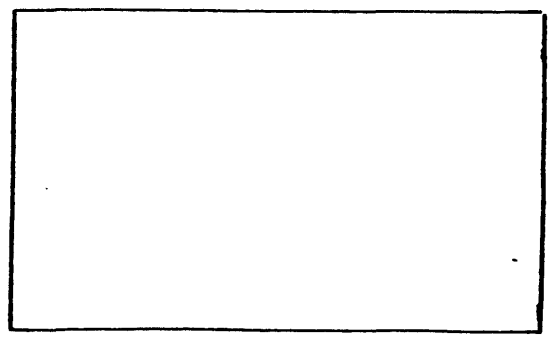
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Well-kept turn of the century residence.

SOURCES

Abstract.
Joe Meade, Class of 1914.

SITE PLAN



RECORDER(S) _____ DATE _____

NAME House

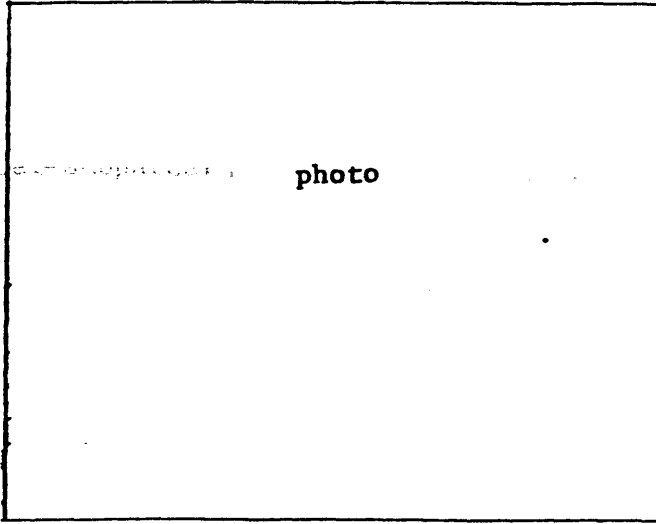
SITE NUMBER: 57-030-081 MAR 31 1980

LOCATION MacGregor Lane
street and number

DISTRICT RATING: A B C

Mount Vernon Linn
town or vicinity county

legal Turkle Stauffers Add. Lot 13
urban: ~~subdiv-block-parcel-subparcel~~
rural: ~~tpw-range-section-1/4sec-1/4sec~~



UTM _____ ACREAGE _____
zone easting northing

DISTRICT NAME _____

OWNER Mrs. J.B. MacGregor
name MacGregor Lane
Mount Vernon, Iowa
address

USE residence

VIEW _____ PHOTO # _____

ARCH/BLDR MacGregors

DATE(S) 1964 MAP REF _____

DESCRIPTION single story ranch, 2 bedroom INTRUSION

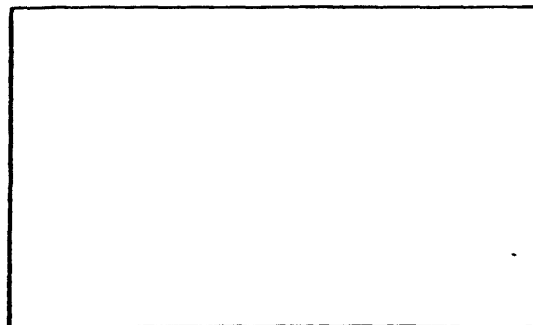
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Common ranch house.

SOURCES

Mrs. J.B. MacGregor, owner.

SITE PLAN



RECORDER(S) _____ DATE _____

NAME House

SITE NUMBER: 57-030-082 MAR 31 1980

LOCATION 9th Ave. S.
street and number

DISTRICT RATING: A B C

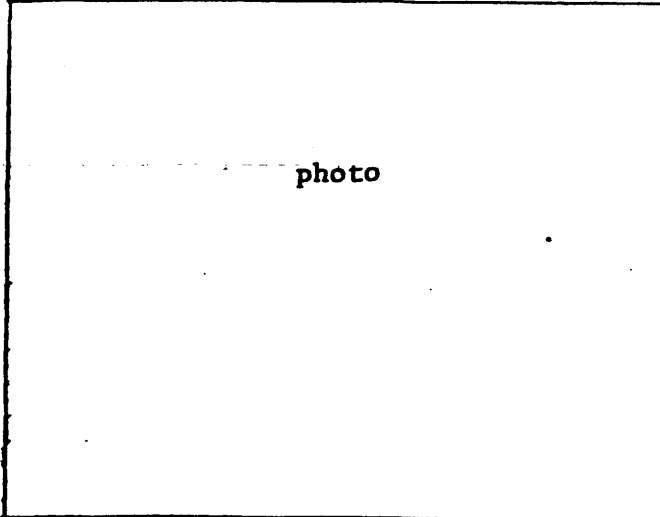
Mount Vernon Linn
town or vicinity county

legal Turkle Stouffer Add., Lot 11
urban: subdiv-block-parcel-subparcel
rural: twp-range-section- $\frac{1}{2}$ sec- $\frac{1}{2}$ sec

UTM _____ ACREAGE _____
zone easting northing

DISTRICT NAME _____

OWNER Howard Lane
name 9th Ave. S.
Mount Vernon, Iowa
address



USE residence

VIEW _____ PHOTO # _____

ARCH/BLDR William Hayslett

DATE(S) 1869 MAP REF _____

DESCRIPTION Irregular plan and massing. Asymmetrical. Gable roof form predominates. Shed or hip type roof over porches. Horizontal clapboard siding with corner trim. Windows are double hung 6/1 or 2/2 muntin pattern. Windows singular, paired; threes on 2nd story front facade. Original operable wood shutters on some windows. Front and side porches with simple balustrade. Porches supported by square columns with wide capital and additional trim 2'- below capital. Curved brackets on side porch

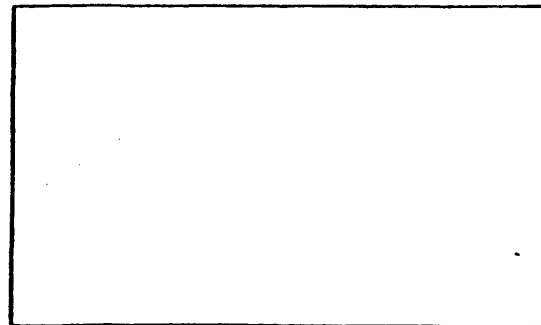
Alterations: addition on S and SE corner; SE corner enclosed in main structure, Housing kitchen - 2nd floor bedroom and small study constructed in modified S. wind and SE add.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE Popular style of 1850's & 60's. One of four remaining wood frame-style illustrations.

SOURCES

SITE PLAN

RECORDER(S) _____ DATE _____



NAME House

SITE NUMBER: 57-030-083 MAR 31 1980

LOCATION 116 10th Ave. S.
street and number

DISTRICT RATING: A B C

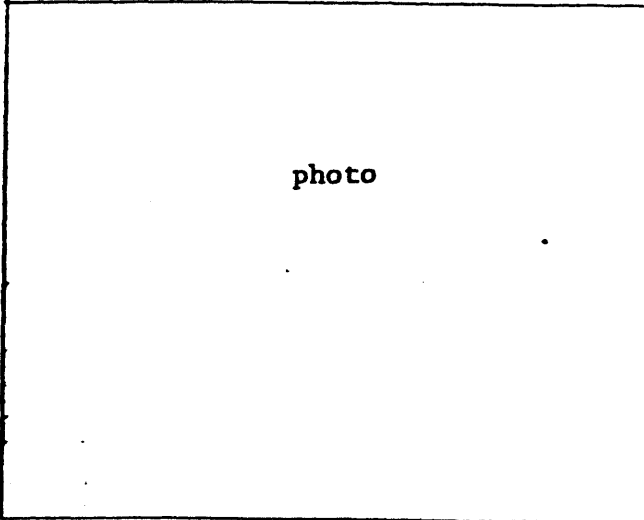
Mount Vernon Linn
town or vicinity county

legal Turkle Stauffer Add., Lots 9 & 10
urban: subdiv-block-parcel-subparcel
rural: twp-range-section-1/2sec-1/2sec

UTM _____ ACREAGE _____
zone easting northing

DISTRICT NAME _____

OWNER David Lyon
name 116 10th Ave. S.
Mount Vernon, Iowa
address



USE residence

VIEW _____ PHOTO # _____

ARCH/BLDR R.R. Mayberry/Charles Maybauer

DATE(S) 1916 MAP REF _____

DESCRIPTION rectangular with lean-to addition on rear. Symmetrical facade (front). Hip roof with 3 symmetrical hip roofed dormers on west side of hip. Asphalt shingles. Exposed rafter ends. Windows are all double hung 6/1 or 3/3 muntin pattern. Singular except small pair over entrance. Entrance door flanked by multi-paned sidelites. Walls: wood shingles, square bottom with narrow and wide exposure in alternating horizontal band. Brick foundation. Small porch supported by two large "Doric" columns. Simple architrave. Balcony with balusters in crossing pattern with large square corners.

background structure in district

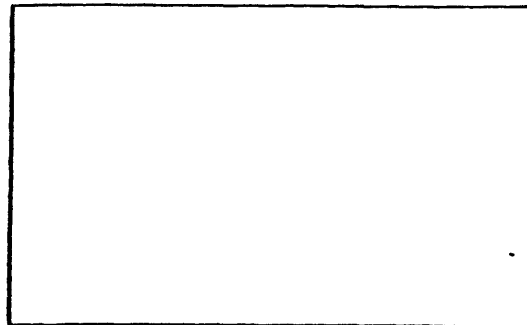
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

House is a vernacular adaptation of the symmetrical Georgian Revival. Projecting rafter ends suggest Craftsman influence. Wall shingling enhances horizontal effect.

SOURCES

David Lyon, owner.

SITE PLAN



RECORDER(S) _____ DATE _____

NAME Al's 66 Station

SITE NUMBER: 57-030-084 **MAR 31 1980**

LOCATION 1st St. W./10th Ave. W.
street and number

DISTRICT RATING: A B C

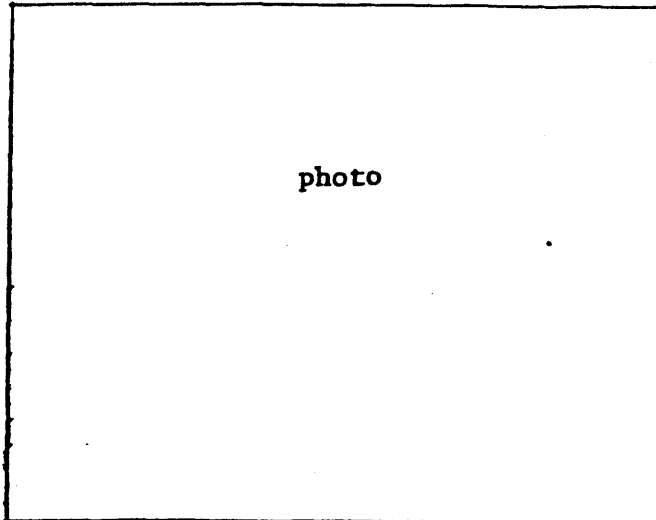
Mount Vernon Linn
town or vicinity county

legal Turkle Stauffer's Add., Lots 7 & 8
urban: subdiv-block-parcel-subparcel
rural: tpw-range-section-1/4sec-1/4sec

UTM _____ ACREAGE _____
zone easting northing

DISTRICT NAME _____

OWNER Nordsrom Oil Co.
name 1400 6th St. SW.
Cedar Rapids, Iowa
address



USE gas station

VIEW _____ PHOTO # _____

ARCH/BLDR Nordstom Oil Co.

DATE(S) 1958 MAP REF _____

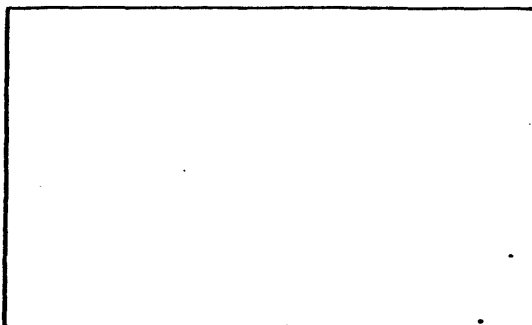
DESCRIPTION INTRUSION

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

SOURCES

Al Onstott, leasee.

SITE PLAN



RECORDER(S) _____ DATE _____

NAME House

SITE NUMBER: 57-030-085 MAR 31 1980

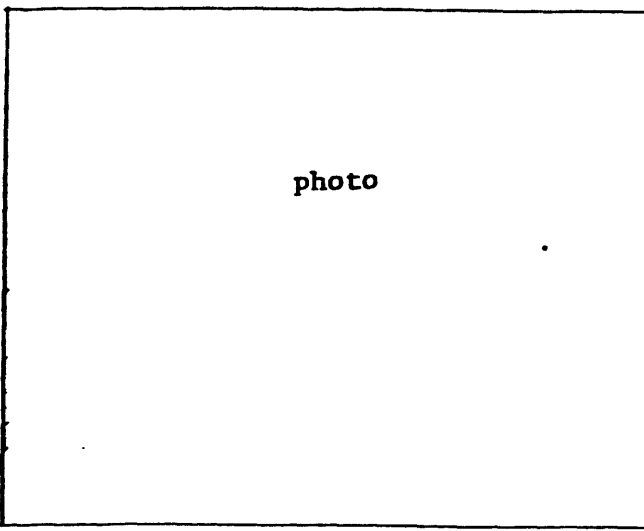
LOCATION 1204 1st St. W.
street and number

DISTRICT RATING: A B C

Mount Vernon Linn
town or vicinity county

legal Turkle Stauffer's Add. Lot 6
urban: subdiv-block-parcel-subparcel
rural: twp-range-section- $\frac{1}{4}$ sec- $\frac{1}{4}$ sec

UTM _____ ACREAGE _____
zone easting northing



DISTRICT NAME _____

OWNER Robert Campagna
name 1204 1st St. W.
Mount Vernon, Iowa
address

USE residence

VIEW _____ PHOTO # _____

ARCH/BLDR unknown

DATE(S) 1912 MAP REF _____

DESCRIPTION rectangular plan, symmetrical about the facade, large full length porch across facade. Gable roof large shed roof dormer with three windows on facade side. Windows double hung in pairs or trios-6/1 muntins. Walls-wood shingles, including dormer. Porch - front porch supported by two large pilasters at corners. Screened in. Balustrade with sawn wood balusters.

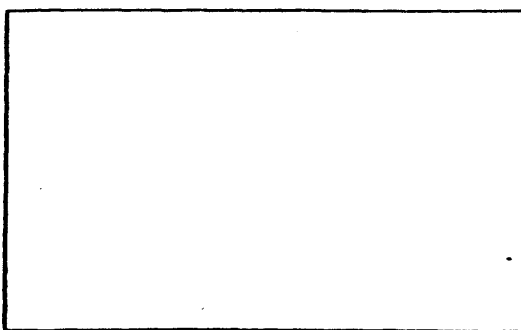
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Typical Craftsman cottage.

SOURCES

Robert Campagna, owner.

SITE PLAN



RECORDER(S) _____ DATE _____

NAME House

SITE NUMBER: 57-030-086 MAR 31 1980

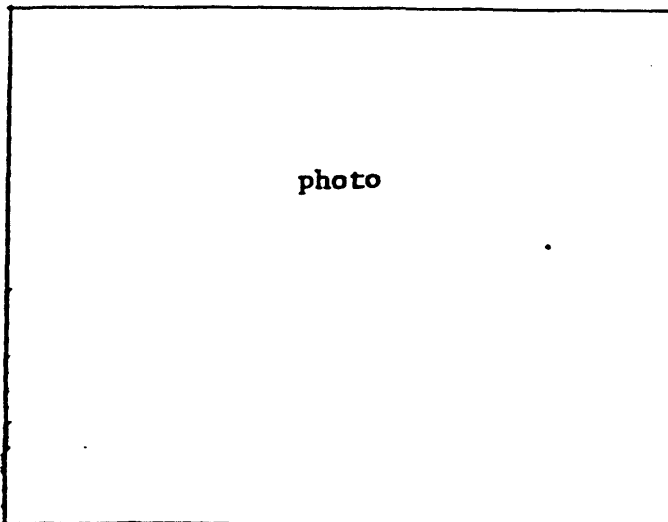
LOCATION 1126 1st St. N.
street and number

DISTRICT RATING: A B C

Mount Vernon Linn
town or vicinity county

legal Turkle Stauffer's Add. lot 3
urban: subdiv-block-parcel-subparcel
rural: twp-range-section- $\frac{1}{2}$ sec- $\frac{1}{2}$ sec

UTM _____ ACREAGE _____
zone easting northing



DISTRICT NAME _____

OWNER James Gunn
name 1126 1st St. N.
Mount Vernon, Iowa
address

USE residence

VIEW _____ PHOTO # _____

ARCH/BLDR Alvin W. Bruch

DATE(S) 1929-30 MAP REF _____

DESCRIPTION

1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -story, front gable cottage, with long side presented to the street. Shed-roofed dormer. East porch added 1960; porches on north and west, 1958.

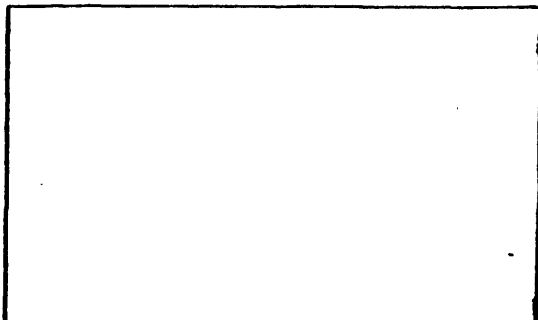
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is in the Craftsman idiom, but is not very representative.

SOURCES

Abstract.
Postcard picture of house with following statement:
"The house is about done" sent by Alvin Bruck,
postmarked 1930.
Interview with owner.

SITE PLAN



RECORDER(S) _____ DATE _____

NAME Sheley House

SITE NUMBER: 57-030-087 **MAR 31 1980**

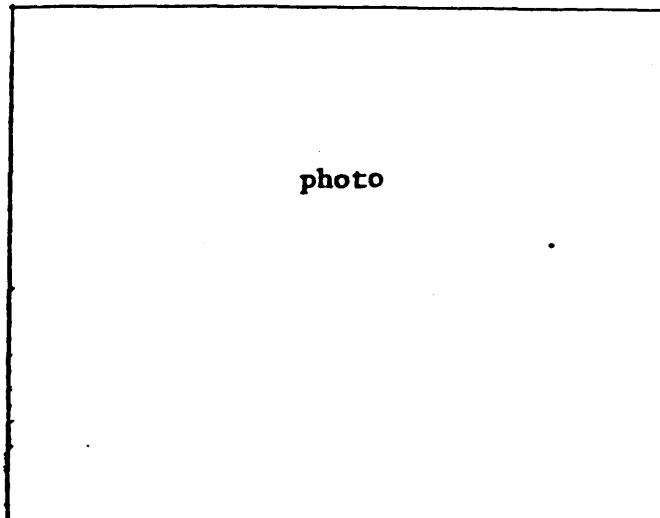
LOCATION 1124 10th St. W.
street and number

DISTRICT RATING: A B C

Mount Vernon Linn
town or vicinity county

legal Turkle Stauffers Add. Lot 2
urban: subdiv-block-parcel-subparcel
rural: twp-range-section- $\frac{1}{2}$ sec- $\frac{1}{2}$ sec

UTM _____ ACREAGE _____
zone easting northing



DISTRICT NAME _____

OWNER James Gunn
name 126 1st St. W.
Mount Vernon, Iowa
address

USE residence

VIEW _____ PHOTO # _____

ARCH/BLDR G.E. Siggins

DATE(S) 1919-1923 MAP REF _____

DESCRIPTION Rectangular with rectangular porch on front, symmetrical. Gable roof. Horizontal clapboard siding, very narrow pattern. Vertical board & batten in gable end of porch. Windows-double hung. Porch supported at corners with two large pilasters sheathed in narrow clapboards and tapering towards the top.

background structure to district

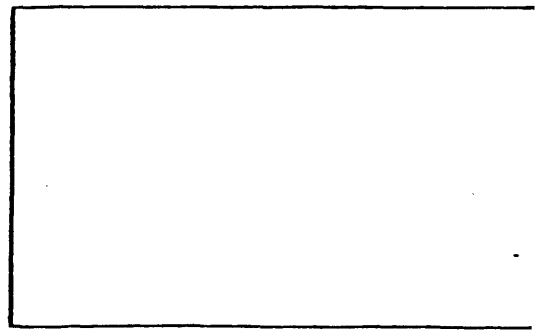
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Example of the Craftsman bungalow.

SOURCES

Abstract.
Interview with Harry Sisser of Lisbon, Ca. (rented house in 1923-25).

SITE PLAN



RECORDER(S) _____ DATE _____

NAME Baldwin House

SITE NUMBER: 57-030-088 MAR 31 1980

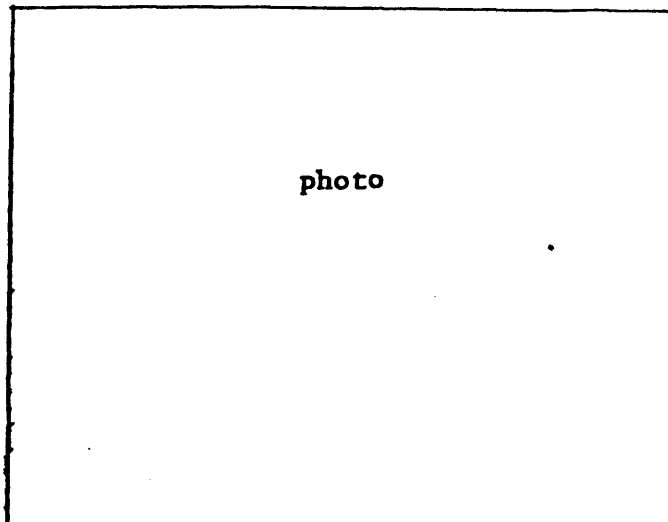
LOCATION 1024 1st St. W.
street and number

DISTRICT RATING: A B C

Mount VErnon
town or vicinity county

legal Turkel & Stauffer's Add. Lot 1
urban: subdiv-block-parcel-subparcel
rural: twp-range-section- $\frac{1}{2}$ sec- $\frac{1}{2}$ sec

UTM _____ ACREAGE _____
zone easting northing



DISTRICT NAME _____

OWNER Cornell College
name
Mount VErnon, Iowa
address

USE residence

VIEW _____ PHOTO # _____

ARCH/BLDR _____

DATE(S) 1905-10 MAP REF _____

DESCRIPTION irregular plan and massing, asymmetrical, small bay at end of east wing, one story. Gable roof with sawn wood ornament at peak of gable. Horizontal clapboard siding. Gable end, fish scale wood shingles. Windows are all double hung and singular, fixed glass in gable ends. Porch on front extending around east side to projecting mass. Small gable form on roof with fish scale infil. Balustrade with turned balusters. Lattice-work infil below porch. Round columns with simple base and capital. Built for John F. Baldwin.

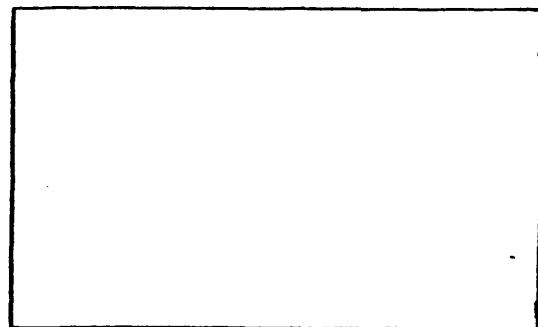
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

A typical example of turn-of-the-century residential architecture, combining the massing, verticality and exterior wall treatment of the Queen Anne with a colonial-style porch.

SOURCES

Abstract of property.
Interview with James McCutcheon (local newspaper editor for 40 years), May 11 1979.

SITE PLAN



RECORDER(S) _____ DATE _____

NAME House

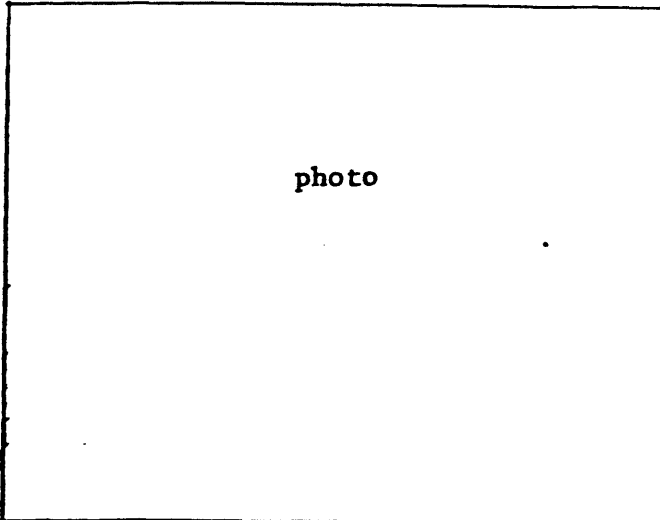
SITE NUMBER: 57-030-089 MAR 31 1980

LOCATION 616 8th Ave. N.
street and number

DISTRICT RATING: A B C

Mount Vernon Linn
town or vicinity county

legal Ash Park Add., Block 1, Lots 4 & 5
urban: subdiv-block-parcel-subparcel
rural: twp-range-section- $\frac{1}{4}$ sec- $\frac{1}{4}$ sec



UTM _____ ACREAGE _____
zone easting northing

DISTRICT NAME _____

OWNER Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Hendricks
name 616 8th Ave. N.
Mount Vernon, Iowa
address

USE residence

VIEW _____ PHOTO # _____

ARCH/BLDR Merle Burge-contractor

DATE(S) 1952 MAP REF _____

DESCRIPTION INTRUSION, rectangle with living area to north and bedrooms above garage on the south.

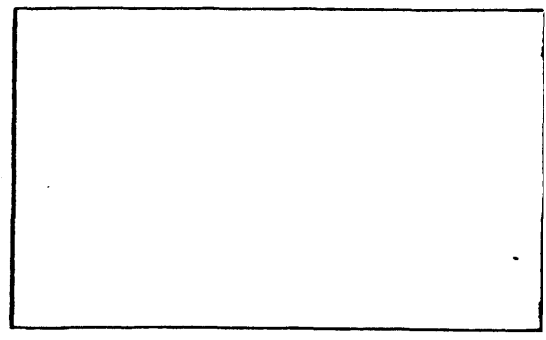
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Typical ranch house.

SOURCES

Interview with contractor Merle Burge and with current owner, May 4, 1979.

SITE PLAN



RECORDER(S) _____ DATE _____

NAME House

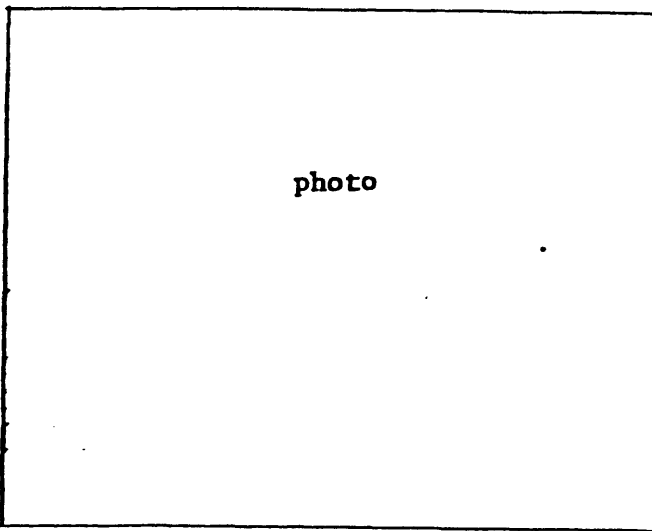
SITE NUMBER: 57-030-090 **MAR 31 1980**

LOCATION 610 8th Ave. N.
street and number

DISTRICT RATING: A B C

Mount Vernon Linn
town or vicinity county

legal Ash Park Add., Block 1, Lot 3
urban: subdiv-block-parcel-subparcel
rural: twp-range-section- $\frac{1}{2}$ sec- $\frac{1}{2}$ sec



UTM _____ ACREAGE _____
zone easting northing

DISTRICT NAME _____

OWNER Mrs. Albion King
name % 610 8th Ave. N.
Mount Vernon, Iowa
address

USE residence

VIEW _____ PHOTO # _____

ARCH/BLDR _____

DATE(S) 1939-40 MAP REF _____

DESCRIPTION

One bedroom frame house. Symmetrical, 3-bay front, side gable orientation. Garage on the north is not attached to the house.

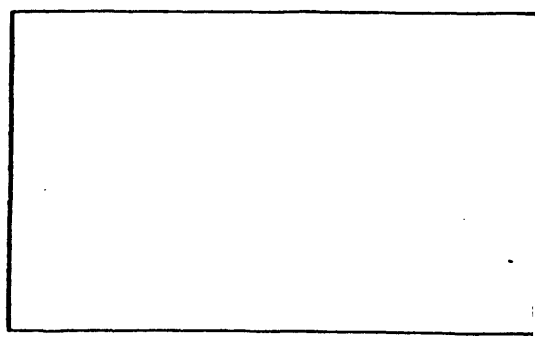
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This little "colonial" cottage is basically a neutral element in the district.

SOURCES

Interview with Mrs. Albion King, second wife of builder on May 24, 1977.

SITE PLAN



RECORDER(S) _____ DATE _____

NAME House

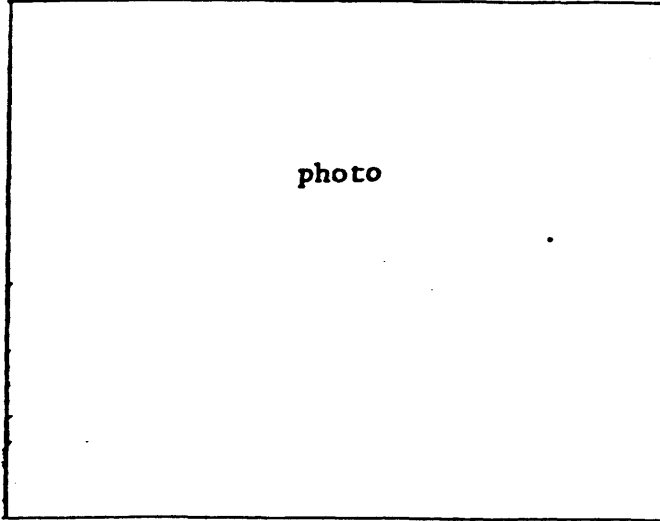
SITE NUMBER: 57-030-091

LOCATION 606 8th Ave. N.
street and number

DISTRICT RATING: A B C

Mount Vernon Linn
town or vicinity county

legal Ash Park Add., Block 1, lot 2
urban: subdiv-block-parcel-subparcel
rural: twp-range-section- $\frac{1}{4}$ sec- $\frac{1}{4}$ sec



UTM _____ ACREAGE _____
zone easting northing

DISTRICT NAME _____

OWNER Mrs. Stella Mae Easker
name % 606 8th Ave. N.
Mount Vernon, Iowa
address

USE residence

VIEW _____ PHOTO # _____

ARCH/BLDR _____

DATE(S) 1946 MAP REF _____

DESCRIPTION simple woodframe 1 1/2 story with breeze-way to two car garage.

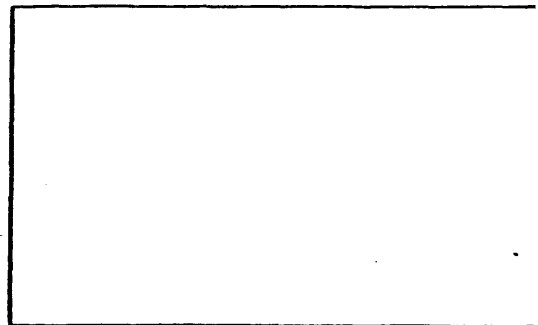
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This "colonial" house is a neutral structure in the district.

SOURCES

Interview with Mrs. Charles Easker, May 11 1977.

SITE PLAN



RECORDER(S) _____ DATE _____

NAME House

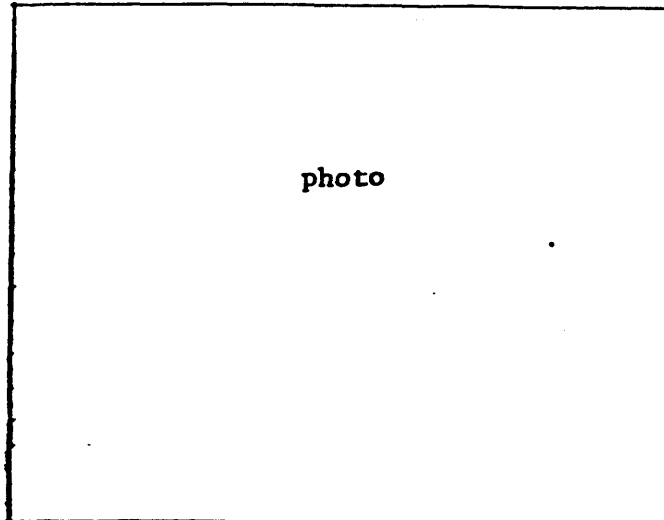
SITE NUMBER: 57-030-092 MAR 31 1980

LOCATION 112 8th Ave. S.
street and number

DISTRICT RATING: A B C

Mount Vernon Linn
town or vicinity county

legal Bowman's 2nd Add., Block 2, Lot 1
urban: subdiv-block-parcel-subparcel
rural: twp-range-section- $\frac{1}{4}$ sec- $\frac{1}{4}$ sec



UTM _____ ACREAGE _____
zone easting northing

DISTRICT NAME _____

OWNER Jeff Kelly
name

_____ address

USE residence

VIEW _____ PHOTO # _____

ARCH/BLDR Dale Larson-bldr.

DATE(S) 1959 MAP REF _____

DESCRIPTION INTRUSION, rectangle with 2 car garage on east

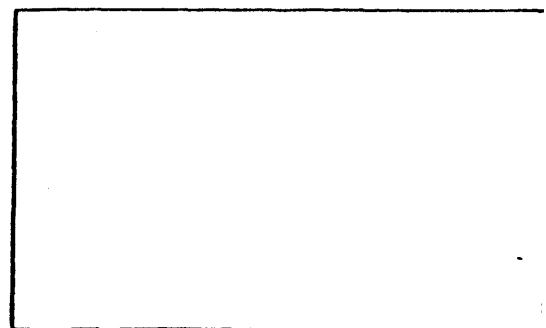
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Proportions quite out-of-scale in relation to nearby structures. Corner location enhances its intrusive quality.

SOURCES

Interview with Dale Larson and current owner (Jeff Kelly), May 25 1979.

SITE PLAN



RECORDER(S) _____ DATE _____

NAME R.S. Tallman House

SITE NUMBER: 57-030-095/96

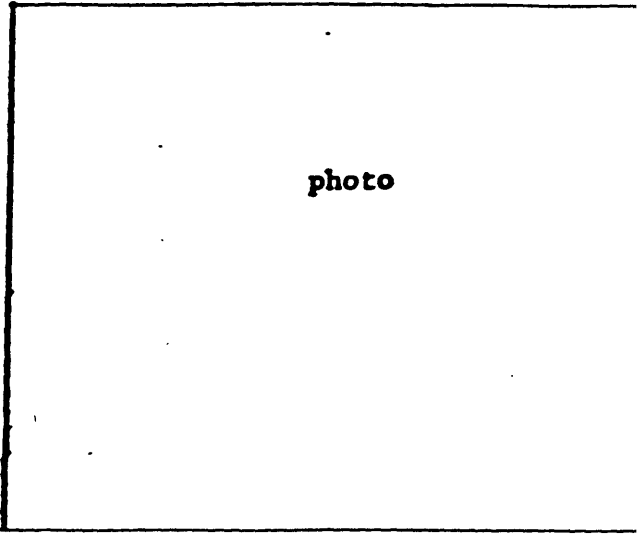
LOCATION 103 10th Ave.
street and number

DISTRICT RATING: A B C

Mt. Vernon Linn
town or vicinity county

legal N part of Lot 5
urban: subdiv-block-parcel-subparcel
rural: twp-range-section- $\frac{1}{2}$ sec- $\frac{1}{4}$ sec

UTM _____ ACREAGE _____
zone easting northing



DISTRICT NAME _____

OWNER Tom & Judy Lass
name
103 10th Ave., Mt. Vernon, Iowa
address

USE Private residence

VIEW _____ PHOTO # _____

ARCH/BLDR _____

DATE(S) ca. 1912-16 MAP REF _____

DESCRIPTION Two & one-half story frame house with large porch. Little ornamentation. Brick foundation to porch (east & south sides), limestone foundation under house. Irregular roof and mass, "fish scale" shingle on attic dormers. Some window changes. Garage built ca. 1920's-30's. Wood frame structure with hip roof, exposed rafter ends, and has cement footings. It was added on to make room for longer cars.

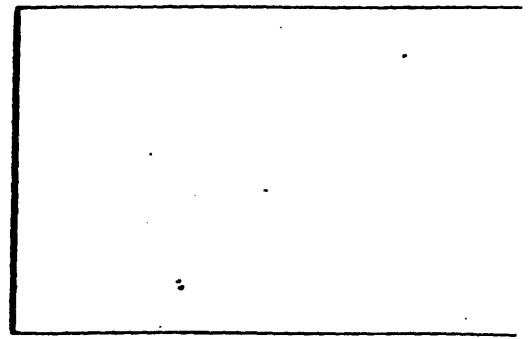
Both structures are in good condition

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Nicely-kept pre-WWI vernacular house

SOURCES

SITE PLAN



RECORDER(S) Richard Thomas DATE January, 1980

MAR 31 1980

NAME Martin Rigby HouseSITE NUMBER: 57-030-097LOCATION 109 10th Ave. S.
street and numberDISTRICT RATING: A B CMt. Vernon Linn
town or vicinity countylegal Lot 6, IRR Sur. SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec 9-8 3-5
urban: subdiv-block-parcel-subparcel
rural: twp-range-section- $\frac{1}{4}$ sec- $\frac{1}{4}$ secUTM _____ ACREAGE _____
zone easting northing

DISTRICT NAME _____

OWNER Leoral Evans
name115 N. 3rd St. E, Mt. Vernon, Iowa
addressUSE Private residence

VIEW _____ PHOTO # _____

ARCH/BLDR _____

DATE(S) 1892 MAP REF _____

DESCRIPTION House is of irregular massing. Clapboard siding with fishscale siding on bay end dormers at the attic level. There is a Queen Anne window on the northeast corner, second floor. The house sits on a limestone foundation. The rear (west) porch has been enclosed and a small addition added--date unknown, but probably in the 1950's).

There is a multiple use shed or garage on the property of frame construction with a sloping roof or single plane. Building could have been a horse barn or chicken house at one time.

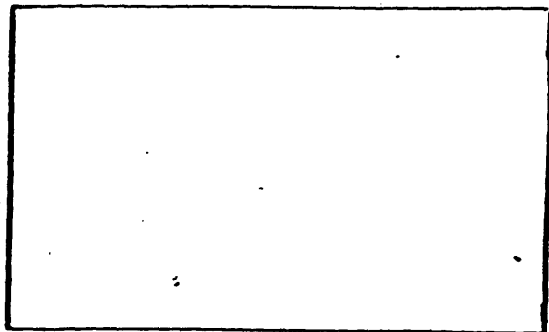
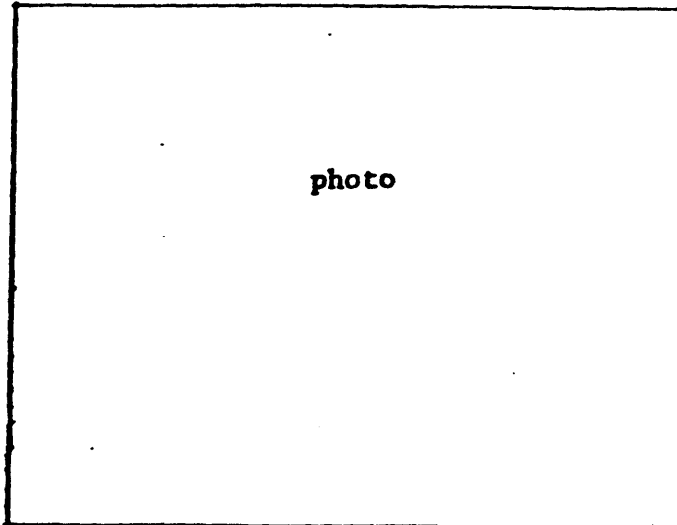
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Well-preserved example of its type.

SOURCES

Abstract.

Interview with Mr. Jay Fordyce, childhood neighbor of Rigby's.

SITE PLANRECORDER(S) Richard Thomas DATE Jan. 1980

MAR 31 198

NAME _____

SITE NUMBER: 57-030-099

LOCATION 117 10th Ave. S.
street and number

DISTRICT RATING: A B C

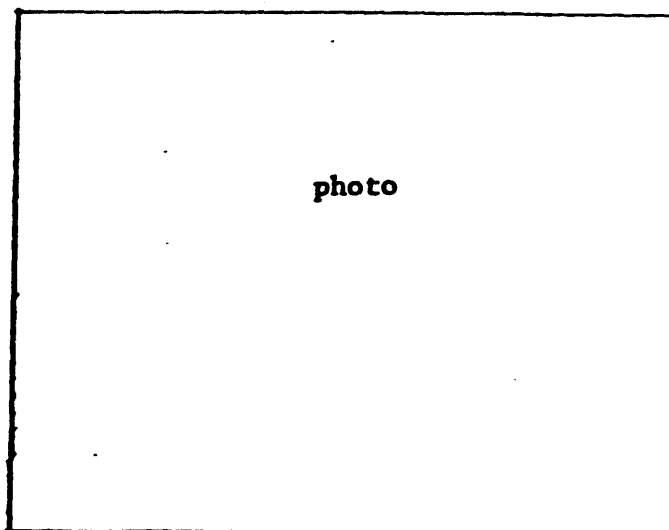
Mt. Vernon Linn
town or vicinity **county**

legal Parts of lots 5 & 6, Irreg. Survey*
urban: subdiv-block-parcel-subparcel
rural: twp-range-section- $\frac{1}{4}$ sec- $\frac{1}{4}$ sec
***SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec 9-82-5**

UTM _____ **ACREAGE** _____
zone easting northing

DISTRICT NAME _____

OWNER Cornell College
name
Mt. Vernon, Iowa
address



USE residential

VIEW _____ **PHOTO #** _____

ARCH/BLDR Harold Kruse-builder

DATE(S) 1954 **MAP REF** _____

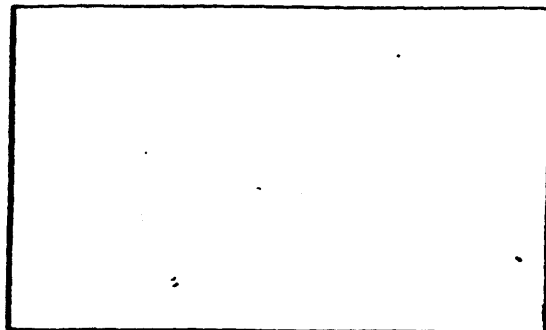
DESCRIPTION one story ranch-attached garage, hip roof, board & batten siding, cement footings, house of frame construction

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Basic ranch house.

SOURCES

SITE PLAN



RECORDER(S) Richard Thomas **DATE** Jan. 1980

MAR 31 1980

NAME Hetland HouseSITE NUMBER: 57-030-100LOCATION 213 10th Ave. S.
street and numberDISTRICT RATING: A B CMt. Vernon Linn
town or vicinity countylegal parts of lots 5 & 6, Irreg Survey SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ *
urban: subdiv-block-parcel-subparcel
rural: twp-range-section- $\frac{1}{2}$ sec- $\frac{1}{2}$ sec
*sec. 9-82-5UTM _____ ACREAGE _____
zone easting northing

DISTRICT NAME _____

OWNER Edith & Mel Hetland
name213 10th Ave. S., Mt. Vernon, Iowa
addressUSE residential

VIEW _____ PHOTO # _____

ARCH/BLDR Harold Kruse-builderDATE(S) 1952 MAP REF _____DESCRIPTION Typical post war 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ story bungalow with attached carport. Gable roof; asymmetrical opening. In good condition.

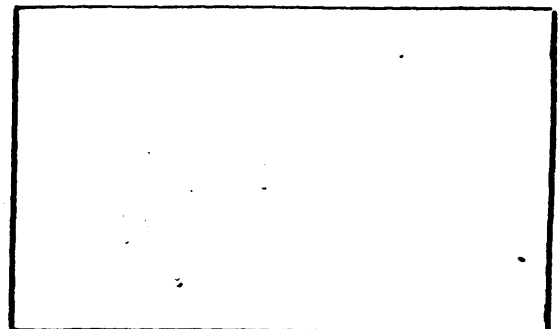
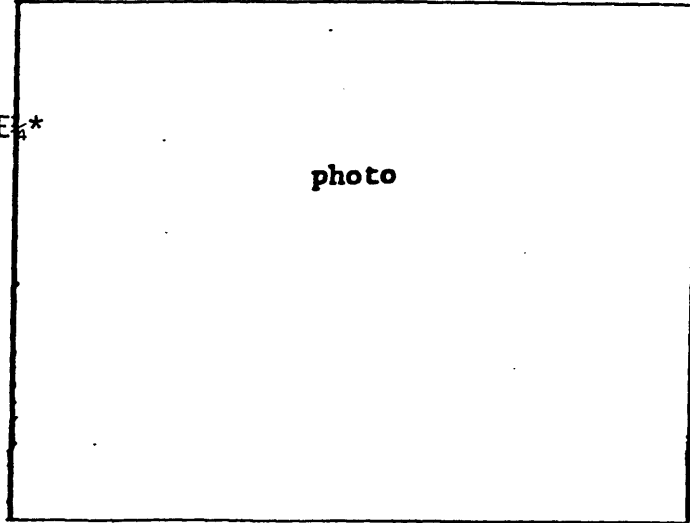
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This is basically a neutral structure.

SOURCES

Interview with owners.
Interview with builder, Harold Kruse.

SITE PLAN

RECORDER(S) Richard Thomas DATE January 1980

MAR 31 1980

NAME C.F. Littell House (Artman House #2)

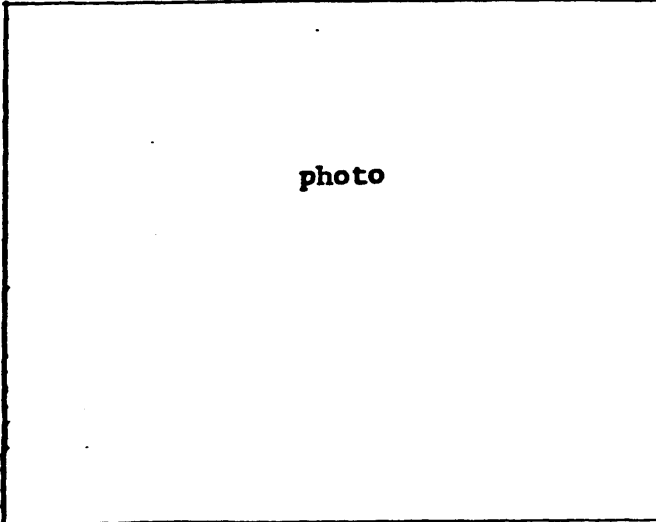
SITE NUMBER: 57-030-101

LOCATION 215 10th Ave
street and number

DISTRICT RATING: A B C

Mt. Vernon Linn
town or vicinity county

legal Lot 21, Irreg. Survey, Mt. Vernon
urban: ~~subdiv-block-parcel-subparcel~~
rural: ~~twp-range-section-1/4sec-1/4sec~~



UTM _____ ACREAGE _____
zone easting northing

DISTRICT NAME _____

OWNER Ms. Margo McKay
name

215 10th Ave., Mt. Vernon, Iowa
address

USE Residence

VIEW _____ PHOTO # _____

ARCH/BLDR Charles Artman

DATE(S) 1919-22 MAP REF _____

DESCRIPTION

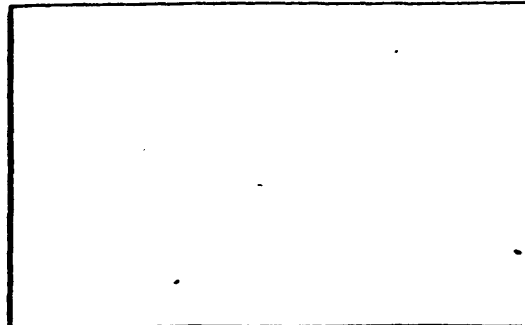
Two-story house with irregular massing. Cement-block foundation. Exterior walls clapboarded. Entrance framed by flat pilasters and simple architrave.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This is the second house built by Charles Artman, on a portion of the land he had used as a small farmstead (#101-106) from 1900 to 1931.

SOURCES

SITE PLAN



RECORDER(S) _____ DATE _____

MAR 31 1980

NAME Chicken House

SITE NUMBER: 57-030-102

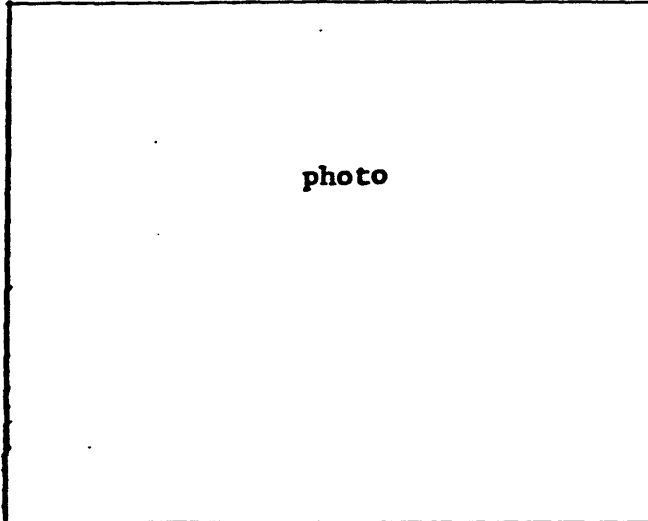
LOCATION 215 10th Ave.
street and number

DISTRICT RATING: A B C

Mt. Vernon Linn
town or vicinity county

legal Lot 21, Irreg. Survey, Mt. Vernon
urban: subdiv-block-parcel-subparcel
rural: twp-range-section- $\frac{1}{4}$ sec- $\frac{1}{4}$ sec

UTM _____ ACREAGE _____
zone easting northing



DISTRICT NAME _____

OWNER Margo McKay
name

215 10th Ave., Mt. Vernon
address

USE Private residence

VIEW _____ PHOTO # _____

ARCH/BLDR Attributed to Charles Artman

DATE(S) _____ MAP REF _____

DESCRIPTION

A small shed-roofed structure with wide shiplap siding. Originally built as a chicken house. Now the residence of a Cornell College faculty member.

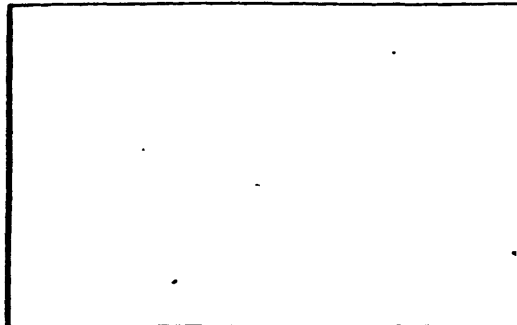
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Outbuilding associated with Artman farmstead (# 101-106).

SOURCES

SITE PLAN

RECORDER(S) _____ DATE _____



NAME C.F. Littell Barn

SITE NUMBER: 57-030-103 MAR 31 1980

LOCATION 210 10th Ave.

DISTRICT RATING: A B C

street and number

Mt. Vernon Linn

town or vicinity county

legal Lot 21 Irreg. Survey-Mt. Vernon
urban: ~~subdiv-block-parcel-subparcel~~
rural: ~~twp-range-section-1/4sec-1/4sec~~

UTM _____ ACREAGE _____
zone easting northing

DISTRICT NAME Cornell College/Mt. Vernon

OWNER Ms. Margo MacKay

name
210 10th Ave., Mt. Vernon, Iowa
address

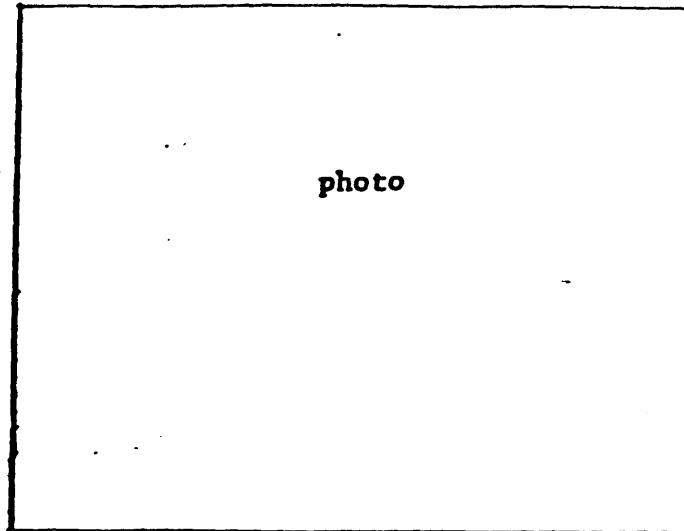
USE Barn & storage

VIEW _____ PHOTO # _____

ARCH/BLDR Charles Artman

DATE(S) 1919-1922 MAP REF _____

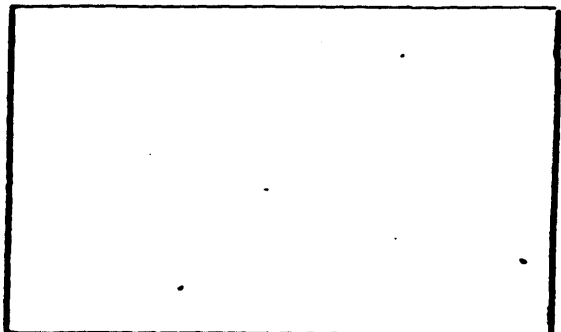
DESCRIPTION Barn is of wood construction, gable roof, cement footings. Has lap siding. Barn is in good condition.



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE The Rev. Charles Artman built the house & out-buildings cutting up his adjacent large lot. He lived next door at 219-10th Ave. while building the house.. Artman was a retired Methodist minister who also built the 219 10th Ave. house.

SOURCES

SITE PLAN



RECORDER(S) Richard Thomas DATE Jan. 1980

NAME Penn Dairy Farm House (Artman House #1)

SITE NUMBER: 57-030-104 MAR 31 1980

LOCATION 210 90th Ave. S.
street and number

DISTRICT RATING: A B C

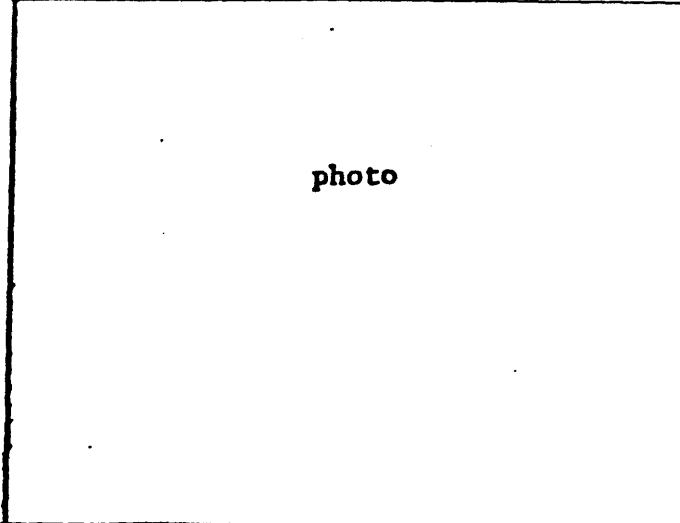
Mt. Vernon Linn
town or vicinity county

legal Lot 7 Irreg. Survey Mt. Vernon
urban: subdiv-block-parcel-subparcel
rural: twp-range-section- $\frac{1}{4}$ sec- $\frac{1}{4}$ sec

UTM _____ ACREAGE _____
zone easting northing

DISTRICT NAME _____

OWNER Cornelia Penn
name
800 College Blvd. Mt. Vernon, Iowa
address



USE residence

VIEW _____ PHOTO # _____

ARCH/BLDR Rev. Charles Artman

DATE(S) ca. 1900-10 MAP REF _____

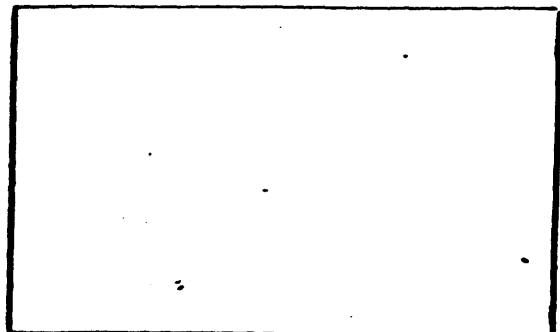
DESCRIPTION 2 story frame house with front 3 story tower. Irregular massing, limestone and hollow tile foundation. Clapboard siding. Enclosed sun porch--foundation and addition--late 1920's are among the alterations to the house.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE The Rev. Artman, retired Methodist minister built the house and out-buildings before 1910 and planted the orchard. In 1919-23 he built the house next door, (215 10th Ave. #101) sold the original house to Walter Penn. The Penn's added a small dairy operation for several years and maintained the orchard to the present. The house is used as a rooming house for College students.

SOURCES

SITE PLAN

RECORDER(S) Richard Thomas DATE Jan. 1980



NAME Penn Dairy Farm shed

SITE NUMBER: 57-030-105 MAR 31 1980

LOCATION 219 10th Ave. S.

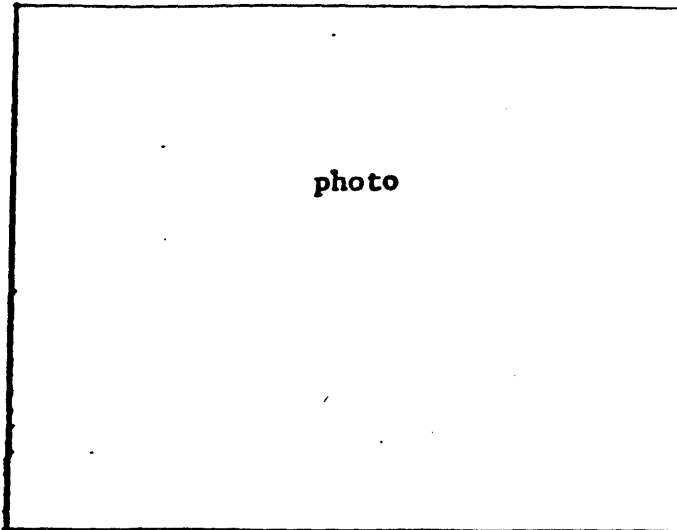
DISTRICT RATING: A B C

street and number

Mt. Vernon Linn

town or vicinity county

legal lot 7, Irreg. Survey-Mt. Vernon
urban: subdiv-block-parcel-subparcel
rural: twp-range-section- $\frac{1}{2}$ sec- $\frac{1}{4}$ sec



UTM _____ ACREAGE _____
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DISTRICT NAME _____

OWNER Cornelia Penn
name

800 College Blvd., Mt. Vernon, Iowa
address

USE shed

VIEW _____ PHOTO # _____

ARCH/BLDR Rev. Charles Artman

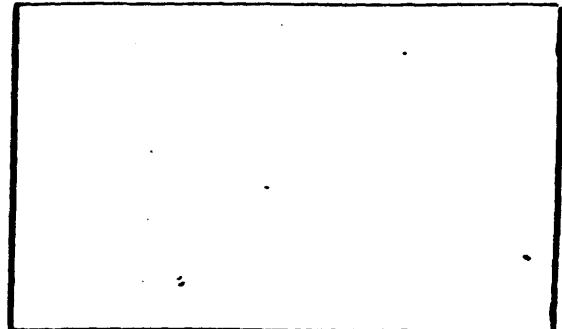
DATE(S) before 1910 MAP REF _____

DESCRIPTION Small one story shed. Gable roof, cement footings.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

SOURCES

SITE PLAN

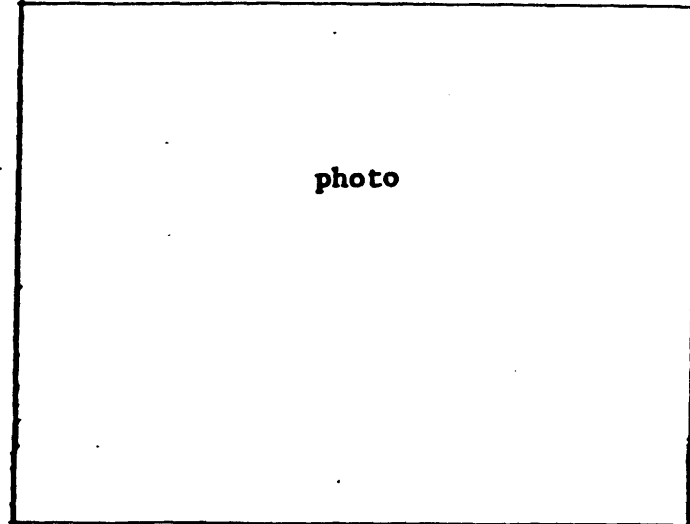


RECORDER(S) Richard Thomas DATE Jan. 1980

MAR 31 1980

NAME Lawrence Hunter HouseSITE NUMBER: 57-030-107LOCATION 317 10th Ave. S.
street and numberDISTRICT RATING: A B CMt. Vernon Linn
town or vicinity countylegal Lot 8 Irreg. Survey-Mt. Vernon
urban: subdiv-block-parcel-subparcel
rural: twp-range-section- $\frac{1}{2}$ sec- $\frac{1}{4}$ secUTM _____ ACREAGE _____
zone easting northing

DISTRICT NAME _____

OWNER Gen Meers
name
317 10th Ave. S., Mt. Vernon, Iowa
addressUSE Private Residence

VIEW _____ PHOTO # _____

ARCH/BLDR Laurence HunterDATE(S) 1935 MAP REF _____

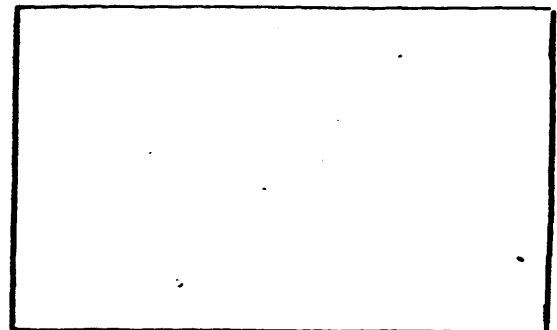
DESCRIPTION Built by Hunter's son. Two Story brick bungalow. Alterations include an enclosed back porch on the west side (ca. 1950's)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Of interest chiefly in that it was described as "incorporating many new ideas of construction," according to an area newspaper at the time. Most clearly noted were the "new silent type" windows, with "built-in weatherstrip" that operated by springs rather than sash weights.

SOURCES

Newspaper article, Cedar Rapids Gazette, undated as to day, 1936.
Interview with owner.

SITE PLANRECORDER(S) Richard Thomas DATE Jan. 1980

MAR 31 1981

NAME Hunter Shed

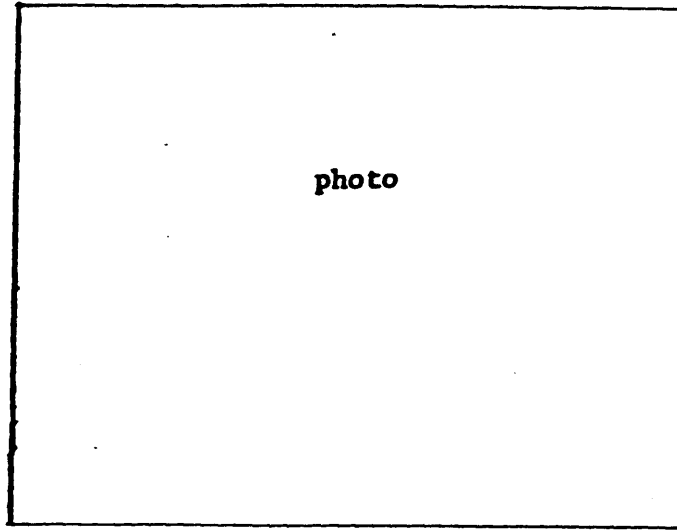
SITE NUMBER: 57-030-108

LOCATION 317 10th Ave. S.
street and number

DISTRICT RATING: A B C

Mt. Vernon Linn
town or vicinity county

legal Lot 8 Irreg. Survey-Mt. Vernon
urban: subdiv-block-parcel-subparcel
rural: twp-range-section- $\frac{1}{4}$ sec- $\frac{1}{4}$ sec



UTM _____ ACREAGE _____
zone easting northing

DISTRICT NAME _____

OWNER Gen Meers
name

317 10th Ave. S., Mt. Vernon, Iowa
address

USE shed

VIEW _____ PHOTO # _____

ARCH/BLDR Hunter

DATE(S) ca 1920's-30's MAP REF _____

DESCRIPTION

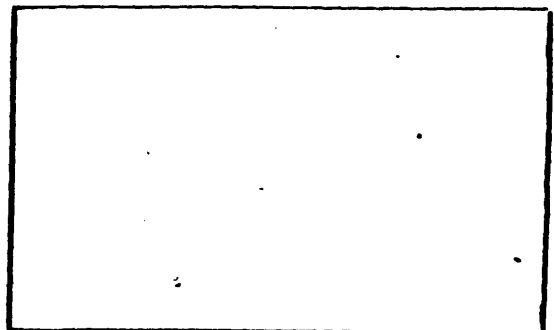
A one-room wooden shed with shallow, curved roof.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Outbuilding associated with #107, and may predate the house.

SOURCES

SITE PLAN



RECORDER(S) Richard Thomas DATE January 1980

MAR 31 1980

NAME Charles R. Keyes HouseSITE NUMBER: 57-030-109LOCATION 323 10th Ave. S.
street and numberDISTRICT RATING: A B CMt. Vernon Linn
town or vicinity countylegal N 1/2 of lot 9 Irreg. Survey-Mt. Vernon
urban: subdiv-block-parcel-subparcel
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zone easting northing

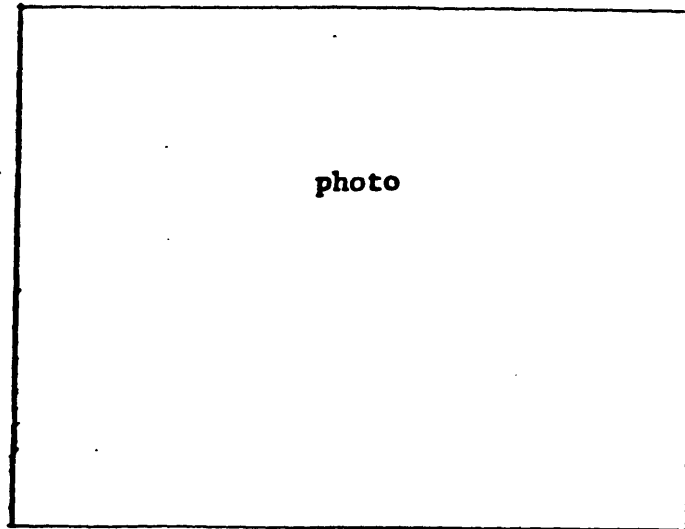
DISTRICT NAME _____

OWNER Ms. Martha Jo Ennis
name323 10th Ave. S., Mt. Vernon, Iowa
addressUSE private residence

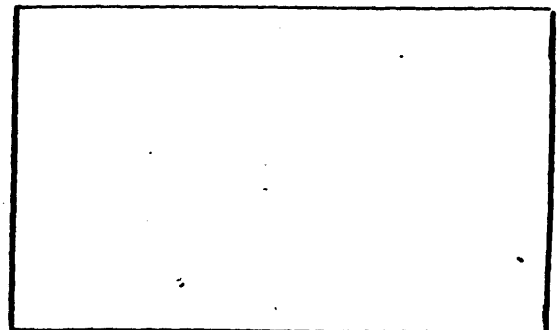
VIEW _____ PHOTO # _____

ARCH/BLDR Ben Davis & Charles Heller-builders
R.R. Mayberry-ArchitectDATE(S) 1916-17 MAP REF _____**DESCRIPTION**

Three story house, symmetrical, gable roof, exposed rafter ends, cement sills, exterior walls are brick.

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Built by Charles R. Keyes, faculty member of Cornell College. In addition to his duties as a Professor of German he served as Iowa's first State Archaeologist and was primary force behind the establishment of Effigy Mounds as a National Monument.

SOURCES**SITE PLAN**RECORDER(S) Richard Thomas DATE Jan. 1980

MAR 31 1980

NAME Albert Franklin Johnson House

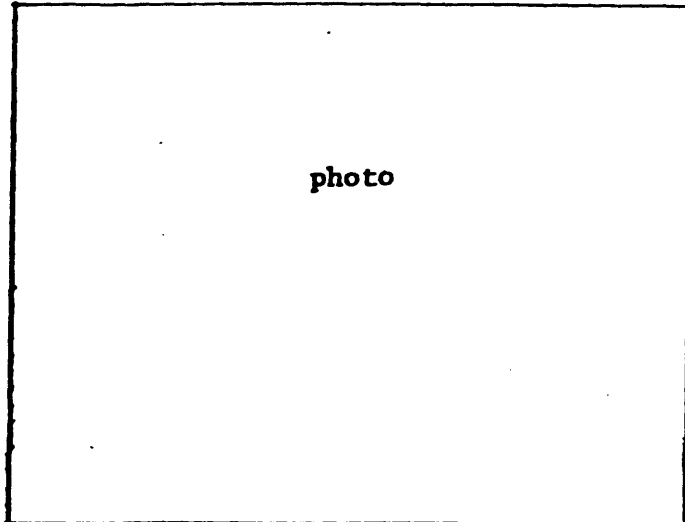
SITE NUMBER: 57-030-111

LOCATION 101 10th Ave.
street and number

DISTRICT RATING: A B C

Mount Vernon Linn
town or vicinity county

legal S $\frac{1}{2}$ of lot 9 Irreg. Survey
urban: subdiv-block-parcel-subparcel
rural: twp-range-section- $\frac{1}{4}$ sec- $\frac{1}{4}$ sec



UTM _____ ACREAGE _____
zone easting northing

DISTRICT NAME _____

OWNER Wm. Pringle
name

101 10th Ave., Mt. Vernon, Iowa
address

USE Residence

VIEW _____ PHOTO # _____

ARCH/BLDR Albert Franklin Johnson

DATE(S) 1940 MAP REF _____

DESCRIPTION Cement block and frame construction, 2 story to conform to slope of ground--small single story addition on rear (west); asymmetrical. Remodeled about 1969--wood siding over masonry.

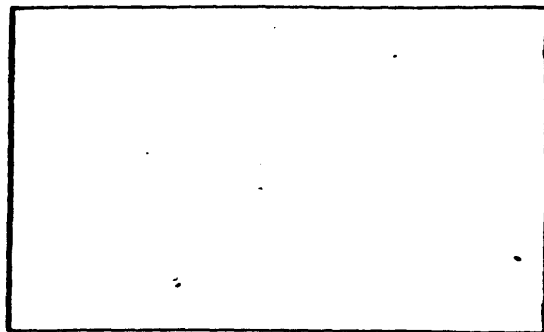
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Only house built like it in 1940 when very few homes were built in the area. Albert F. Johnson was Theater profesor at Cornell College at the time. Home of Glen Cunningham (1940-43) who set world indoor track record for the 1 mile run at 4'.44" in early 1930's. Athletic directore at Cornell College (1939-43).

SOURCES

Interview with present owner, William Pringle.
Cornell College Archives.
Faculty Record file.

SITE PLAN



RECORDER(S) Richard Thomas DATE January 1980

NAME Albert Franklin Johnson Shed

LOCATION 101 10th Ave.
street and number

Mt. Vernon Linn
town or vicinity county

legal S. 1/2 of lot 9 Irreg. Survey
urban: subdiv-block-parcel-subparcel
rural: twp-range-section-1/4sec-1/4sec

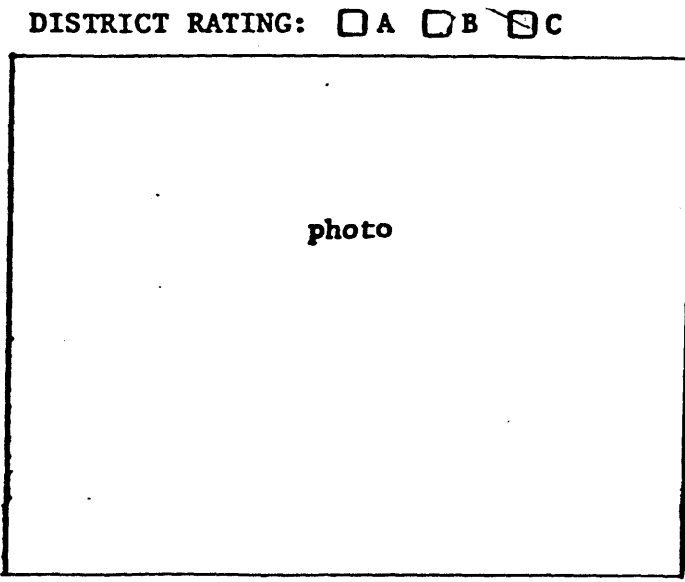
UTM _____ ACREAGE _____
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DISTRICT NAME _____

OWNER Wm. Pringle
name
101 10th Ave., Mt. Vernon, Iowa
address

USE Garage

ARCH/BLDR Albert Franklin Johnson



VIEW _____ PHOTO # _____

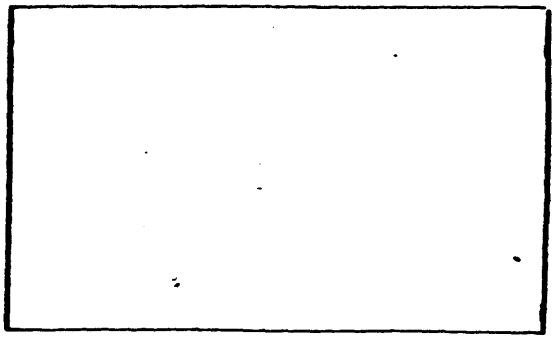
DATE(S) 1940 MAP REF _____

DESCRIPTION One story, gable roof, in good condition

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE
Unobtrusive utilitarian structure.

SOURCES

SITE PLAN



RECORDER(S) Richard Thomas DATE Jan. 1980

NAME Stephen N. Fellows HouseSITE NUMBER: 57-030-113 MAR 31 1980LOCATION 402 S. 3rd St. W.

street and number

Mt. Vernon Linn

town or vicinity county

legal Hall Addition Block 7 Lot 1-N $\frac{1}{2}$

urban: subdiv-block-parcel-subparcel

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DISTRICT NAME _____

OWNER Mr. L. W. Lent

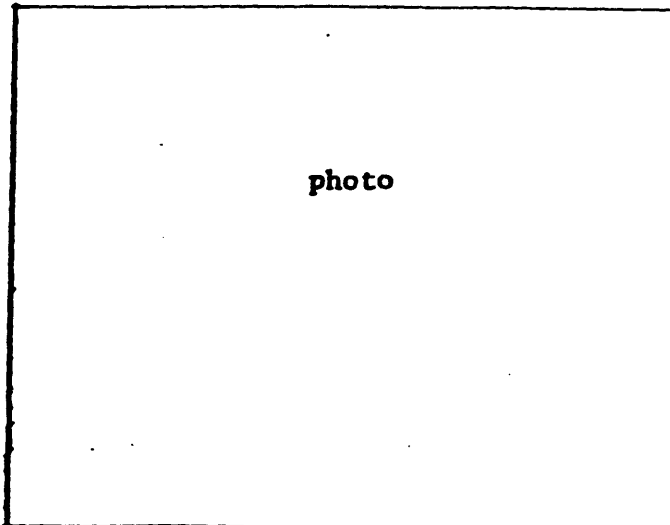
name

402 S. 3rd St. W., Mt. Vernon, Iowa

address

USE Residence

VIEW _____ PHOTO # _____

ARCH/BLDR Stephen N. FellowsDATE(S) 1861-63 MAP REF _____

DESCRIPTION House is in excellent condition. Soft-local-brick (double wall), gable roof, decorative finished trim on overhang, bay-3 openings- on east (brackets, dentils), 1 floor on north and 2 at sough-slope of ground, broken arch (brick) lintels on all principle windows-wood sills, original shutters, entry (main floor) door surrounded by transom windows, apparent newer small addition (of brick)-possible summer kitchen, limestone sills on windows.

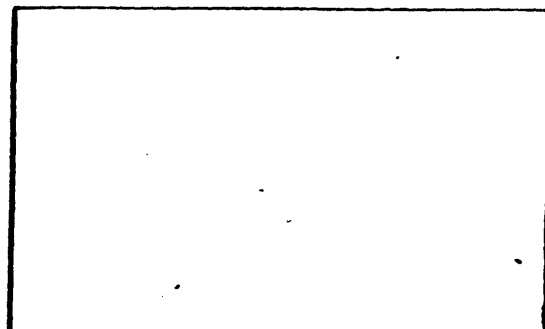
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Stephen N. Fellows was one of original faculty members of Cornell College and brother of the first principal of the academy, 1st professor mathematics and science and 1st librarian, and 2nd president.

The house is a very well-kept, somewhat picturesque example of vernacular Greek Revival. Significant features include the fine entrance and shallow triangular pediments over the windows. The projecting bay is a little too large for the house, and lessens the overall character of simplicity.

SOURCES

Abstract to the property in possession of owner.
Newspaper found in the walls of the house dated 1863.
College records concerning Stephen Fellows and his marriage in 1861.

SITE PLANRECORDER(S) Richard Thomas DATE Jan. 1980

MAR 31 1980

NAME _____

SITE NUMBER: 57-030-115/16LOCATION 418 S. 3rd St. W.

street and number

Mt. VernonLinn

town or vicinity

county

legal Hall add. Lots 7 & 8 Block 7

urban: subdiv-block-parcel-subparcel

rural: twp-range-section- $\frac{1}{4}$ sec- $\frac{1}{4}$ sec

UTM _____ ACREAGE _____

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DISTRICT NAME Cornell College/Mt. VernonOWNER Dwight Miller

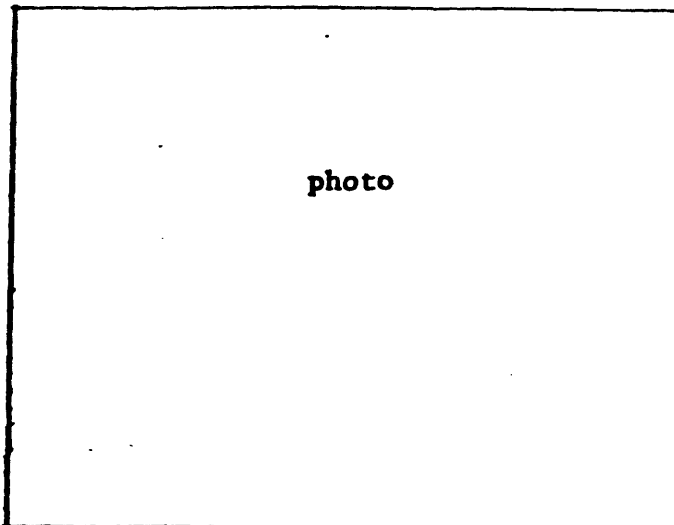
name

418 S. 3rd St. W., Mt. Vernon, Iowa

address

USE Residence

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ARCH/BLDR Ehrol MillerDATE(S) completed 1943 MAP REF _____

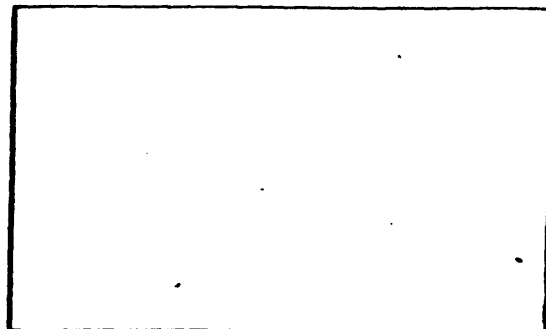
DESCRIPTION The house is of wood construction with limestone veneer. The owner was his own contractor and worked part time on this house. Stone City Stone was used for the veneer. The house has a gable roof with three dormers on the north side and 3 dormers on the south side. Asymmetrical in plan (3 floors as house in on deep slope-- 2 floors on street (north) side and 3 floors evident on the south side. There is a sun porch (solarium) on 1st floor on the northeast corner. Windows on the front of the house have 8/8 muntins. There have not been any alterations.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The "rustic" appearance of this house is influenced by the use of limestone obtained from the quarries of Stone City, about 20 miles NW of Mt. Vernon.

SOURCES

Interview with Dwight Miller, brother of builder.

SITE PLANRECORDER(S) Richard Thomas DATE Jan. 1980

MAR 31 1980

NAME Marsden Keyes Garage

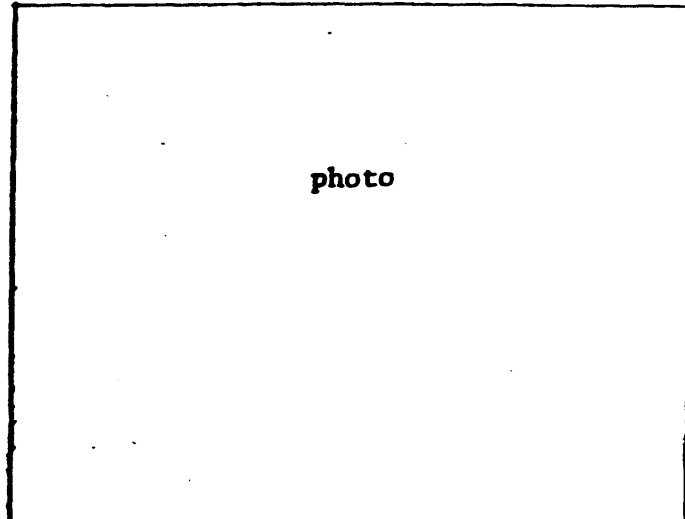
SITE NUMBER: 57-030-120

LOCATION 315 4th Ave. S.
street and number

DISTRICT RATING: A B C

Mt. Vernon Linn
town or vicinity county

legal Hall Add. Block 7 lot 4
urban: subdiv-block-parcel-subparcel
rural: twp-range-section- $\frac{1}{2}$ sec- $\frac{1}{2}$ sec



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zone easting northing

DISTRICT NAME Cornell College/Mt. Vernon

OWNER Walter Seiler
name

315 4th Ave. S., Mt. Vernon, Iowa
address

USE Garage

VIEW _____ PHOTO # _____

ARCH/BLDR unknown

DATE(S) unknown MAP REF _____

DESCRIPTION Of wood frame construction, in fair condition. Vertical board siding, corrugated tin roof.

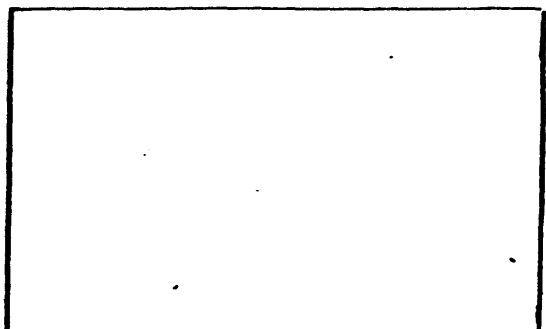
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Associated as outbuilding with #119.

SOURCES

SITE PLAN

RECORDER(S) Richard Thomas DATE Jan. 1980



Cornell College-Mount Vernon
 Historic District
 Mount Vernon, Iowa

Historic District Map
 of
 Mount Vernon, Iowa



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