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DAVENPORT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT  
 IOWA DIVISION OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION

SITE # 82-10-BR-723 MAP # 3

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

NAME (Hiram) Price/Henry Vollmer House H C

ADDRESS 723 Brady St.  
 N 147½' of S. 297½'

LEGAL DES. LeClaire's Outlots #17  
SUB-DIVISION BLOCK PARCEL SUB-PARCEL

UTM 4 15 1710,214,501 459,919,610 ACREAGE 1 ZONE C-2  
EASTING NORTHING

OWNER Bill Myers + Wife Janeice  
2717 Fairhaven Road, Davenport, IA

TITLE H. \_\_\_\_\_  
(IF DIFF)



SITE SHEET

**DESCRIPTION**

FORM 2 stories, 3-story center entrance tower, shallow hipped roof CONST. DATE 1870  
 MATERIALS Brick ARCH STYLE Italian Villa  
 FENESTRATION Round arch predominates, slab lintel also employed  
 DIST. FEATURES Quoining; 2 stage tower roof with deeply flared eaves; bowed front; bracketed cornice w/oculi inserted in paneled frieze, tall chimney, slab wrought iron  
 ALTERATIONS 4-story addition to front, permastoned; porch posts replaced with filagree  
 SITE & RELATED STR. \_\_\_\_\_

ARCHITECTURE

**STATEMENT**

This large house in the Italian Villa style is handsomely sited, allowing full appreciation of its fine cornice, tower and unusual bow fronted wing. The smooth wall surfaces, set off by quoining, provide an effective background for simply-molded window hoods. Despite several modifications, the house retains a high degree of integrity.

**SOURCES**

residence focuses attention on two important Davenporters: Hiram Price, a prohibition advocate, and Henry Vollmer, a vocal German-American spokesman and political leader. Minor alterations of the building have not diminished its prominent siting and historical links.

**DESCRIPTION** Hiram Price began organizing on behalf of the temperance issue in 1847, serving in state & national office between 1848 to 1858. He organized the Sons of Temperance in Davenport in 1847 and was elected president of the "Main Law Alliance" of Iowa in 1854. Price distinguished himself in political & railroad pursuits as well. He held numerous public offices first as a Democrat and after slavery became an issue as a radical republican. He served as Scott Co. Treasurer and recorder from 1848 to 1856 and as U.S. Congressman in 1862-67 and 1876-79. Price was an early advocate of a rail connection with the Atlantic. He was the secretary of the Mississippi & Missouri R.R. from 1855 to 1862. In this capacity he did much to promote the M & M across Iowa holding numerous public meetings to secure right-of-way and economic support. Price lived in this house from [ ] to [ ]. Henry Vollmer, a lawyer & active German-Amer. leader served as Davenport Mayor for 5 consecutive terms from 1892 thru 1896. At the time he was elected he was the youngest mayor of any American city. The principle improvement of his administration was the planning, financing & construction of City Hall. A considerable amount of street paving was also carried out. After his mayorship, Vollmer continued as a spokesman for German-Amer. issues such as anti-prohibition & national patriotism during W.W. I.

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**EVALUATION**

**ARCHITECTURAL**

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

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:

NAT.  STATE  LOCAL  N. ELIG.

**HISTORICAL**

I. THEME(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE:

A. PRIMARY Social & Humanitarian  
 B. SECONDARY Gov't & Politics

II. LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:

NAT.  STATE  LOCAL

III. N.R.H.P.

ELIGIBLE  NOT ELIGIBLE

**HISTORIC DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION**

A.  B.  C.

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

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

	A. ARCHITECTURAL	B. HISTORICAL
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NOT ELIGIBLE FOR N.R.H.P.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3. N.R.H.P. ACTION

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

4. D.H.P. SOURCES

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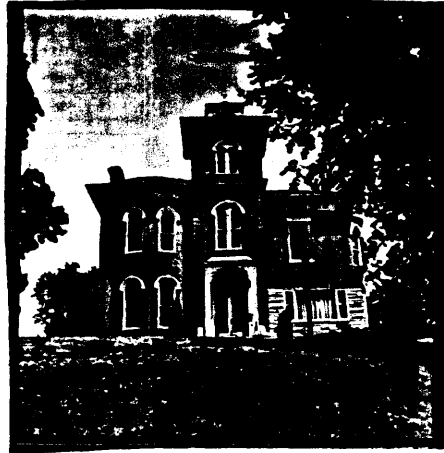
6. PHOTO

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West elevation

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