

ARCHITECTURAL/HISTORICAL SURVEY

DAVENPORT, IOWA

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801 dev building, Iowa city Iowa 52240

DAVENPORT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT  
IOWA DIVISION OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION

SITE # 82-10- 9-W1101 MAP # 3

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

NAME Henry Kahl House H C

ADDRESS 1101 W. <sup>9th</sup> Ninth Street

LEGAL DES. (See Continuation Sheet)  
SUB-DIVISION \_\_\_\_\_ BLOCK \_\_\_\_\_ PARCEL \_\_\_\_\_ SUB-PARCEL \_\_\_\_\_

UTM 3 15 701200 4599980 ACREAGE 5 ZONE R-4D  
EASTING NORTHING

OWNER Kahl Home for the Aged & Infirm  
1101 W. 9th St., Davenport, IA 52804

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



MAP

(See continuation sheet)

DESCRIPTION

FORM 3½ stories, multiple hipped roofs and dormers CONST. DATE 1920  
MATERIALS Stone, concrete, tan brick ARCH STYLE Spanish Colonial Revival  
FENESTRATION 1/1 D.H.S., various sizes  
DIST. FEATURES See below  
ALTERATIONS Addition East side, plus hyphen connecting to later institutional structures, 1st story front reworked  
SITE & RELATED STR. Spacious, terraced grounds, well above street level at south

STATEMENT

Arthur Ebeling was supervising architect for this enormous, sprawling Spanish Colonial Revival elements. Important features include multiple tiled hipped roofs w/projecting rafter ends; Baroque ornamentation around oval windows; balustraded piazza; superimposed loggias with columns Distyle In Antis; tall end chimneys w/decorative concrete caps; quoining; and Porte-Cochere with both square brick piers and columns. The house is splendidly sited on spacious, terraced grounds. Ground-floor modifications at the front and an east side addition detract from the overall significance of the house only slightly.

SOURCES

Oszuscik, Philippe, "A History of the Architecture and Urbanization of Nineteenth Century Davenport, Iowa," Ph.D. Dissertation, University of Iowa, 1979, p. 377.  
"Arthur Ebeling - Grand Old Man of Architecture," Davenport Democrat and Leader, 17 April 1960, p. 2D.

SITE SHEET

ARCHITECTURE

**SIGNIFICANCE**

This was the residence of Henry C. Kahl, a partner in Davenport's most important contracting firm. Since most of the major projects of the Walsh-Kahl Company were scattered throughout the U.S., the significance of this building is enhanced somewhat.

HISTORY

**DESCRIPTION**

Henry C. Kahl was an associate and partner in Walsh-Kahl Construction Co. from c. 1899 until his death in 1931. Kahl began work for Patrick T. Walsh as a laborer and worked his way up to partner. The firm was a nationally significant operation involved in railroad building, dam construction, sewers, streets, public improvements and major buildings. Key projects included the \$25,000,000 Castleton Cutoff near Albany, N.Y. in 1924 (Kahl was project supervisor), the Davenport Bank Building and Kahl Building in Davenport; the \$250,000,000 Metropolitan Water District in Southern California; the \$30,000,000 first phase of the Grand Coulee Dam in Washington; the \$15,000,000 Union Station in Buffalo, NY in 1929; Union Depot in Erie, PA; the Memorial Bridge in Wilmington, Delaware, the flood control and sewage disposal plant in Dayton, Ohio; and numerous other projects of similar size. Kahl's obituary describes him as the epitomy of the "self-made man."

**SOURCES**

Obituary, Davenport Democrat and Leader, Davenport, Iowa, January 11, 1931.  
"Walsh Construction Firm Ranks Among Greatest in Nation," "Centennial and Fiftieth Anniversary Edition," Davenport Times, July 11, 1936.  
City Directory, 1910.

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN: Martha Bowers

HISTORIAN: MARLYS SVENDSEN - ROESLER

SURVEY COMPLETED 1981

**EVALUATION**

**ARCHITECTURAL**

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

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:

- NAT.  STATE  LOCAL  N. ELIG.

**HISTORICAL**

I. THEME(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE:

- A. PRIMARY \_\_\_\_\_
- B. SECONDARY \_\_\_\_\_

II. LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:

- NAT.  STATE  LOCAL

III. NRHP:

- ELIGIBLE  NOT ELIGIBLE

**HISTORIC DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION**

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6. PHOTO

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Legal Description

Mitchell's 3rd Addition, Block 22, Pt. blk. 22 com. in SW cor. 9th & Vine - S. 140' - W 180' - S to N/L of 8th St. - W alg. SD N/L to a pt. in W/L of 20' alley - N to S/L of 9th St. - E 705' to beginning.

CONTINUATION

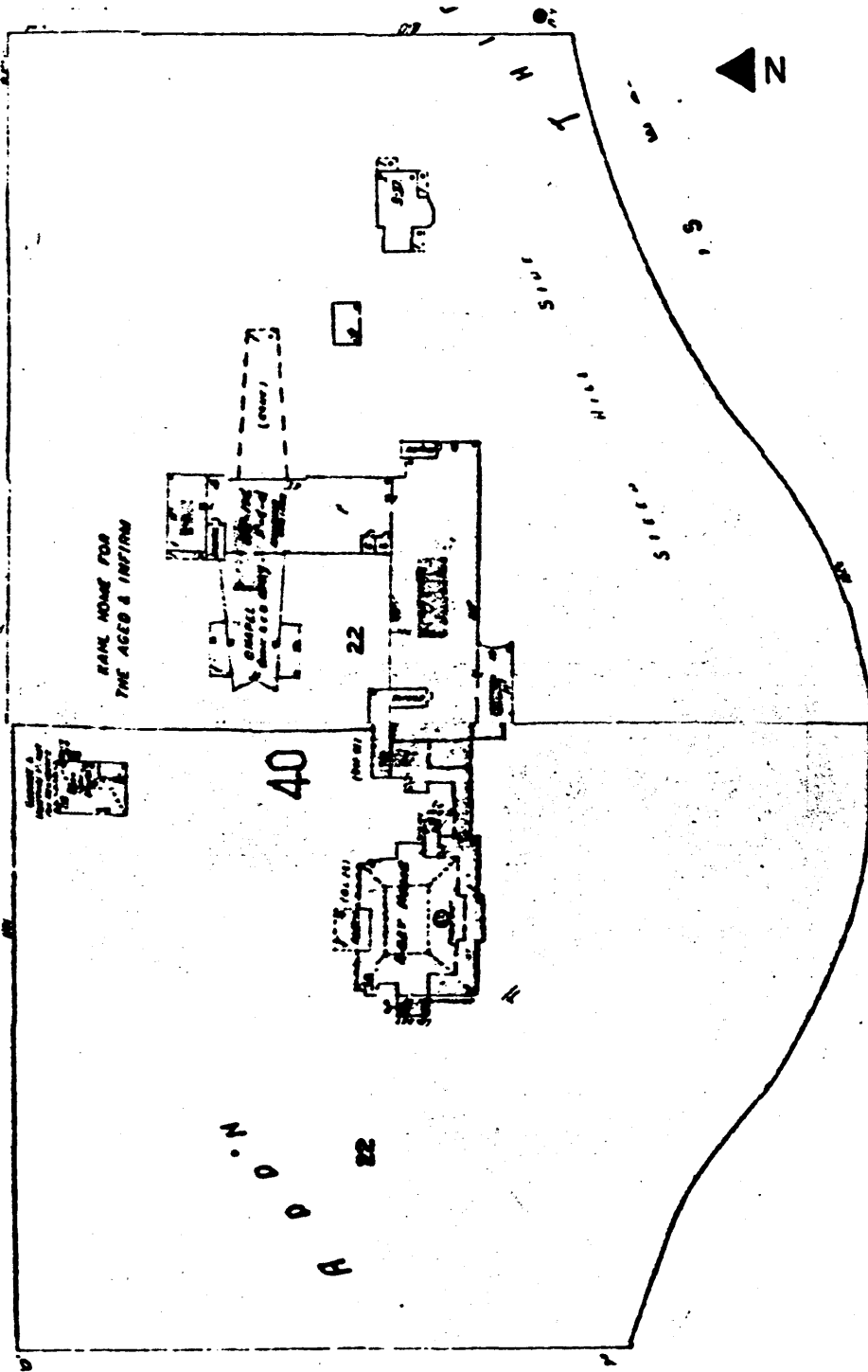
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