Davenport Department of Community Development Iowa Office of Historic Preservation

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SITE #82-10- CJ-911

MAP NUMBER 5

HISTORIC DISTRICT NAME James E. Lindsay House ADDRESS 911 College Avenue

LEGAL DESCRIPTION Fulton's Add., Blk. 12, Lots 1&2, exc. e7' of N41' of Lot 2

ACREAGE <1 ZONE R-6M UTM 15/703900 4600190 **OWNER** Frank C. Murphy TITLE H 911 College Avenue Davenport IA 52803

DESCRIPTION

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE Victorian Italianate DATE c.1876 2 stories, irregular plan; multiple decked hipped roofs; FORM three-bay front w/entry to right of center; polygonal window bay south side frame on stone basement MATERIALS FENESTRATION 1/1 d.h.s.; molded, projecting cornices bracketted modillion cornice, flat brackets on porch with FEATURES slender, turned posts ALTERATIONS none of significance SITE

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE The James E. Lindsay house is one of several Victorian Italianate residences located in the Fulton Addition along Bridge and College Avenues. It is a representative example of its type in Davenport, retaining a handsome cornice, window trim, original porch and double doors of the main entry. The somewhat irregular roofscape and progressive setback of projecting masses, along with its more vertical quality, suggest how the style evolved in the city from the simpler, cubic versions built before the Civil War.



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James E. Lindsay built this house as a family HISTORICAL DATA residence around 1876. Lindsay was a partner of John B. Phelps in the major East Davenport lumber company that operated as "Lindsay & Phelps Lumber Co." Lindsay entered the local lumber business in 1861, built a mill in 1866, and expanded in the 1880's. In 1882, he began diversifying his lumber holdings with purchases of timberland in Arkansas, and later in northern Minnesota and the Northwestern U.S. Lindsay was well-known and successful in each of his lumber and land ventures. The house was acquired from his estate in the early 20th century by W.T. Waterman, who remodelled portions of the interior in 1921. Waterman was an associate in the local law firm of Lane and Waterman, of which his father, C.M. Waterman, was a founding partner. This firm continues to operate under this same name.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

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	Davenport City Directories, 1876, 1873, 1882, 1885
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ARCHITECTURAL EVALUATION STATURE incident DESIGN good LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE local

CONTEXT good FABRIC good/exc DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION

HISTORICAL EVALUATION PRIMARY THEME LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

## SECONDARY THEME

## NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBLE YES

Martha H. Bowers, Architectural Historian



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## Marlys Svendsen, Historian

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