

ARCHITECTURAL/HISTORICAL SURVEY

DAVENPORT, IOWA

The Architects Office

Wehner, Nowysz, Pottschiull and Pfiffner
201 day building, Iowa city, Iowa 52240

DAVENPORT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
IOWA DIVISION OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION

SITE # 82-10- RP-S102 MAP # 1

HIST. DIST. _____

NAME Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific **(H) C**
Freight House

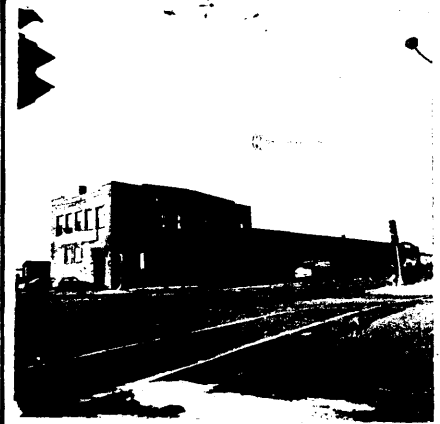
ADDRESS 102 S. Ripley Street

LEGAL DES. Original Town 17
SUB-DIVISION BLOCK PARCEL SUB-PARCEL

UTM 15 710210010 451991110 ACREAGE 2 ZONE C-4
EASTING NORTHING

OWNER Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific R.R. Co.
Union Station, 516 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL

TITLE H. City of Davenport - Levee Comm. 60606
(IF DIFF.) of Land (Tract G)



MAP

(See continuation sheet)

SITE SHEET

DESCRIPTION

FORM 2-story office block at one end of long 1-story loading dock CONST. DATE 1917
MATERIALS Concrete floors, columns, brick walls ARCH STYLE _____
FENESTRATION 3/1 D.H.S. in simple brick surrounds
DIST. FEATURES none of significance
ALTERATIONS none of significance
SITE & RELATED STR. on levee south of Central Business District

STATEMENT

This building is significant chiefly as a well-preserved and still functioning example of its type. The form and plan are wholly typical: 2 story office block at one end of a long, low freight warehouse and loading dock. It is architecture at its most functional, each element appropriate to its use.

ARCHITECTURE

SOURCES

SIGNIFICANCE The C.M., St. P. and P. RR Freight Station is associated with an expansive period in Davenport's railroad freight industry. Because of its central levee location, the freight station chiefly served the city's large retail and wholesale businesses. Freight stations of the CB and Q and CRI and P RR also remain, but do not continue their rail freight uses.

DESCRIPTION The CMSt.P and P freight station was built in 1917 in response to the growing freight traffic in the city before the first world war. Station construction followed erection of the Crescent RR Bridge in 1901 which served the CMS, P and P RR, as well as the CB and Q RR.

The railroad freight business was a major factor in Davenport's wholesale and retail commercial vitality from the 1890's on. The City's location meant favorable eastern rates and western rates could be used, giving the city a distinct advantage over instate communities.

Siting and design of the freight station demonstrate the functions of such a rail facility. Located between rail siding and the street, cargo could be easily transferred from one transportation system to another.

SOURCES

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HISTORIAN: MARLYS SVENDSEN - ROESLER

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EVALUATION

ARCHITECTURAL

- I. ARCH. EVALUATION Local
- II. ENVIR. STATURE Supportive
- III. INT. OF CONTEXT Poor
- IV. INT. OF FABRIC 1

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:

- NAT. STATE LOCAL N. ELIG.

HISTORICAL

I. THEME(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE:

- A. PRIMARY Transportation
- B. SECONDARY Railroad

II. LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:

- NAT. STATE LOCAL

III. NRHP

- ELIGIBLE NOT ELIGIBLE

HISTORIC DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION

- A. B. C

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1. DATE RECEIVED _____

2. DATE OF STAFF EVALUATION _____

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

3. NRHP ACTION

- A STATE REVIEW COMM. APP. DISAPP. TABLED DATE _____
- B FEDERAL REVIEW APP. DISAPP. TABLED DATE _____

4. D.H.P. SOURCES

- COUNTY RESOURCES
- W'SHIELD SURVEY
- NRHP
- GRANT _____
- DET. OF ELIGIBILITY
- R. B. C. _____
- DAVENPORT A/H SURVEY
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5. SUBJECT TRACES

6. PHOTO

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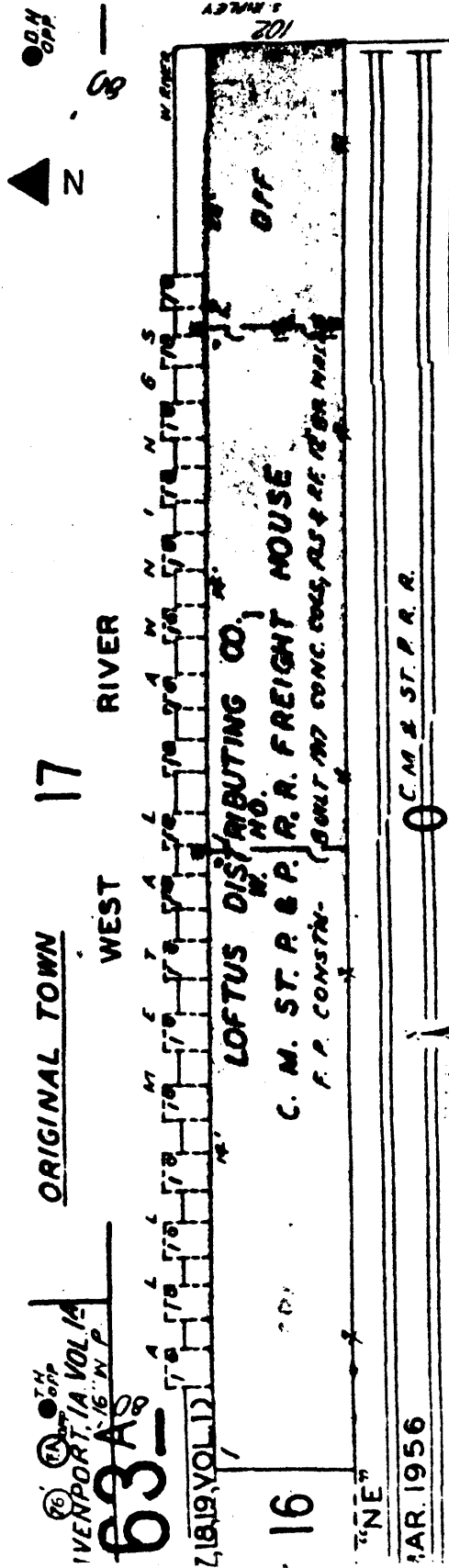
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ADDITIONAL
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DAVENPORT, IA VOL. 1A
1916 N.P.

63 A 8

1819, VOL. 12

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"NE"

MAR 1956

ORIGINAL TOWN

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WEST

RIVER

LOFTUS DISTRIBUTING CO.,
NO. 1

C. M. ST. P. & P. R. R. FREIGHT HOUSE
BUILT 1917 CONC. COLS. AS 2 RT. 12' 6\"/>

C. M. & ST. P. R. R.

CONTINUATION