

MASON CITY, IOWA

Cerro Gordo County

HISTORIC BUILDINGS & SITES FIELD SURVEY

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IDENTIFICATION * (PS.) NUMBER SE-16

- 1. Common Name Mrs. Margaret Loomis House
2. Historic Name C.F. Franke House
3. Address 320 1st St. S.E.
4. Subdiv. Paul Felts Bk. 100 Parcel w. 1/2 of 5 & 8
5. UTM: 15/483170 4777400 Acreage: less than one

INFORMATION

- 1. Present Owner Mrs. Margaret Loomis
2. Owner's Address 320 1st St. S.E.
3. Use: Original house Present house
4. Construction Date 1916 A
5. Accessible to Public? Yes No
6. Zoning District E-APARTMENT
7. Maintenance: Excellent Good Fair Poor
Structure Site Adjacent Buildings Adjacent Property Vicinity



NATURE OF SITE

- Building District Site Other

SOURCE OF INTEREST

- History Architecture Other

ARCHITECTURAL QUALITY

- Exceptional Excellent Good Fair Poor

URBAN DESIGN VALUE

- Exceptional Good Moderate Minor

SIGNIFICANCE

- Neighborhood City State National

CONDITION

- Sound Min. Def. Maj. Def. Substandard

DESCRIPTION

- 1. No. of Stories: a) one wing b) two c) three d) other
2. Building materials: a) ext. walls b) foundation c) roof d) porches e) other
3. Integrity: a) original site b) moved c) when d) from e) major alterations (dates if known)
4. Threats to Site:
5. Significant Features:

ADDITIONAL REMARKS C.F. Franke, brother of E.V. Franke

SOURCES A City Sewer Records; * Dr. Robert McGay - interview 12-9-76

Points Group 2 Photos 2 Mapped Other See back of page

* state inventory

5. SIGNIFICANCE: SE-16

The house exhibits many of the fine characteristics of the Prairie School movement despite the preferred painting scheme of the style and the "cutting-back" of the main upper story roof to eaves essentially flush with the building walls. (This roof alteration may have been inspired by the Blythe House down the street -- see SE-20). The then novel approach of grouping of casement windows is apparent; as is the still strong horizontal emphasis. The Mason City variation of stucco over corbelled masonry to form the desired panelization of the walls for visual effect is utilized.

