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DAVENPORT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
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SITE # 82-10- FN-631 MAP # 4

HIST. DIST. _____

NAME M. V. Gannon House H C

ADDRESS 631 Farnham St.

LEGAL DES. LeClaire's 4th Add. 146 5 All except E. 44'
SUB-DIVISION BLOCK PARCEL SUB-PARCEL

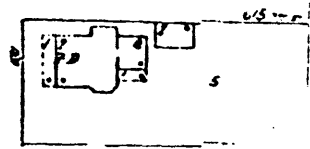
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EASTING NORTHING

OWNER _____

TITLE H. Valire Perkins
(IF DIFF) Box 4055
Davenport, Iowa 52808



SITE SHEET



DESCRIPTION

FORM 2 story, 3-bay rectangular dwg. w/hipped roof & veranda CONST. DATE c. 1875
 MATERIALS Wood on stone & brick foundation ARCH STYLE Vernac. Italianate
 FENESTRATION Rectangular
 DIST. FEATURES Bracketted porch and eaves
 ALTERATIONS New door, Chicago-type front windows, re-sided
 SITE & RELATED STR. Corner lot in south-central area of LeClaire Reserve

ARCHITECTURE

STATEMENT

The Gannon House appears to have been a typical frame house in the Italianate style. Alterations to the fenestration diminish the interest of the house, as there are a number of well-preserved examples of similar houses elsewhere in the LeClaire Reserve area (see E. 14th St. Historic District, Cork Hill Historic District, for example).

SOURCES

SIGNIFICANCE

This building is associated with M. V. Gannon, an important leader of Davenport's Irish community. Irish settlers were the second largest ethnic group in Davenport, arriving here in the wake of the Irish famines of 1846, 1847 and 1853 and the discontent in Ireland of the 1870's and 80's. The role of the Irish community was less defined than the Germans and less profound because of their smaller numbers.

DESCRIPTION

Michael V. Gannon, a prominent Irish spokesman and organizer, came to Davenport in the late 1860's. He began his career as a teacher, established the Iowa Catholic Advocate in the early 1870's, and became a member of the bar in 1872. In the late 1870's, Gannon began a political career, winning elections as a Democratic alderman in 1877, '78 and '79. In 1881, Gannon was the main promoter of the Davenport branch of the Irish National Land League of America. The group raised money for military and economic support of Ireland. In 1887, Gannon moved to Omaha and in 1902 to Chicago, remaining an active Irish leader in both places. He returned to Davenport in 1903 maintaining his stature as a brilliant orator and pleader of Ireland's cause.

SOURCES

Obituary, Davenport Democrat and Leader, March 8, 1926.
Ringold, E. M., "Davenport Irish." Federal Writers Project, June, 1939

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EVALUATION

ARCHITECTURAL

- I. ARCH. EVALUATION Fair
- II. ENVIR. STATURE Tissue
- III. INT. OF CONTEXT Fair
- IV. INT. OF FABRIC Fair

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:

- NAT. STATE LOCAL N. ELIG.

HISTORICAL

I. THEME(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE:

- A. PRIMARY Settlement
- B. SECONDARY Irish

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 _____

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3. N.R.H.P. 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
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