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DAVENPORT SURVEY 1982

SITE #82-10- LO-E310 MAP NUMBER 6
HISTORIC DISTRICT
NAME Finley Guy Building
ADDRESS 310 E. Locust St.



LEGAL DESCRIPTION Lambrite's 1st Add., Blk. 5, Lot 3

ACREAGE <1 ZONE C-1 UTM 15/702680 4601160

OWNER Finley M. Guy TITLE H

310 E. Locust St.

Davenport IA 52803

DESCRIPTION

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE Spanish Colonial Revival DATE 1928 2 stories, parapet roof, rectangular plan w/projecting pavilion W side, chamfered front corners concrete block with brick facing, concrete trim MATERIALS plate glass lst, multi-light metal casement 2nd story; three FENESTRATION round-arched windows as arcade on main elevation wrought-iron balcony; ornamental concrete window and door FEATURES surrounds, parapet detail; and engaged colonnettes of window arcade ALTERATIONS minor alterations to shopfronts likely on edge of small commercial district on E. Locust SITE

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE The Guy building is one of Davenport's few examples of the Spanish Colonial Revival style, and is of particular interest because the style is applied to a commercial structure, rather than to a house. The heavily textured, polychrome facebrick and metal casement windows were popular building materials in the late 1920's and 1930's in Davenport, but most often utilized in period styles such as the Tudor and Cotswold Cottage. Of particular interest in the Guy building are the low-key, molded concrete details, most notably the spiral colonnettes and the individually-executed square "tiles" of various designs that edge the parapet. The concrete window surrounds are also decorative, with a helical pattern; and a plaque centered between the two big shop windows features a caduceus, appropriately for the building's original use as a drug store. Inclusion of an apartment on the upper floor continues a long Davenport tradition in small commercial design and use.

HISTORICAL DATA Finley M. Guy had this structure erected in 1928 to house his drug store. A second shop space on the ground floor was occupied by the Lorenzen grocery and meat market. The second floor comprises an apartment, where Mr. Guy continues to reside.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Davenport City Directories, 1929, 1930, 1934

Who's Who in Davenport, 1929.

Davenport: Baldwin Publishing Co.,

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, Davenport, Iowa, 1910 (updated).

ARCHITECTURAL EVALUATION

DESIGN excellent STATURE incident

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE local

CONTEXT fair FABRIC excellent DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION

HISTORICAL EVALUATION PRIMARY THEME LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

SECONDARY THEME

NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBLE yes

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