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DAVENPORT

SURVEY 1982

SITE #82-10-KR-1011 MAP NUMBER 6
HISTORIC DISTRICT
NAME Benjamin Nighswander House
ADDRESS 1011 Kirkwood Blvd.



LEGAL DESCRIPTION Le Claire's 13th Add., Blk.
136, W 42' Lot 12

ACREAGE <1 ZONE R-4D UTM 15/703480 4600910
OWNER Ricardo M. Velando TITLE H
1011 Kirkwood Blvd.
Davenport IA 52803

DESCRIPTION

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE Queen Anne Cottage DATE 1896
FORM 2-1/2 stories, cross gable roof with porch and small polygonal "tower"
MATERIALS frame on masonry foundation; clapboard and shingling
FENESTRATION 1/1 d.h.s., some topped with narrow cornices
FEATURES polygonal roof shingling, sawtooth gable-end shingling;
sunburst in front gable; denticular porch cornice; round window divided into
three sections; small polygonal window bay, east side
ALTERATIONS none of significance
SITE steep lot, rising to plateau; set well back from street

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE This small house is noteworthy primarily for its rather fanciful roofscape, in a block of typical hipped and gabled forms. The house is basically an L-plan with a front porch, but is distinguished by the sweeping curve of the roof as it extends over the porch. The scalloped shingles enhance the feeling of the roof "flowing" from one level to another most effectively. The small polygonal turret on the roof lends a further picturesque touch. Additional details of note are the unusual gable-end shingling and the narrow, denticular belt coursing.

HISTORICAL DATA

Benjamin Nighswander, a contractor and builder, constructed this house in 1895-96. Nighswander lived just south of the house, across the alley, while doing the construction work. In 1898 the house was occupied by William Bryson, which suggests the house was built on speculation by Nighswander, not as his own residence.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

SOURCES Davenport City Directories, 1892-3, 1894-5, 1896-7, 1898-9

ARCHITECTURAL EVALUATION

DESIGN good STATURE incident
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE local

CONTEXT good FABRIC excellent
DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION

HISTORICAL EVALUATION

PRIMARY THEME
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

SECONDARY THEME

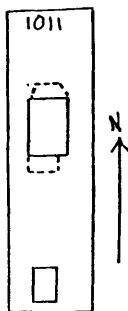
NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBLE YES

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2 DATE OF STAFF EVALUATION _____

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NOT ELIGIBLE FOR NRHP	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3 NRHP ACTION

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B FEDERAL REVIEW	APP <input type="checkbox"/>	DISAPP <input type="checkbox"/>	TABLED <input type="checkbox"/>	DATE _____

4 DHP SOURCES

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