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DAVENPORT

SURVEY 1982

SITE #82-10- -5418 MAP NUMBER HISTORIC DISTRICT NAME John Schricker House ADDRESS 5418 Chapel Hill Read



LEGAL DESCRIPTION Residential Bldg. on Agri. Land from Parcel #30723 02

UTM 696,030/4,595,500 Zone 15 ACREAGE ap.3 ZONE OWNER Richard H. & Mary A. Schmidt 5418 Chapel Hill Road Davenport IA 52804

DESCRIPTION

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE Villa

DATE 1909-10

2 stories, rectilinear form with projections west and south: three-stage square entrance tower on east side, flanked by enclosed porch; flat or very low-pitched hipped roof, hidden behind parapets; secondary entrance in polygonal vestibule in reentrant angle near southwest corner; rear entrance faces south off west end

red brick on masonry foundation, wood trim MATERIALS

FENESTRATION 1/1 d.h.s., concrete sills, no hoods or surrounds FEATURES roof edged with wood parapets with cut-out circle motif; broad,

dentil frieze with molding over edge of architrave; wooden balcony with arched balustrade across third floor tower window, east side; entrance porch features polygonal concrete columns; entrance has wide sidelight panels protected by decorative wrought iron grilles, and broad transom panel featuring a stylized egg and dart motif

ALTERATIONS

wooded hilltop on far west side of city; rear of lot SITE landscaped, grapevines on east side; concrete pergola located on north side, near the house

An interesting feature of Davenport's ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE architectural history was a local pencheant for building Villa-style houses on hilltops, where the view from the inevitable tower was finest. This phenomenon occurred principally in the 1870's and 1880's, when Italian styles were most popular, and when more than a few adventurous businessmen had at last realized their fortunes. In this context, the Schricker house might be seen as a last expression of the old tradition. Designed by the Davenport architectural firm of Clausen & Clausen and built in 1910 on a hill far to the west of the city proper, the Schricker house is essentially a stripped-down, updated version of Davenport's most popular 19th century Villa style, which combined rectilinear, hipped roof masses with a three-stage front entrance tower. This 19th century form is given a 20th century surface treatment, in the plainness of its flat brick walls, which lack such typical Victorian details as decorative window

This house was built in 1909-10 for John C. HISTORICAL DATA Schricker, who had previously lived at 1446 Clay Street (designed by local architect Gustav Hanssen) across from Riverview Terrace Park. Schricker began his career with the Schricker Monument Co. in 1884. The firm's work included the Dillon Fountain at Main Street and River Drive, Davenport, and the Iowa State Soldiers Monument on the Iowa State Capitol grounds in Des Moines. In 1895, Schricker became a partner in the new Davenport Pearl Button Co., which manufactured buttons from clamshells obtained from the Mississippi River. Other partners in this firm were Captain Chris Schricker and F. G. Rodler. The firm produced into the 1930's.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

"John Schricker, Founder of Monument Firm, Dies," <u>Davenport Democrat</u> SOURCES & Times, 25 May 1952.

"Our Firm Carries on Pearl Button Industry in Town," Centennial and Fiftieth Anniversary Edition, Davenport Times, 11 July 1936.

Davenport City Directories, 1896-1910

Index of Clausen & Clausen Jobs, typescript, n.d., Charles Richardson Associates, Davenport

ARCHITECTURAL EVALUATION

STATURE focus DESIGN good · LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE local

CONTEXT excellent FABRIC excellent DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION

HISTORICAL EVALUATION

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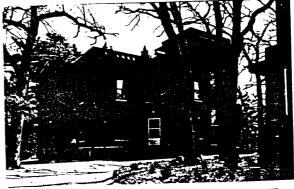
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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (con't)

surrounds and bracketted cornices. What exterior ornament there is, is concentrated at the main entrance, which features elaborate wrought-iron grilles of a kind not commonly seen in Davenport until the Mediterranean/Spanish Colonial Revival styles appeared in the city in the mid-1920's.





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Verbal Boundary Description: 5418 Chapel Hill Road, John Schricker House, Davenport MRA

Part of the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 7, Township 77 North, Range 3 East of the 5th Prime Meridian.

Commencing in the intersection of Chapel Hill Road and Wapello Ave., thence along the Chapel Hill Road for approximately 1200 feet to the west corner of the premises, then N43 $^{\circ}$ 30'E for 545 feet more or less, then S77 $^{\circ}$ 5"E for 381 feet more or less, then S14 $^{\circ}$ 43'W for 210 feet more or less to the north right of way line of Chapel Hill Road, then along the north right of way line southwesterly and then northwesterly to the west property corner.

