

ARCHITECTURAL/HISTORICAL SURVEY

DAVENPORT, IOWA

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DAVENPORT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT  
 IOWA DIVISION OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION

SITE # 82-10- BR-229 MAP # 1

HIST. DIST. \_\_\_\_\_

NAME Union Savings Bank and Trust (H) C

ADDRESS 229 Brady Street

Part of Lots 4 & 5 of Sub. of part N $\frac{1}{2}$  Block 59 & W 40' of East 222' Block 59 also alley E of Lot 4

LEGAL DES. LeClaire's 2nd 59

UTM 4 15 71021450145191370 ACREAGE -1 ZONE C-4

OWNER Union Building Company  
 530 Union Arcade, Davenport, Iowa

TITLE H. \_\_\_\_\_  
 (IF DIFF.) \_\_\_\_\_



MAP

SITE SHEET

DESCRIPTION

FORM 8 story office block CONST. DATE 1928  
 MATERIALS Brick, limestone over steel frame, concrete & ARCH tile found STYLE Neoclassical Revival  
 FENESTRATION 2 stories of plate glass, 1/1 DHS above occurring in pairs  
 DIST. FEATURES Decorative metal spandrel panels, stylized pilaster caps  
 ALTERATIONS Engaged Ionic cols. on Brady St. replaced w/pilasters similar to those on 3rd St. facade (1st fl.)  
 SITE & RELATED STR. Corner lot in CBD

ARCHITECTURE

STATEMENT

The Union Savings Bank & Trust (aka Union Arcade) employs a simplified Neoclassicism in harmony with other early 20th century office blocks in Davenport's central business district. As the largest structure by far on its block, the arcade is a prominent element, despite the exceeding restraint of the facades.

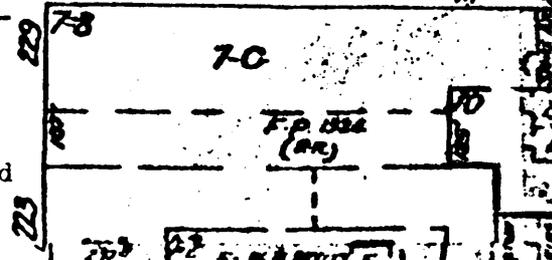
Temple & Burrows, Architects

SOURCES

Davenport Chamber of Commerce Photo Collection

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UNION BANK BLDG. M



**SIGNIFICANCE**

This building is associated with the financial prosperity experienced by Davenport banks between 1900 and 1930. Because this institution was not the largest local bank and because its life was briefer than most, its significance is diminished.

**DESCRIPTION**

Union Savings Bank was chartered in 1891. The bank prospered as part of the general economic boom at the turn of the century and by 1928 had absorbed three other Davenport banks - Scott County Savings Bank, Davenport Savings Bank and First National Bank. This new building was erected that year and the name was changed to "Union Savings Bank and Trust Company." The bank closed in December, 1932 as a result of national financial problems.

**SOURCES**

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Christiansen, T.P. "An Industrial History of Scott County, Iowa," Annals of Iowa, April, 1940 and July, 1940

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HISTORIAN: MARLYS SVENDSEN - ROESLER

SURVEY COMP. 1981

**EVALUATION**

**ARCHITECTURAL**

I. ARCH. EVALUATION Good  
II. ENVIR. STATURE Focus  
III. INT. OF CONTEXT Good  
IV. INT. OF FABRIC Excellent

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:  
 NAT.  STATE  LOCAL  N. ELIG.

**HISTORICAL**

I. THEME(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE:  
A. PRIMARY Commerce  
B. SECONDARY Finance

II. LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:  
 NAT.  STATE  LOCAL

III. N.R.H.P.  
ELIGIBLE  NOT ELIGIBLE

**HISTORIC DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION**

A.  B.  C

**FOR DIVISION OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION USE ONLY**

1. DATE RECEIVED \_\_\_\_\_

2. DATE OF STAFF EVALUATION \_\_\_\_\_

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
|                           | A. ARCHITECTURAL         | B. HISTORICAL            |
| ELIGIBLE FOR N.R.H.P.     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| NOT ELIGIBLE FOR N.R.H.P. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

3. N.R.H.P. ACTION

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| A. STATE REVIEW COMM. | APP. <input type="checkbox"/> | DISAPP. <input type="checkbox"/> | TABLED <input type="checkbox"/> | DATE _____ |
| B. FEDERAL REVIEW     | APP. <input type="checkbox"/> | DISAPP. <input type="checkbox"/> | TABLED <input type="checkbox"/> | DATE _____ |

4. D.H.P. SOURCES

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| <input type="checkbox"/> W'SHIELD SURVEY  | <input type="checkbox"/> R. & C. _____                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> N.R.H.P.         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DAVENPORT A/H SURVEY |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GRANT _____      | <input type="checkbox"/> _____                           |

5. SUBJECT TRACES

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6. PHOTO  
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North & West Elevations