

ARCHITECTURAL/HISTORICAL SURVEY

DAVENPORT, IOWA

The Architects Office

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801 dev building, Iowa city Iowa 52240

DAVENPORT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
IOWA DIVISION OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION

SITE # 82-10- 2-W506 MAP # 1

HIST. DIST. _____

NAME Prien Building (H) C

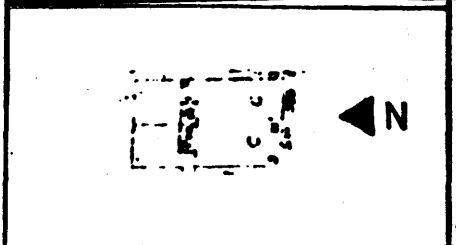
ADDRESS 506 & 508 W. ^{2nd} Second Street

LEGAL DES. Original Town 10 8 W 45' of E $\frac{1}{2}$
SUB-DIVISION BLOCK PARCEL SUB-PARCEL

UTM $\begin{matrix} 2 & 15 & 710,118,801 & 4,519,912,610 \\ \text{EASTING} & & \text{NORTHING} & \end{matrix}$ ACREAGE -1 ZONE C-4

OWNER Jesse G. Pilcher, Jr.
708 Marquette Davenport 52803

TITLE H. _____
(IF DIFF) _____



SITE SHEET

ARCHITECTURE

DESCRIPTION

FORM 3 story, 7-bay commercial block CONST. DATE c. 1855
MATERIALS Brick, cast iron, wood, stone ARCH STYLE Commercial Greek Revival
FENESTRATION 1/1 and 2/2 DHS beneath wood lintels and plain, triangular pediments
DIST. FEATURES Cast-iron shopfronts
ALTERATIONS _____
SITE & RELATED STR. In row of mid 19th century commercial blocks of similar scale

STATEMENT

This commercial block has an extremely fine pair of cast-iron storefronts, and its upper stories exemplify the use of Greek Revival elements so popular in pre-Civil War Davenport. Better than many similar buildings in the city, this block offers a good opportunity to appreciate the use of structural cast iron in a common building type

SOURCES

Oszuscik, p. 144

SIGNIFICANCE

HISTORY

DESCRIPTION

Fred J. Prien occupied this commercial block in 1874 as a grocery and provision store. By 1880 he was operating a saloon from the same building. Prien resided above the shop.

SOURCES

City Directories, 1858-57, 1860, 1863, 1866, 1868-69, 1870-71, 1873, 1874, 1876, 1880, 1881.
Scott County Auditor's Deed Transfer Books, Vol. 4:11 and 9:110.

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN: Martha Bowers | HISTORIAN: MARLYS SVENDSEN-ROESLER | SURVEY COMP. 1981

EVALUATION

ARCHITECTURAL

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

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:

[] NAT. [] STATE [x] LOCAL [] N. ELIG.

HISTORICAL

I. THEME(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE:

A. PRIMARY
B. SECONDARY

II. LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:

[] NAT. [] STATE [] LOCAL

III. NRHP

ELIGIBLE [] NOT ELIGIBLE []

HISTORIC DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION

FOR DIVISION OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION USE ONLY

1 DATE RECEIVED

2 DATE OF STAFF EVALUATION

A. ARCHITECTURAL B. HISTORICAL
ELIGIBLE FOR NRHP [] []
NOT ELIGIBLE FOR NRHP [] []

3. NRHP 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
[] NRHP
[] GRANT

[] DET. OF ELIGIBILITY

[] R. & C
[] DAVENPORT A/H SURVEY

5 SUBJECT TRACES

6 PHOTO
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