

ARCHITECTURAL/HISTORICAL SURVEY

DAVENPORT, IOWA

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 801 clay building, Iowa city, Iowa 52240

DAVENPORT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
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SITE # 82-10- 3-W2318 MAP # 2

HIST. DIST. _____

NAME Alvord I. Smith House H C

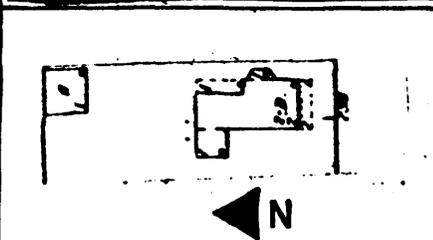
ADDRESS 2318 W. ^{3rd} Third Street

LEGAL DES. J.M.F. Hall's Add. 3 3 (See cont. sheet)
SUB-DIVISION BLOCK PARCEL SUB-PARCEL

UTM 2 15 1699100 45991300 ACREAGE -1 ZONE R-4D
EASTING NORTHING

OWNER Harvey Serrine and wife
2318 W. Third St., Davenport, IA

TITLE H. 52802
(IF DIFF)



SITE SHEET

DESCRIPTION

FORM 2 story rectangular hipped roof residence w/one story L-plan rear wing CONST. DATE c. 1865
 MATERIALS Brick w/cast iron lintels and sills ARCH STYLE Vernacular Italianate
 FENESTRATION Regularly spaced, rectangular
 DIST. FEATURES Cast iron lintels and bay window
 ALTERATIONS Cornice simplified; porch & front entry reworked, west side bay window
 SITE & RELATED STR. resided.

STATEMENT

This is one of a number of houses built in mid-19th Century Davenport in a simplified Italianate/Greek Revival Style, perhaps inspired by Antoine LeClaire's house of 1856. True to form, this house has a boxy, nearly square plan, shallow hipped roof with wide eaves, and cast iron lintels shaped as shallow triangular pediments. Although somewhat altered, the basic features of this house type are clearly appreciable, qualifying it for recognition as a representative example of one of Davenport's early and important architectural expressions.

SOURCES

ARCHITECTURE

SIGNIFICANCE

HISTORY

DESCRIPTION

This house was probably built c. 1868 by Alvord I. Smith. Smith was a farmer at the time and later became a general agent for the Charter Oak Life Insurance Company. Smith resided here about 6 years. Herman H. Steffen bought the house c. 1880 after it had switched hands several times. Steffen was retired from managing the St. Louis Hotel and saloon when he bought the house.

SOURCES

City Directories, 1868-69, 1870-71, 1881, 1882-83, 1885-86, 1890-91, 1892-93. Scott County Auditor's Deed Transfer Books, Vols. 5:37 & 3:397.

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN: Martha Bowers

HISTORIAN: MARLYS SVENDSEN-ROESLER

SURVEY COMP 1981

EVALUATION

ARCHITECTURAL

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

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:

NAT. STATE 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

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2. DATE OF STAFF EVALUATION _____

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3. N.R.H.P. ACTION

A STATE REVIEW COMM. APP. DISAPP. TABLED DATE _____
B FEDERAL REVIEW APP. DISAPP. TABLED DATE _____

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LEGAL DESCRIPTION: W 1/2 of lot 3 and E 20' of lot 4

CONTINUATION