

ARCHITECTURAL/HISTORICAL SURVEY

DAVENPORT, IOWA

The Architects Office

Wehner, Nowysz, Pottschull and Pfiffner  
801 day building, Iowa city, Iowa 52240

DAVENPORT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT  
IOWA DIVISION OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION

SITE # 82-10- HA-S120 MAP # 1

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

NAME Union Station <sup>and</sup> Burlington Freight House **(C)**

ADDRESS 120 S. Harrison Street

LEGAL DES. Original Town (See Attached Sheet)  
SUB-DIVISION \_\_\_\_\_ BLOCK \_\_\_\_\_ PARCEL \_\_\_\_\_ SUB-PARCEL \_\_\_\_\_

UTM 4 15 71921450 451991190 ACREAGE 2 ZONE C-4  
EASTING NORTHING

OWNER Charles F. Schick 90 Richard Kautz, Daven-  
port Bank Bldg. Davenport, Ia 52801

TITLE H. and Joseph S. Schick, 248 S. 26<sup>th</sup> St.,  
Terra Haute, Ind. 47801  
(IF DIFF)



MAP

(See continuation sheet)

SITE SHEET

DESCRIPTION

FORM 2 stories, 9-bay facade, flat roof w/low parapet CONST. DATE 1924  
MATERIALS Brick, concrete ARCH STYLE Georgian/Federal Revival  
FENESTRATION Rectangular 3/1; on 1st floor set within round relieving arches  
DIST. FEATURES 3-bay entrance frontispiece w/pilasters and full entablature  
ALTERATIONS Nothing of importance  
SITE & RELATED STR. Flat open site between river and CBD

ARCHITECTURE

STATEMENT

Union Station employs elements from the Georgian/Federal Revival in a low-key, functional manner. It lacks architectural distinction, and is important primarily for its associations with Davenport's railroad history and the prominent siting.

SOURCES

**SIGNIFICANCE** Union Station is the only railroad passenger facility remaining in Davenport. Located adjacent to the business district and Mississippi River Levee the station served the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific RR; the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy RR; and the Davenport, Rock Island and Northwestern RR during the twentieth century.

**DESCRIPTION** Plans for a Union Station were first made in 1916 during W.W. I when the need for a joint facility to serve C.M. St. P & P. RR, C.B. and Q RR and D.R.I. and N.W. RR passengers became obvious. Passengers were previously served in separate structures east of Union Station.

Plans were revised in 1923 and the joint facility was erected the next year.

Good rail connections into Davenport aided the city's retail and wholesale commercial trade. The conveniently located Union Station also aided local commerce.

**SOURCES**

Davenport Levee Improvement Commission Minutes, 1911-1925.

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN: Martha Bowers

HISTORIAN: MARLYS SVENDSEN - ROESLER

SURVEY COMPLETED 1981

**EVALUATION**

**ARCHITECTURAL**

- I. ARCH. EVALUATION Local
- II. ENVIR. STATURE Important
- III. INT. OF CONTEXT Poor
- IV. INT. OF FABRIC 1

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:

- NAT.  STATE  LOCAL  N. ELIG.

**HISTORICAL**

- I. THEME(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE:
  - A. PRIMARY Transportation
  - B. SECONDARY Railroad

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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. NRHP 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

- COUNTY RESOURCES
- W'SHIELD SURVEY
- NRHP
- GRANT \_\_\_\_\_

DET. OF ELIGIBILITY

- R. & C. \_\_\_\_\_
- DAVENPORT A/H SURVEY
- \_\_\_\_\_
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5. SUBJECT TRACES

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6. PHOTO

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Union Station

Legal Description:

Part of Tract G leased to DRI & NW RR in Sec 35-T78N-R3E: Beginning in the W-ROW line of Harrison St, 47 feet more or less South of S-ROW line W River Drive; thence S 192 feet more or less to N-ROW line Beiderbecke Dr, thence Westerly along said N-ROW line 320 feet more or less to E-ROW line Ripley St.; thence N 225 feet more or less to a point 47 feet S of S-ROW line W River Dr.; thence East 318 ft more or less to POB.

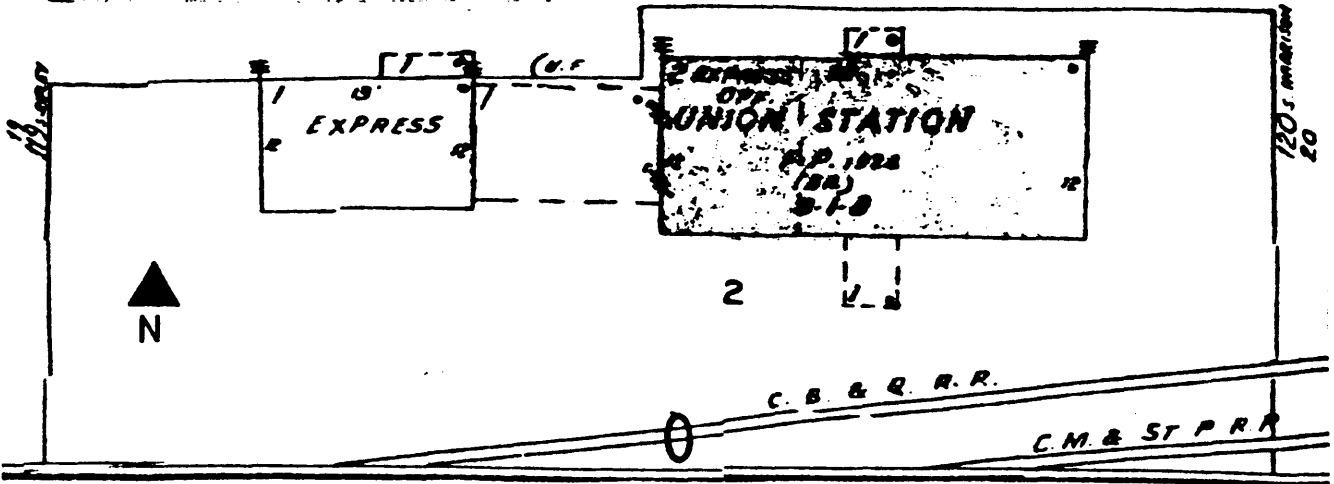
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