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## DAVENPORT SURVEY 1982

SITE #82-10- WH-1628 MAP NUMBER 7
HISTORIC DISTRICT
NAME /John Lueschen House
ADDRESS 1628-32 Washington St.

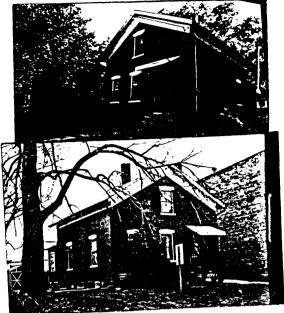
LEGAL DESCRIPTION Sturdevant's Map of Town Lots, Blk. 11, the N 50' of S 122.53' of Lot 9 (exc W 30.68' of the N 8.52')

ACREAGE > 1 ZONE C-2 UTM 15/700520 4600890

OWNER Dean L. & Doris E. Gillette TITLE H

1628 Washington St.

Davenport IA 52804



DATE c. 1865

DESCRIPTION

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE Vernacular Greek Revival

FORM 1-1/2 stories, rectangular plan; front-gable with three bays

and entrance to right of center

MATERIALS brick on stone foundation

FENESTRATION 1/1 d.h.s., below molded wood heads w/triangular tops; wood sills

FEATURES star-shaped beam anchors north and south walls; wide board

frieze with applied molding strips

ALTERATIONS small rear addition, frame w/asbestos siding; entrance made

smaller, new door installed

SITE very narrow lot, slightly raised, in neighborhood commercial

district

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE This little house is good local example of small-scale domestic architecture in the Greek Revival style. Its simple form is enriched only by shallow triangular window heads and a typically broad, molded cornice frieze. The entrance, now of standard width, was originally wider, and may have featured such elements as paneled reveals and soffit (see, for example, the similar dwelling at 13W1339). Although the date of this house has not been confirmed through documentary research, the house is probably representative of construction in this style in Davenport during the decades just before and after the Civil War.

HISTORICAL DATA

Little information has been uncovered concerning the history of this house and its inhabitants. During the late 1880's and early 1890's, it was the residence of John Lueschen, a butcher who operated a meat market at 1630 Washington. This neighborhood was populated mostly by German-Americans, many of whom operated small businesses along Washington Street.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

SOURCES Davenport City Directories, 1888-89, 1890-91

ARCHITECTURAL EVALUATION

DESIGN good STATURE tissue LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE local

CONTEXT fair FABRIC good
DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION

HISTORICAL EVALUATION

PRIMARY THEME
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

SECONDARY THEME

NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBLE YES

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