

Davenport  
Department of Community Development  
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# DAVENPORT

## SURVEY 1982

SITE #82-10-KR-628                      MAP NUMBER 6  
HISTORIC DISTRICT  
NAME Thomas Murray House  
ADDRESS 628 Kirkwood Blvd.



LEGAL DESCRIPTION LeClaire's 11th, Blk. 127, Lot 5

ACREAGE <1      ZONE R4D      UTM 15/703090 4600950  
OWNER Joseph M. Kint, P.T.Beech                      TITLE H  
628 Kirkwood Blvd.  
Davenport, IA 52803

### DESCRIPTION

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE Italianate    DATE 1881  
FORM                      2 stories, decked hipped roof, 3-bay front w/entrance to left  
of center; extends to irregular plan at rear w/gabled and shed additions;  
polygonal bay E. side, edged with balustrade  
MATERIALS                      frame on dressed limestone foundation; clapboarded  
FENESTRATION                      2/2 d.h.s. 1st, in flat surrounds w/narrow cornices; 1/1 d.h.s.  
2nd story  
FEATURES                      bracketted cornice with scallops applied to frieze; iron roof  
cresting; full length veranda w/chamfered posts, brackets, and scallop motif in  
frieze; brick chimney w/corbelled cap  
ALTERATIONS                      pedimented roof dormers added c. 1900  
SITE                      shaded lot, moderate setback

**ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE** This house is a representative example of the Italianate style from post-Civil War Davenport. Characteristic features include the boxy form, hipped roof with deck, projecting side pavilions and a prominent, bracketted veranda. The cornice is enriched with brackets and a scalloped motif applied to the frieze. The roof cresting, which appears to be quite intact, is another important element. Houses such as this reflect the changes that transformed the earliest (1850's) local versions of the style, which retained many Greek Revival features, to a fully Victorian expression of verticality and millwork embellishment.

**HISTORICAL DATA**

Thomas Murray had this house built in 1881, shortly after marrying Eva Daniels. Murray had been Surveyor for the county for more than a decade, and was also City Engineer at the time this house was built.

**HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE**

**SOURCES** Davenport City Directories, 1880, 1881, 1890-91.

**ARCHITECTURAL EVALUATION**

DESIGN good/exc STATURE incident  
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE local

CONTEXT good FABRIC excellent  
DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION

**HISTORICAL EVALUATION**

PRIMARY THEME  
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

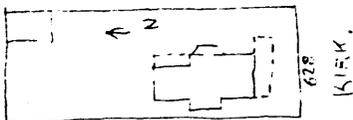
SECONDARY THEME

**NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBLE YES**

**PHOTO ID 1735-23**

Martha H. Bowers, Architectural Historian

Marlys Svendsen, Historian



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

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

	<b>A ARCHITECTURAL</b>	<b>B HISTORICAL</b>
ELIGIBLE FOR NRHP	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
NOT ELIGIBLE FOR NRHP	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3 NRHP ACTION

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 DHP SOURCES

<input type="checkbox"/> COUNTY RESOURCES	<input type="checkbox"/> DET OF ELIGIBILITY
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<input type="checkbox"/> NRHP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DAVENPORT A/H SURVEY
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6 PHOTO \_\_\_\_\_