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SITE #82-10- 12-W1645 MAP NUMBER 7 HISTORIC DISTRICT NAME / Dr. Kuno Struck House ADDRESS 1645 W. 12th St.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION Pt. SW/4 NE/4 & Pt NW/4 SE/4 27-78-3 Comm at SE cor Div.& W. 12th Sts -E357'-S723'-W375' along N/L of 10th St. to F/L of Division St.-N to beg (exc. S 210') ACREAGE ap.2 ZONE R5M UTM 15/700200 4600240 OWNER Marycrest College, Inc TITLE H 1607 W. 12th St. Davenport IA 52804

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE Jacobean Revival

## DAVENPORT



DESCRIPTION

DATE 1910-11

FORM 2-1/2 stories, rectangular plan w/main facades on long sides; high hipped roof; asymmetrical north facade, symmetrical south facade w/gabled end pavilions flanking semicircular terrace

MATERIALSpink-red brick, stone (rockfaced and smoothly dressed)FENESTRATION9/9 below drip moldings; many transom panels feature art glassFEATURESthin iron eaves brackets; stone arched entrance vestibule withparapet gable; full-height stone window bay on north side beside entrance;rockfaced stone terrace south side

ALTERATIONS

SITE spacious lot, now part of Marycrest College campus; curved drive with original iron lamppost remaining; numerous large shade trees, particularly along drive; somewhat overgrown in rear (south)

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE The Kuno Struck house is one of a few Davenport examples of large-scale domestic architecture in the early 20th century Jacobean revival style. Whereas most of the city's English revival houses of the period favored the more decorative, informal, half-timbered styles, the Struck house presents a formality and massiveness more characteristic of late Tudor country houses that surely inspired its design. Although not a literal recreation, the Struck house incorporates features such as parapet gables complete with ball finials; tall, narrow windows beneath label moldings, and a full-height projecting window bay of stone. The design is by the firm of Clausen & Kruse, successor to the practice of Davenport's most prominent 19th century architect, Frederick J. Clausen, who designed several important business buildings for the Petersen family. HISTORICAL DATA This house was built 1910-1911 for Dr. Kuno Struck and his wife, Norma Petersen Struck. Mrs. Struck was the daughter of Max Petersen, who owned an adjoining bluffside residence (now in the center of the Marycrest College campus). Struck, a physician by training, practiced only briefly after his marriage, instead devoting most of his time to extensive travel.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

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SOURCES Davenport City Directories Who's Who in Davenport, 1929. Davenport: Robert M. Baldwin Corp., 1929.

ARCHITECTURAL EVALUATION

DESIGN good STATURE incident LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE local

CONTEXT good FABRIC excellent DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION

HISTORICAL EVALUATION PRIMARY THEME LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

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