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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Dr. Richard and Paulina Stuart House other names/site number 12

2. Location

street & number 1060 25th Street not for publication city, town Des Moines vicinity state Iowa code IA county Polk code 153 zip code 50311

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: [X] private, [] public-local, [] public-State, [] public-Federal. Category of Property: [X] building(s), [] district, [] site, [] structure, [] object. Number of Resources within Property: Contributing 1, Noncontributing 0. Total 0.

Name of related multiple property listing: Drake University and Related Properties in Des Moines, Iowa, 1881-1918. Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this [X] nomination [] request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property [X] meets [] does not meet the National Register criteria. [] See continuation sheet. Signature of certifying official: James E. Jordan, OSHPD, Date: July 15, 1988. Bureau of Historic Preservation, State Historical Society of Iowa.

In my opinion, the property [] meets [] does not meet the National Register criteria. [] See continuation sheet. Signature of commenting or other official: State or Federal agency and bureau: Date:

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is: [X] entered in the National Register. [] See continuation sheet. [] determined eligible for the National Register. [] See continuation sheet. [] determined not eligible for the National Register. [] removed from the National Register. [] other, (explain:). Entered in the National Register 9/8/88. Signature of the Keeper: Date of Action:

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/single dwelling

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Late Victorian

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brickwalls Wood/weatherboardroof Asphaltother Wood/shingle

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The 2 1/2-story house has a hipped roof with gablet and large additional gables, making an irregular shape. It is sheathed in clapboard, but there is decorative wood shingle (two patterns) in gable ends. Notable details include a small but fine hipped roof porch having a spindle frieze, turned columns and small brackets, chamfered corners on the side gabled bay, original double-hung windows, and semi-circular windows in the gable ends. Alterations are minimal and reversible: entry railing and a temporary porch support.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Education/college

Period of Significance

1881-1913

Significant Dates

after 1891
and by 1895

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

This property is significant because it directly illustrates the effect of Drake University's innovative financing techniques upon settlement in one of the ten plats around the campus. It is significant under Criterion A: properties related to the financial development of Drake University, 1881-1913. The property is located in one of the ten plats owned by the University Land Company or Drake University and its construction dates from within fifteen years of when the plat was filed. See the Multiple Property Documentation Form, "The Successful Beginnings of Drake University."

Mary A. Scott and husband bought the property from E.N. Curl (University Land Company stockholder) in 1889, five years after platting. In 1891 the Scotts sold the present legal description (part of a lot) to Dr. Richard and Paulina D. Stuart, who continued to own it until 1907. The Stuarts are listed in the 1895 city directory as living at the "SW cor Cottage Grove and 25th," an accurate description of this site. The house likely dates from after 1891 and by 1895. Dr. Stuart had a medical practice at 221 Cottage Grove in 1895, and it is probable that the Scotts built the house. The earliest Sanborn map, 1901, shows the house.

See continuation sheet

