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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 Richard T.C. Lord/William V. Wilcox House

other names/site number 5

2. Location

street & number 2416 Kingman Boulevard

not for publication

city, town Des Moines

vicinity

state Iowa code IA county Polk code 153 zip code 50311

3. Classification

Ownership of Property

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>1</u>	<u> </u> buildings
<u> </u>	<u> </u> sites
<u> </u>	<u> </u> structures
<u> </u>	<u> </u> objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

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 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 meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

James J. [Signature] OSTPD

July 15, 1988

Signature of certifying official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

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:)

James M. [Signature] Entered in the National Register

7/8/88

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/multiple dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification
 (enter categories from instructions)

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

Late Victorian/Queen Anne
 Late 19th and 20th Century Revivals/
 Colonial Revival

foundation Brick
 walls Wood/weatherboard
 roof Asphalt
 other Wood/shingle

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The 2 1/2-story house has crossed gables forming a cross shape. Notable features in the gables include decorated bargeboards, tiny brackets beneath a projecting shingled gable end, and a rounded recessed section at the two-part rectangular attic window. The house exhibits both Colonial Revival (grouped round porch columns, pedimented porch entry) and Late Victorian influences (massing, the bracket treatment at the gable end, second story corner porch, bargeboards, shingles, large porch). Windows are original. Considerable wood exterior stairs have been added at the rear.

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
1888

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." It also calls attention to the leading role R.T.C. Lord (University Land Company stockholder, member of Disciples of Christ church and early Drake Trustee) played in the important early years of Drake University. In addition, the Lord/Wilcox house is a good and unaltered example of the role of the Disciples of Christ in stimulating actual settlement near Drake University and the University Christian Church.

Lord, a realtor, was among the organizers of the University Land Company on April 12, 1881. He also served on the first Board of Trustees of Drake University. From 1882-83 Lord acted as the "general overseer" for the Building Committee on construction of Old Main. It appears he lived in this house (listed as 2414 Kingman) from 1888 to around 1890 when he sold the present legal description (parts of 3 lots) to W.V. Wilcox.

William V. Wilcox, an insurance agent for Hawkeye Insurance Company, was listed at this address in the 1894 city directory but not in 1896. He was an elder in the University Christian Church and Anna E. Wilcox was a deaconess. The house was built by 1888. The earliest Sanborn map, 1901, shows the house.

See continuation sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

Des Moines City Directories, 1884, 1888, 1894, 1896.
Auditor's Office Records.
Sanborn Fire Insurance Map, 1901.
Long, Barbara Beving. Multiple Property Documentation Form, "The Successful Beginnings of Drake University." 1987.
"Directory of the Christian Churches of Des Moines, 1896-97." State Historical Society of Iowa.
Ritchey, Charles L. Drake University Through Seventy-five Years. 1881-1956. Des Moines: Drake University, 1956.

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Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property Less than one acre

UTM References

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal Boundary Description

North 152 feet of west half of Lots 185, 186, and 187, University Land Company's 1st Addition. See map (site #5) for Multiple Property Documentation Form, "Drake University and Related Properties in Des Moines, Iowa, 1881-1918."

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Boundary Justification

The boundary includes that portion of the city lots that have historically been associated with the property.

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