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DAVENPORT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
 IOWA DIVISION OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION

SITE # 82-10-BR-407 MAP # 1

HIST. DIST. _____

NAME Democrat Building H C

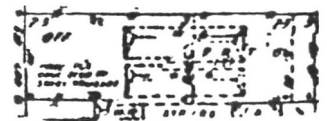
ADDRESS 407-411 Brady Street

LEGAL DES. LeClaire's 2nd 55 2
SUB-DIVISION BLOCK PARCEL SUB-PARCEL

UTM 2 15 710,210,010 459,924,0 ACREAGE -1 ZONE C-4
EASTING NORTHING

OWNER BVED Group
407 Brady, Davenport, IA 52801

TITLE H. Catholic Messenger
(IF DIFF)



SITE SHEET

DESCRIPTION

FORM 2 story commercial block, tripartite, symmetrical facade CONST. DATE c.1930
 MATERIALS brick, concrete, steel, hollow tile ARCH STYLE _____
 FENESTRATION large plate glass windows, grouped in bands at center front
 DIST. FEATURES Enriched cornice, entrance architraves, and panels
 ALTERATIONS 1st floor plate glass windows replaced?
 SITE & RELATED STR. Freestanding on lot in commercial row of similarly-scaled structures

STATEMENT

This building appears to have been strongly influenced by Louis Sullivan, particularly his small midwestern works. Windows are grouped in broad bands at the center of the bold, geometric facade, the floors separated by a wide enriched spandrel panel. In typical Sullivanian fashion, intricate, foliated ornaments of low relief is concentrated at severely classical entrance architraves, wall panels and cornice. This local expression of Sullivan's distinctive and important style is nicely executed and well preserved.

Rudolph J. Clausen, Architect

SOURCES

Oszuscik, p. 374

ARCHITECTURE

SIGNIFICANCE

The Democrat Building is associated with the post-1900 success of the Davenport Democrat Company. A short time after this building was constructed, the Democrat was purchased by the Lee Newspaper Syndicate. The Democrat's evolution was typical of the trend towards merger of small, independent firms under larger corporations.

HISTORY

DESCRIPTION

The Davenport Democrat began as the Democratic Banner in 1848. It was edited along Democratic party views, its success varying with the success of the party. D.N. and J.J. Richardson were the Democrat's successful publishers beginning in the 1860's. The Democrat purchased its competitor, the Gazette, in 1887 and the Evening Leader in 1902. In c. 1915 the Lee Newspaper Syndicate took over the merged Democrat and Leader, ending its reign as a local independent news voice.

SOURCES

"The Press," Quad City Times, February 29, 1976.
City Directory, 1878.
Iowa Social Statistics, U.S. Census, 1860, 70, 80.

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN:

HISTORIAN: MARLYS SVENDSEN - ROESLER

SURVEY COMP.

EVALUATION

ARCHITECTURAL

- I. ARCH. EVALUATION Excellent
- II. ENVIR. STATURE Incident
- III. INT. OF CONTEXT Excellent
- IV. INT. OF FABRIC Good

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:

- NAT. STATE LOCAL N. ELIG.

HISTORICAL

I. THEME(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE:

- A. PRIMARY Communications
- B. SECONDARY Newspaper

II. LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:

- NAT. STATE LOCAL

III. N.R.H.P.

- ELIGIBLE NOT ELIGIBLE

HISTORIC DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION

- A B C

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1. DATE RECEIVED _____

2. DATE OF STAFF EVALUATION _____

- | | | |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| | A. ARCHITECTURAL | B. HISTORICAL |
| ELIGIBLE FOR N.R.H.P. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| NOT ELIGIBLE FOR N.R.H.P. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

3. N.R.H.P. 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. D.H.P. SOURCES

- COUNTY RESOURCES
- W'SHIELD SURVEY
- N.R.H.P.
- GRANT _____

- DET. OF ELIGIBILITY
- R. & C. _____
- DAVENPORT A/H SURVEY
- _____
- _____

5. SUBJECT TRACES

6. PHOTO

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West Elevation

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Davenport MRA
State Iowa

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

31. East 14th Street Historic District

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Delores Byers 11/18/83

Attest

32. Clifton-Metropolitan Hotel

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Delores Byers 7/7/83

Attest

33. Cook, Clarissa, Home for the Friendless

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Delores Byers 7/7/83

Attest

34. Cook, Clarissa C., Library/
Blue Ribbon News Bldg.

Substantive Review

Keeper
Attest Beth Crovener 7/7/83

35. Cottage at 1514 and 1516
W. Second Street

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Delores Byers 7/2/83

Attest

36. Currier House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Delores Byers 7/7/83

Attest

37. Davenport Hotel

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Delores Byers 7/7/83

Attest

38. Davenport Water Co. Pumping
Station #2

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Delores Byers 4/5/84

Attest

39. Democrat Building

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Delores Byers 7/7/83

Attest

40. Dillon Memorial

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper Delores Byers 7/7/83

Attest

Result

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Democrat Building (Davenport MRA)
Scott County
IOWA

Working No. MAY 24 1983
Fed. Reg. Date: 7.7.84
Date Due: 6/23/83 - 7/18/83
Action: ACCEPT 7/7/83
 RETURN
 REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal
- Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Entered in the _____
National Register _____
Federal Agency: _____

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____
Reviewer _____
Discipline _____
Date _____
see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: technical corrections cited below
 substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

has this property been determined eligible? yes no

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

8. Significance

Period _____ Area of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates _____ Builder/Architect _____

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

- _____ summary paragraph
- _____ completeness
- _____ clarity
- _____ applicable criteria
- _____ justification of areas checked
- _____ relating significance to the resource -
- _____ context
- _____ relationship of integrity to significance
- _____ justification of exception
- _____ other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UMT References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

_____ national _____ state _____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature _____

title _____ date _____

13. Other

- _____ Maps
- _____ Photographs
- _____ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: 202 272 - 3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



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407 BRADY

Davenport Building

IA. DHP PH.#1668-6 (1981)

WNP+P Architects - Photo

Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000149