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DAVENPORT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT  
IOWA DIVISION OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION

SITE #82-10-BR-421 MAP # 1

HIST. DIST. \_\_\_\_\_

NAME Hibernia Hall H C

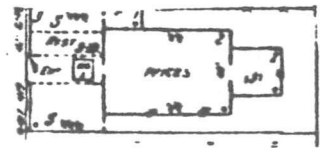
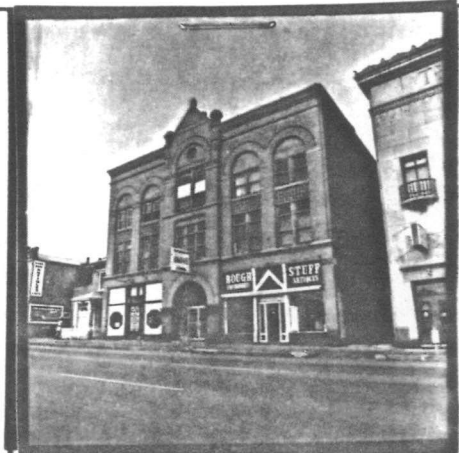
ADDRESS 421 Brady St.

LEGAL DES. LeClaire's 2nd 55 3  
SUB-DIVISION BLOCK PARCEL SUB-PARCEL

UTM } 15 71021440 45991560 ACREAGE -1 ZONE C-4  
EASTING NORTHING

OWNER Ronald L. Bellomy  
425 Brady Street, Davenport, IA 52801

TITLE H. Milbert W. Reemtsma  
(IF DIFF)



SITE SHEET

DESCRIPTION

FORM 3 story block, shallow roof, 5-bay symmetrical front CONST. DATE 1889  
MATERIALS brick; stone trim; cast iron store fronts ARCH STYLE Richardsonian  
FENESTRATION large round arch prominent; plate-glass shopfront windows  
DIST. FEATURES Arcaded upper floors, corbelled cornice, gabled entrance frontispiece  
ALTERATIONS main entrance doors replaced  
SITE & RELATED STR. Freestanding in commercial area

STATEMENT

Hibernia Hall is a very well preserved example of a commercial block in the Richardsonian Romanesque style, here executed in brick. The material gives a much smoother surface than that normally associated with examples of this style in stone, but the vertical grouping at windows within round-arched arcades is a diagnostic and widely-used element of the style. The brickwork is restored and well done, contributing to the overall character of smooth, planar surface presented by the facade.

SOURCES

ARCHITECTURE

**SIGNIFICANCE**

Hiberia Hall focuses attention on Davenport's Irish Community and their fraternal organizing in the 1880's. Because of the hall's downtown location, and half century association with the Ancient Order of Hibernians, this is the best remaining building to associate with local Irish.

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**DESCRIPTION**

The Ancient Order of Hibernians was organized by Davenport Irish Catholics in 1884. It replaced an earlier Irish organization, the Davenport Branch of the Irish National League of America Begun in 1881. The State Hibernian Convention was held in Davenport in 1885 and 1905, the former at Central Park (VanderVeer Park) and the latter at the Hibernia Hall. Erected in 1889, Hiberia Hall was one of the most valuable Hibernian properties in the state. The Hibernians were aggressive promoters of Ireland's independence from Great Britain, actively raising funds for military and economic support and lending a moral support freely. The Order was discontinued in 1937.

**SOURCES**

Ringold, E.M., "Davenport Irish." Federal Writers Project, June, 1939.  
Richter, August, "A True History of Scott County," Davenport Democrat, February 26, 1922; June 6, 1920.

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN: Martha Bowers | HISTORIAN: MARLYS SVENDSEN - ROESLER | SURVEY COMP 1981

**EVALUATION**

**ARCHITECTURAL**

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

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:  
 NAT.  STATE  LOCAL  N. ELIG.

**HISTORICAL**

I. THEME(S) OF SIGNIFICANCE:  
A. PRIMARY Settlement  
B. SECONDARY Irish

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 \_\_\_\_\_

ELIGIBLE FOR N.R.H.P.  A. ARCHITECTURAL  B. HISTORICAL   
NOT ELIGIBLE FOR N.R.H.P.

3. N.R.H.P. ACTION  
A. STATE REVIEW COMM. APP.  DISAPP.  TABLED  DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
B. FEDERAL REVIEW APP.  DISAPP.  TABLED  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  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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6. PHOTO  
82-10-1668-7, 8  
West Elevation  
South & East Elevations  
82-10-1721, 4

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CONTINUATION

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

- 71. Hibernia Hall Entered in the National Register *for* Keeper Melous Byers 7/7/83  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 72. Hoersch, John, House Entered in the National Register *for* Keeper Melous Byers 11/1/83  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 73. Hoffman Building Entered in the National Register *for* Keeper Melous Byers 7/7/83  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 74. Hamburg Historic District Substantive Review Keeper Accept - Beth Grosvener 11/18/83  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 75. Bridge Avenue Historic District Entered in the National Register Keeper Melous Byers 11/28/83  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 76. Hoffman, Samuel, Jr., House Entered in the National Register *for* Keeper Melous Byers 7/7/83  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 77. Hose Station No. 1 Entered in the National Register *for* Keeper Melous Byers 7/7/83  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 78. Hose Station No. 4 Substantive Review *Reg.* Keeper \_\_\_\_\_ S  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 79. Hose Station No. 6 Entered in the National Register *for* Keeper Melous Byers 7/7/83  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_
- 80. Hose Station No. 7 Entered in the National Register *for* Keeper Melous Byers 7/7/83  
Attest \_\_\_\_\_

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

Hibernia Hall (Davenport MRA)  
Scott County  
IO WA

Working No. MAY 24 1983

Fed. Reg. Date: 2.7.84

Date Due: 6/23/83 = 7/8/83

Action:  ACCEPT 7/7/83

Entered in the  RETURN

National Register  REJECT

Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review:  sample  request  appeal  NR decision

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

Conditions		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"/> unrestored		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

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

## 8. Significance

Period \_\_\_\_\_ Areas 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

Acres 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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GENERAL MERCHANDISE

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SCHOOL

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421 BRADY

*Hibernia Hall*

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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