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Name of Property _____ Worley, Phillip, House _____ County _____ Scott _____

Address _____ 425 Brady Street _____ City _____ Davenport _____

SITE DESCRIPTION

The Phillip Worley House is located on Lot 7, Block 55 of LeClaire's 2nd Addition. The structure is sited on the east side of Brady Street, near the north end of the block; its façade faces west. The building is adjoined on the north by a c.1870 buggy works and on the south by the freestanding, Hibernian Hall, which dates to 1891. A north-south alley bisects the block at the rear of the building. A public sidewalk provides access to the building's entrance on Brady Street.

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

The Worley House is a two-story, brick structure constructed on what is likely a stone foundation. The residence features stylistic details clearly evoking the mid-nineteenth century Greek Revival, seen here in the boxy form, side-gable roof line, elongated first story windows, and hipped porch roof. The home features an off-set front entrance, with two windows on the first floor. The three windows of the second floor align with the openings of the first. Note that wood shutters flank all windows.

A one-story, brick garage is attached to the house's north elevation. An overhead, paneled garage door, the presence of which detracts from the visual continuity of the house, dominates the structure. As the following property history indicates, the garage was probably constructed along with the house for use as Dr. Worley's office.

Condition

During the time of the present survey, the Worley House was being repaired following an extensive fire. Since the time the following photographs were taken, the house's roof has been repaired and the façade windows replaced. Despite the introduction of new windows made of modern materials, the Worley House retains a very high level of historic integrity.

As a masonry construction, the greatest concern for this building is the condition of its brick. While no areas of significant deterioration were noted, the presence of vines across the face of the exterior walls is a concern, as they invite moisture and, ultimately, joint loss and brick spall.

PROPERTY HISTORY

Dr. Phillip Worley constructed the residence at 425 Brady Street in 1860, for use as his family residence. The one-story, attached structure on the north (currently a garage) was built to serve as the doctor's office. Although its presence is not confirmed until the Sanborn Fire Insurance map of 1886, in all likelihood, the office was constructed at the same time as the house. The Worley family no longer occupied the residence by 1910, and it was being used as a boarding house.

A portion of Riverbend Antiques currently occupies the Worley House.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Phillip Worley House was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1983. Then, as is true today, the house was considered significant under Criterion C as an important, early example of the Greek Revival in residential architecture. That significance has only increased over the period of time since it gained Register status.

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View of the streetscape that includes the Worley House, not visible from this angle because of its deep setback from the street.

(SOURCE: AKAY Consulting – November 2004)

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View of the primary (west) elevation, looking east across Brady Street. At the time of this photograph, the building's roof and windows were soon to be replaced.

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This c.1890 image documents the streetscape of which the Worley House (1860) was a part. From this angle, the tree obscures a view of the residence.

(SOURCE: Putnam Museum of History and Natural Science. Davenport, Iowa.)

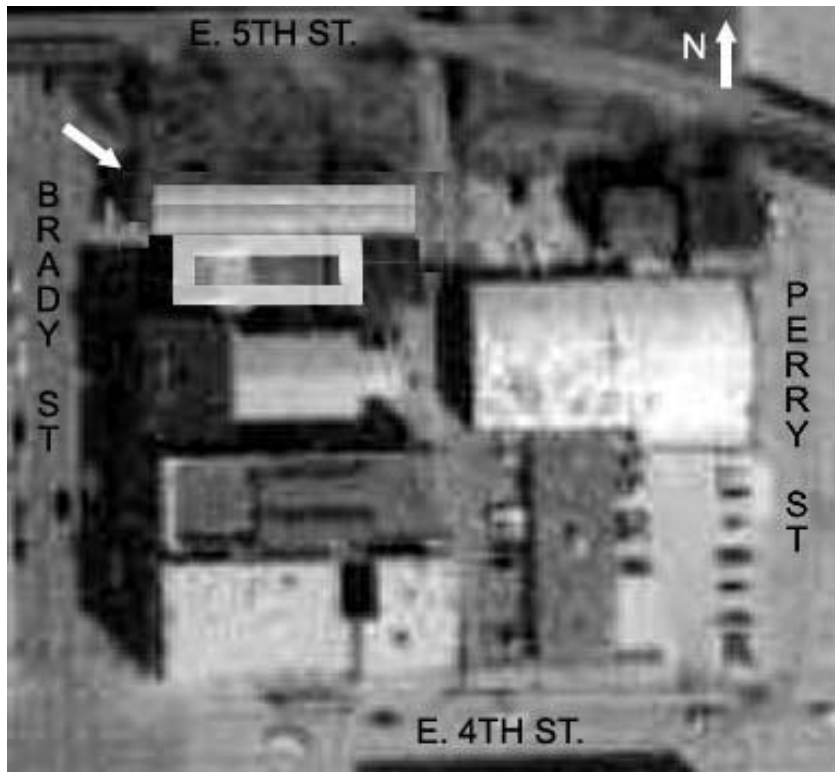
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The arrow indicates the location of the Phillip Worley House.

(SOURCE: City of Davenport – Planning Department – 1/2005)

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