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Name of Property _____ Hose Station No. 1 _____ County _____ Scott _____

Address _____ 117 Perry Street _____ City _____ Davenport _____

SITE DESCRIPTION

The Davenport Hose Station No. 1, located at 117 Perry Street, is situated on Lot 10, Block 62 of LeClaire's Second Addition.

The structure is sited on the east side of Perry Street, at the center of the block; its primary façade faces west. A late nineteenth century commercial structure on the north and an alley on the south adjoin the freestanding structure. A public sidewalk runs the length of the block and flush to the building, providing access to the building's primary entrance.

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

Hose Station No. 1 is built of red brick on a stone foundation. The freestanding structure is roughly cubical in form with a central tower rising above the parapet wall of the primary (west) elevation.

The building, constructed in 1877, bears the influence of the Late Victorian Italianate style. In this structure, the Italianate is seen most strongly in the upper story windows; their elongated shape, flat arch hoods, and 2/2 light configurations all indicate the Italianate.

The façade tower combines with the heavily hooded windows and decorative brickwork of the cornice to create a very strong visual impact. So cohesive is the façade, that it creates a sense of independence from the body of the building.

Condition

As a masonry structure, the greatest concern for this building is the condition of its stone and brick. Generally speaking, the masonry of the façade appears to be sound; there is clear evidence of multiple efforts to repair the masonry. Unfortunately, there is a significant amount of mismatched brick patching, variation in joint widths, and large areas of infill on the first story.

In addition, there is some concern for the condition of the pinnacles that project above the roofline on each end of the façade wall; they appear weak, with evidence of joint and brick loss. The masonry of the secondary elevations is in a similar condition; sound, but patchy.

Renovation of the station's façade resulted in the replacement of the original bay doors. Rather than double doors, full-length windows whose form and light configuration are sympathetic to the structure's original fenestration have been introduced.

Despite the quality of the patchwork and repointing, the structure retains its historic integrity and continues to serve as an important architectural resource to the Davenport Central Business District.

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PROPERTY HISTORY

According to the 1982 Svendsen and Bowers survey, Hose Station No. 1 was constructed in 1877 and occupied the following year by the Fire King Engine 2nd Hose Company, a volunteer crew. The team became known as Hose Company No. 1 in 1878, when the force became a paid unit.

The building was designed by John Ross, a local Davenport architect also known for the design of the Davenport City Hall and the late nineteenth century Scott County Courthouse.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The structure at 117 Perry Street was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1983. At that time, as today, Hose Station No. 1 was considered significant under Criterion A in association with the history of fire fighting in the city of Davenport and under Criterion C as an example of the Late Victorian Italianate in public works construction.

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View of the primary (west) and south elevations, looking northeast across Perry Street.

(SOURCE: AKAY Consulting – November 2004)

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View of the primary (west) and north elevations, looking southeast across Pershing Street.

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Detail view of the façade.
Note the mottled appearance of the brick due to various patching efforts.

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This historic image of the engine house dates to c.1890s. The image confirms the location and appearance of the building's original fenestration.

(SOURCE: Image courtesy of the Richardson-Sloane Special Collections of the Davenport Public Library.)

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This c.1970 image documents the fire station during a period of decay.

(SOURCE: Image courtesy of the Richardson-Sloane Special Collections of the Davenport Public Library.)

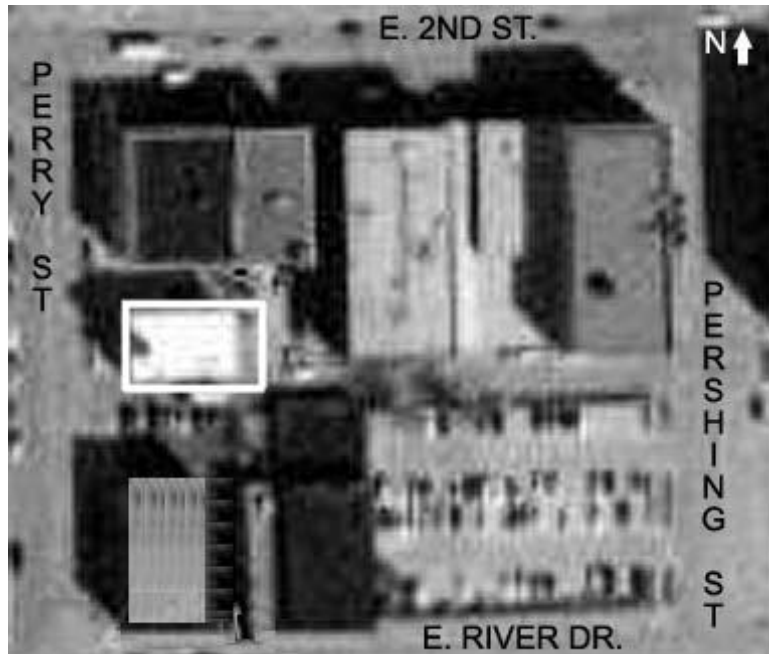
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The white outline indicates the location of Hose Station No. 1.

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

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