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Architectural Drawings Beiderbecke-Miller Wholesale Grocers Store

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Most drawings dated 1874; 2 images dated July 1870

The Architect:

Frederick George (Fritz) Clausen (1848-1940) was born in Germany and came to Davenport, Iowa in 1870 after receiving his education and training in architecture. Clausen's first job was as a draftsman for T. W. McClelland, a contractor-builder. He then established his own practice after only one year with his firm growing until his retirement in 1914.

The Building:

107 & 109 West Second Street in Davenport, Iowa
Lot purchased in 1873 for \$12,000
Building completed September 1875

Demolition: J. Frahm

Foundation: John Hiller

Brick & stonework: Clark & Potter

Woodwork: J. Frahm

Inner columns, etc.: Eagle Manufacturing Company

Tin roof: Lerch Brothers

Architect: F. G. Clausen

Architectural style: Renaissance

Later location of Davenport Savings Bank

The Proprietors – Beiderbecke & Miller. Wholesale Grocers.

Frank H. Miller (1836 -) came to Davenport from Indianapolis in the spring of 1856 and went into partnership with his brother in a grocery business at the corner of Gaines and Second Streets. Charles Beiderbecke, a friend of Miller's from Indianapolis, visited Davenport in the fall of 1856, bought out Miller's brother and the Beiderbecke & Miller partnership began.

During the early lean years, the partners also ran a vinegar factory which enabled them to financially make ends meet, until a fire in 1862 destroyed their store and factory. They rented a building three blocks west and

Image number	Description
1, 2	Beiderbecke and Millers Store - Castings Shows columns and arches
3, 4, 6	Beiderbecke and Millers Store Longitudinal and cross sections, rear elevation
5	Beiderbecke and Miller - No other identification
7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34	Front of building
13	First, second and third stories
14	Cast iron for store
15	Basement, third and fourth stories
16	First and second stories
17	Second, third and fourth stories Includes date of 1874 in lower right hand corner
18, 19	Close-up of architect Clausen's name and date of 1874 in lower right corner of drawing - image 17
20, 21, 22	Basement and coal vault
23	Building for Beiderbecke and Miller; Elevation, section of front wall, section of rear wall
24	Section, elevation-architect name and date of July 1870 in lower right corner; this may not be the grocery building
25	Second Story; dated July 1870
26, 27	Close-up of architect Fr. Clausen name and date of July 1870 on drawing in image 24-this may not be the grocery building
28, 29	First floor of grocery building; drawing torn in half