

Earl Butler House (Open Bible College)
2633 S. Fleur Dr.
Des Moines
Polk County
Iowa

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HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE IOWA	COUNTY POLK	TOWN OR VICINITY DES MOINES
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) EARL BUTLER HOUSE		HABS NO. IA-89
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Open Bible College		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 2633 S. Fleur Drive.		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1935-37	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Kraetsch & Kraetsch, architects	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) This dwelling is a fine example of the Moderne style in the 1930s. Originally, the house contained such conveniences as air conditioning, intercom system, dishwasher and disposal.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Moderne style as interpreted in the 1930s.		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Reinforced concrete walls.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Irregular in shape and plan, this building is two and three stories on a sloping site		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Capped by a flat roof, the house contains large windows, cantilevered balconies and terraced landscaping, combining curved and rectilinear forms to create the streamlined house in the Moderne style of the 1930s.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Stark undecorated interior with a central ramp joining the floors.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Excellent, now the Open Bible College.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDE LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Wesley Shank, <u>The Iowa Catalog: Historic American Buildings Survey</u> , University of Iowa Press, Iowa City, 1979.		
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