

Arthur L. Rule House
11 South Rock Glen
Mason City
Cerro Gordo County
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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Iowa	COUNTY Cerro Gordo	TOWN OR VICINITY Mason City
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Arthur L. Rule House		HABS NO. IA-57
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 11 South Rock Glen		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1912-1913	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Walter Burley Griffin	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Integral part of Mason City's first planned community development, which grew to represent the largest cluster of Prairie Style houses in America. Primary planner and developer of the area, known as Rock Crest/Rock Glen, was the noted architect Griffin. The Rule House is one of only 5 houses (out of a planned 16) built completely to Griffin's plans.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Prairie Style		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Hollow-tile with stucco covering		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) 2-story; square with projecting solarium and garage at south end; low, overhanging hipped roofs		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Massive piers at the four corners originally designed to support planters; corner windows; leaded stained glass accents in windows		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Second story added over solarium wing		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Part of National Register Rock Crest/Rock Glen Historic District (Information above taken from nomination) Shank, Wesley, ed. <u>Studies of Historic Iowa Architecture: Arthur L. Rule House, Ames, IA:</u>		
COMPILER, AFFILIATION Druscilla J. Null, HABS	DATE CONTINUED 8/5/83	

SOURCES OF INFORMATION (Continued)

Engineering Research Institute, Iowa State University, 1972.

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