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Site Location: 337 South Locust Street
Dubuque, Dubuque County, Iowa
DOT designation: Resource Site No. 2.7
Cadastral grid : SE1/4 SE1/4 S25 T89N R2E
USGS quadrangle: Dubuque South Iowa 7.5'
UTM coordinates: 15.691900.4706320
Lot dimensions : 62'x 100' : .15 acre
Lot description: Lot 2, Lot 1 of Subdivision
of Lot 3, and South 25' of
Lot 1 of Levi's Addition

Present Owner: Iowa Department of Transportation
Present Usage: vacant
Present Condition : poor / fair

Overall Dimensions: 2-story main block: 24'6"x 16'; 2-story side addition:
16'x 10'; concrete front stoops: 6'6"x 4', 4'x 4'; 1-story
rear addition: 24'6"x 6'.

Orientation : east
Architectural Description: Plan type : Georgian I with slightly smaller two-story
similar addition to the south.
Foundation: parged stone perimeter walls.
Structure : wood frame
Ext. walls: asbestos-cement, wavy-edged siding over wood
beveled siding.
Roofs : moderately pitched side-gabled roofs over main
block and side addition; 3-tab asphalt shingles
throughout.
Chimneys : one straddle-ridge interior brick chimney on
main block.
Dormers : none
Windows : one fixed sash on south side of first story
front, 1/1 double-hung elsewhere; plain
casings, slip sills.
Openings : two paneled, 1-light doors with plain casings,
centrally placed on the fronts of main block
and side addition.
Porches : two three-step concrete stoops leading to the
main entrances on main block and addition, both
with wrought iron railings and cantilevered
aluminum awnings; the awning on the main block
extends over the fixed window.
Details : boxed cornices.

Construction Date : c.1875

Architecture style: Side gabled box

Physical History : Assessment records indicate that this two-story house was constructed around 1875, which is consistent with the date for nearby similar dwellings. At that time the property was still held by the initial land developer, Alexander Levi. In 1886 Levi sold the property for \$305 to Michael J. Powers, a printer for the *Dubuque Daily Times*. Powers held the property until selling it in 1908 to Josephine Althaus. Since that time the house has been occupied by a series of owners and/or tenants, including Michael Sullivan, James McDermott, Sarah [Sadie] Rafferty, Joseph Welbes, Marion Latham, Charles Fuller and Mary Steger. The Iowa Department of Transportation acquired the building in 1984 and plans to demolish it to make way for proposed highway construction. The house retains its overall form but has undergone a number of exterior alterations and additions, including construction of a two-story side wing prior to 1891, replacement of the original front porch with an aluminum canopy, replacement of a front window with a fixed-sash picture window and sheathing of the roof with asphalt shingles and the exterior walls with asbestos-cement shingles.

Significance: With its side-gabled configuration, this house is a representative example of the workingmen's dwellings built along Southern Avenue at the periphery of Dubuque in the 1870s and 1880s.

References: Dubuque City Directories: 1857 - 1970.
Sanborn Insurance Maps: 1879, 1884, 1891, 1909, 1972.
Dubuque County Assessment Record: 3-24-2-23.
Iowa Department of Transportation, "Draft Environmental Impact Statement - Cultural Resources Assessment."
Land Title Abstract (located at Iowa Department of Transportation, Ames Iowa).

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