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Ann McQueen House
650 Dodge Street
Dubuque
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Site Location: 650 Dodge Street
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DOT designation: Resource Site No. 3.16
Cadastral grid : NW1/4 SE1/4 S25 T89N R2E
USGS quadrangle: Dubuque South Iowa 7.5'
UTM coordinates: 15.691660.4706800
Lot dimensions : 30'x 100': .07 acre
Lot description: Lot 6 of Newman, Cooper
and Smyth's Subdivision
of Out Lot 695

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

Overall Dimensions: 2-story main block: 28'2"x 20'3"; open front porch:
6'11"X 20'3; 1-story side addition: 12'6"x 5'11".

Orientation : northwest

Architectural Plan type : 2-story rectangle with 1-story side addition.

Description : Foundation: coursed limestone perimeter walls.

Structure : wood frame

Ext. walls: brick-pattern asphalt siding over beveled wood
siding on main block; aluminum siding on front
of side addition; unevenly coursed beveled wood
siding in gables of main block and addition.

Roofs : moderately pitched, front gable roofs over main
block and side addition, both with pedimented
returns; shallowly pitched hip over front
porch; interlocking tab asphalt shingles or
asphalt roll roofing throughout.

Chimneys : one interior chimney (now truncated in attic).

Dormers : none

Windows : painted wood 1/1 double hung, throughout, with
2/2 fixed on east wall of side addition. Plain
casings, slip sills; diamond shaped, fixed-sash
window in front gable.

Openings : single-leaf front doorway in facade west bay,
4 lights with 2 panels, narrow fixed sash tran-
som; simple doorway on north side of addition.

Porches : full-length, 1-story front porch, with side
stair; three columns and open rail balustrade;
flush board crawl space siding.

Details : molded, boxed and pedimented cornices on main
and side addition roofs; tapered Tuscan front
porch columns.

Construction Date : 1873

Architecture style: Gable ended box

Physical History : In 1873 Ann McQueen [McQuone; McQune] constructed this two-story frame house on the south side of Dodge Street for \$600. The lot on which it was built was part of a subdivision of Out Lot 695 platted by three notable Dubuque land speculators: A.A. Cooper, William Newman and Edward Smyth. McQueen did not acquire title to the property - at the standard undeveloped lot rate of \$250 - until four years after the house was completed, in 1877. She lived here with her husband Patrick, a laborer, until her death sometime before 1885. That year Patrick sold the house to real estate dealers E.W. Duncan and John Waller for \$650. Duncan and Waller rented the house for thirteen years, the last few to laborer James McCormick and his wife Bridget. In 1898 the McCormicks purchased the property for \$800. James died sometime before 1908; Bridget before 1915. That year their heirs sold the property to John P. Cosgrove, a watchman for the Martin-Strelau Transfer and Storage Company. After Cosgrove died in 1923, his widow Mary occupied the house for an additional fifteen years before her death. Since its construction the building has undergone several alterations and additions of varying scale. A two-story addition extended the main block; a single-story side addition was built onto this, as well as an enclosed rear porch (removed in 1980); and asphalt shingles have been installed on the roof and asphalt siding on the exterior walls.

Significance: With its slightly asymmetrical three-bay facade, frame construction, corner stair floor plan and gable ended roof configuration, the Ann McQueen House is a representative example of the modest workingmen's dwellings constructed along lower Dodge Street in the 1870s and 1880s.

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