

Workingmen's Houses,
John Lahr House
229 South Locust Street
Dubuque
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Iowa

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Site Location: 229 South Locust Street
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DOT designation: Resource Site No. 2.12
Cadastral grid : SE1/4 SE1/4 S25 T89N R2E
USGS quadrangle: Dubuque South Iowa 7.5'
UTM coordinates: 15.691820.4706410
Lot dimensions : 41'8"x 144' : .14 acre
Lot description: South 41'8" of Lot 4 of
Stout's Dubuque Addition
of Mineral Lot 53

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

Overall Dimensions: 2-story main block: 28'x 24'; open front porch: 6'x 22'.
Orientation : east
Architectural Description :
Plan type : rectangular, with attached porches.
Foundation: stone rubble perimeter walls.
Structure : wood frame
Ext. walls: narrow exposure beveled siding, with wrapped corners.
Roofs : moderately pitched, front-gabled roof over main block; shallowly pitched hip over front porch; 3-tab asphalt shingles throughout.
Chimneys : one interior brick chimney, centered on ridge of main roof.
Dormers : one moderately pitched gable dormer centered on north slope of main roof; one double-hung window centered in gable end of dormer.
Windows : two cottage windows on the first floor front; 1/1 double hung windows with plain casings, slip sills, molded drip caps and aluminum storms elsewhere.
Openings : one centrally placed, three paneled door on front and north side; plain casings.
Porches : full width, hipped roof, single-story front porch; closed railing composed of horizontal cladding similar to that on house; roof supported by three battered wood posts with molded caps and no plinths.
Details : boxed and molded cornices on main block and dormer roof, with pedimented returns; wood latticework around porch crawl space.

Construction Date : 1922

Architecture Style: Open gabled cottage

Physical History : This address first appears between city directories published in 1921 and 1923, and it is assumed that the house was built at this time. John Lahr is listed as its first occupant. By 1929 Nicholas Kieffer lived here, remaining until the mid-1950s. Since then the house was owned and occupied by Otto - and later William - Hoffman, and in 1984 the Iowa Department of Transportation purchased the property for demolition. Without any notable alterations or additions, the building's exterior now presents an essentially original appearance.

Significance: This architecturally undistinguished cottage is scaled and proportioned similarly to houses built up to fifty years earlier along this street. It is a representative example of the modest workingmen's residences constructed along Southern Avenue and South Locust Street in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

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