

Workingmen's Houses,  
810 Dodge Street  
Dubuque  
Dubuque County  
Iowa

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**PHOTOGRAPHS  
HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA**

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**Site Location:** 810 Dodge Street  
Dubuque, Dubuque County, Iowa  
DOT designation: Resource Site No. 3.6  
Cadastral grid : NW1/4 SE1/4 S25 T89N R2E  
USGS quadrangle: Dubuque South Iowa 7.5'  
UTM coordinates: 15.691400.4706680  
Lot dimensions : 37.7' X 100' : .09 acre  
Lot description: Lot 13 and West 3'6" of Lot 14  
of subdivision of City Lot 730  
and Union Addition Lot 1

**Present Owner:** E. Mozena  
**Present Usage:** single family residence  
**Present Condition :** fair

**Overall Dimensions:** 42' x 23', 1 story  
**Orientation :** northwest  
**Architectural** Plan type : single-story ell  
**Description :** Foundation : parged stone perimeter walls.  
Structure : wood frame  
Ext. walls : asbestos-cement siding over wood beveled  
siding.  
Roofs : moderately pitched, front gabled roofs over  
both legs of ell; asphalt shingles or roll  
roofing throughout.  
Chimneys : one straddle-roof, corbeled interior chimney.  
Dormers : none  
Windows : wood 4/4, 2/2 or 1/1 double-hung windows  
throughout; plain casings, hood molds and slip  
sills.  
Openings : offset, single-leaf front door; single-leaf  
side door; plain casings and sills.  
Porches : small concrete stoop at front door, with can-  
tilevered aluminum canopy over.  
Details : plain-board boxed cornices.

**Construction Date :** unknown

**Architecture Style:** Open gabled box

**Physical History :** Very little is known about the history of this house.

Assessor's records indicate a construction date of 1840, but no evidence has been found to corroborate such an early date. At that time the original patent-holder, Felix Mercier, held the property. Subsequent owners include prominent Dubuque capitalist John D. Bush [1844-1887], drayman James Welsh [1887-1889], lumber yard owner C.W. Robison [1889-1892] and Thomas Rudd [1892-1916]. All had

primary residences elsewhere in the city at the time they owned this property, indicating that either this house had been used for years as a rental property or that the land stood undeveloped much longer than the assessment records indicate. The latter seems more likely. Rudd died in October 1915, and the next year his widow Bridget sold the house to Clifton Trewin. Since that time it has been occupied by a series of short-term tenants. The building has undergone several alterations and additions, the most important of which include: construction of a concrete block garage in 1963, sheathing the roof with asphalt shingles and the exterior walls with asbestos-cement siding in 1938.

**Significance:** Its origins obscure, this modest structure is one of many frame workingmen's residences built at the south side of Dubuque along Southern Avenue and Dodge Street.

**References:** Dubuque City Directories: 1857 - 1970.  
Dubuque County Assessment Record: 3-23-3-2.  
Dubuque City Building Permit Record: 810 Dodge Street  
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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