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Iowa Office of Historic Preservation

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DAVENPORT

SURVEY 1982

SITE #82-10-RD-E1234 **MAP NUMBER**
HISTORIC DISTRICT
NAME Abner Davison House
ADDRESS 1234 East River Drive



LEGAL DESCRIPTION Fulton's Add., Pt. Blk. 2 com
116' W of SE cor Blk 2-W 140'-N414'-E to NE cor
Lot 1 Blk 2-S 381' to N/L River St.

ACREAGE ap.2 **ZONE** R4D **UTM** 15/703840 4600030
OWNER Don S. Challed & Wife **TITLE** H
5 McClellan Blvd.
Davenport IA 52803

DESCRIPTION

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE Tuscan Italianate (orig.) **DATE** c.1860-1910
FORM 2 stories; nearly square main block w/full-height rear wing
(original part); two-story wing added west side; multiple hipped roofs
MATERIALS original construction was brick, addition clay tile; stuccoed
FENESTRATION two French doors on front of main block; plate
glass casements? in bands on west wing; various 1/1 and 2/2 d.h.s. elsewhere
FEATURES main entrance porch w/fluted Doric columns and pilasters; wide
door w/sidelights; ornate Victorian gazebo near SW corner of main block
ALTERATIONS original rear elements of 2 and 1-1/2 stories redone as single
two-story mass; west wing added; wood veranda across front of main block
removed; exterior stuccoed; window sash replaced, esp. at front
SITE house set on crest of hill, w/sweeping lawn to retaining wall

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE The Abner Davison house successfully incorporates both Italianate and Prairie influences, the result of two distinct building phases. The house appears to have been originally constructed in the cubic "Tuscan" form of the Italianate style, in the late 1850's or early 1860's, when the style was extremely popular among well-to-do Davenport residents. Sometime between about 1900 and 1910, the house was considerably enlarged through modification of the original rear wing and addition of a two-story wing on the west side. This new wing repeats the hipped-roof form of the original main block, but organizes windows in horizontal bands, a Prairie style feature that contrasts with the Victorian verticality of the tall, narrow windows at the front of the earlier section. A covering of gray stucco brings the new and old sections of the house together, as does removal of brackets and possibly a belvedere. The only decorative element is the columned entrance porch. The house is impressively sited on an enormous, terraced lot which still retains
(CON'T)

HISTORICAL DATA

Abner Davison was the original occupant of this residence, which may have been built as early as 1858. Davison was a lawyer in partnership with David S. True at the time. By the 1890's, Davison had another partner, Joe R. Lane.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

SOURCES Davenport City Directories, 1858, 1861, 1866, 1873, 1890-91

ARCHITECTURAL EVALUATION

DESIGN good STATURE focus
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE local

CONTEXT good FABRIC good
DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION

HISTORICAL EVALUATION

PRIMARY THEME
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

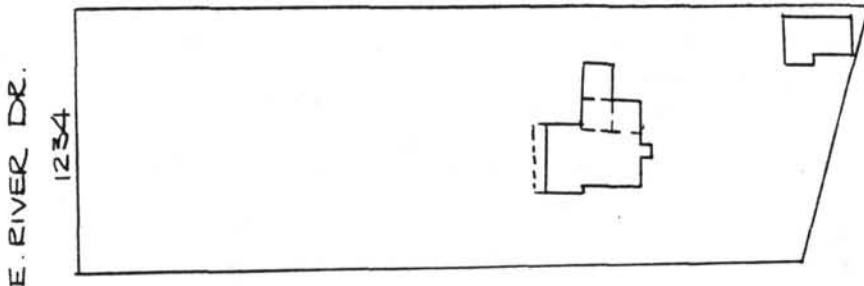
SECONDARY THEME

NATIONAL REGISTER ELIGIBLE yes

PHOTO ID 1744-17A,18A; 1960-18,19

Martha H. Bowers, Architectural Historian

Marlys Svendsen, Historian



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1 DATE RECEIVED _____

2 DATE OF STAFF EVALUATION _____

ELIGIBLE FOR NRHP	<input type="checkbox"/>	A ARCHITECTURAL	<input type="checkbox"/>	B HISTORICAL	<input type="checkbox"/>
NOT ELIGIBLE FOR NRHP	<input type="checkbox"/>				<input type="checkbox"/>

3 NRHP ACTION

A STATE REVIEW COMM	APP <input type="checkbox"/>	DISAPP <input type="checkbox"/>	TABLED <input type="checkbox"/>	DATE _____
B FEDERAL REVIEW	APP <input type="checkbox"/>	DISAPP <input type="checkbox"/>	TABLED <input type="checkbox"/>	DATE _____

4 DHP SOURCES

<input type="checkbox"/> COUNTY RESOURCES	<input type="checkbox"/> DET OF ELIGIBILITY
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<input type="checkbox"/> NRHP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DAVENPORT A/H SURVEY
<input type="checkbox"/> GRANT _____	<input type="checkbox"/> _____

5 SUBJECT TRACES _____

6 PHOTO _____

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (con't)

evidence of an original carriage drive. The ornate, wrought-iron gazebo near the front of the house is an important decorative feature, now the only truly "Victorian" element remaining.





Historic Building Data Sheet
 Village of East Davenport
 Davenport, Scott County, Iowa
 Contract # CD-1-20, City of Davenport

View: ²⁴ 20:25 ^{22D} 1158/22A
 Camera Facing: NE



1. NAME
 Historic Abner Davison House
 Common _____

2. LOCATION
 Street & No.
1234 E. River Drive

Map Ref. Key # 36-11
 Zoning: R4D

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Work in Progress <input type="checkbox"/> Pres. <input type="checkbox"/> Altera.	

PRESENT USE (Check One or More if Applicable)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rental Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence (Owner Occupied)	<input type="checkbox"/> Single Family	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
			<input type="checkbox"/> Double	
			<input type="checkbox"/> Multiple	

ORIGINAL USE: _____

4a. OWNERSHIP (Present) Name: Don S. Cholled and wife

4b. TITLEHOLDER: (if other than 4a) _____

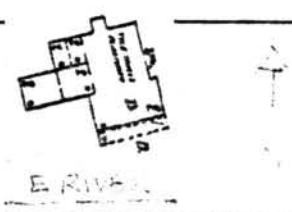
Street and Number: 5 McClelland Blvd.

4c. ORIGINAL OWNER: Abner Davison

City or Town: _____

5. DESCRIPTION

Features (exterior)	Materials
Facade <u>3 bay, 2 story block with wings</u>	<u>stucco</u>
Foundations <u>cellar</u>	<u>rusticated "ashlar"</u>
Trim <u>1 plane with moulded drip cap</u>	<u>wood</u>
Roof Type: <input type="checkbox"/> flat <input type="checkbox"/> gable <input type="checkbox"/> shed <input type="checkbox"/> "French" <input type="checkbox"/> gambrel <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> hip <input type="checkbox"/> other	<u>asphalt</u>
Chimney(s) <u>architectural</u>	<u>has longitudinal ridge</u>
Porch(es) <u>2 stage side</u>	<u>brick</u>
Addition(s) _____	<u>stucco</u>
Dimensions & Plan _____ (Sketch):	
Structural System: <input type="checkbox"/> wood frame, interlocking joints <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> wood frame, light member <input type="checkbox"/> masonry load bearing walls <input type="checkbox"/> log <input type="checkbox"/> metal <input type="checkbox"/> other	



5. DESCRIPTION (cont.)

Number of Stories 2

Other notable features: hooded entrance with heavy corbels; 2 stage; Jacobean pavilion on north; 2 stage sunporch on west

Condition: EXTERIOR Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins
INTERIOR Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins

Integrity: a. Original Site b. Moved If so, when and from where _____

c. Major alterations and dates (if known): _____

Site:

Frontage: 140' Acreage: _____
Depth: 400'

Related Outbuildings and Property:

barn carriage house garage(s) shop shed gardens orchards
fencing (type) walling (type) other gazebo

Threats and/or intrusions to Building:

none known zoning roads development deterioration other

6. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS

Relationship to Street: Pivotal Positive Neutral Negative
Relationship to Village: Pivotal Positive Neutral Negative

7. SIGNIFICANCE

Date of Initial Construction:

c.1840 c.1850 c.1860 c.1870 c.1880 c.1890 c.1900
c.1910 after 1910 Specific Date (if known) _____

Style: Frontier Italianate Neo-Classical Revival Art Deco
Classic Revival Romanesque Revival English Eclectic Ranch Style
Gothic Revival Queen Anne Federal Revival Split-Level
Tuscan Villa Eastlake Bungalowoid Utilitarian
Second Empire Georgian Revival Western Stick Style Other

National Register Status:

Presently on National Register _____ or suggested as meriting:
_____ national significance _____ state significance local significance _____ none

COMMENTS: (expand on next page)

any increase in speed or traffic flow on East River Drive could have negative visual impact on property, built by a nineteenth century Davenport banker before 1882.

Recorder: Schooler Date of Inventory 1/28/77

Photographer: Cavin Date of Exposure 1/26/77

SOUTH CAROLINA, Marion County, Mullins, Liberty Warehouse (Flue-Cured Tobacco Production Properties TR), Park St. (08/03/84)
SOUTH CAROLINA, Marion County, Mullins, Neal and Dixon's Warehouse (Flue-Cured Tobacco Production Properties TR), S. Main St. (08/03/84)
SOUTH CAROLINA, Marion County, Mullins, Old Brick Warehouse (Flue-Cured Tobacco Production Properties TR), Main and Wine Sts. (08/03/84)
SOUTH CAROLINA, Marion County, Zion vicinity, Dew Barn (Flue-Cured Tobacco Production Properties TR), NW of Zion (08/03/84)

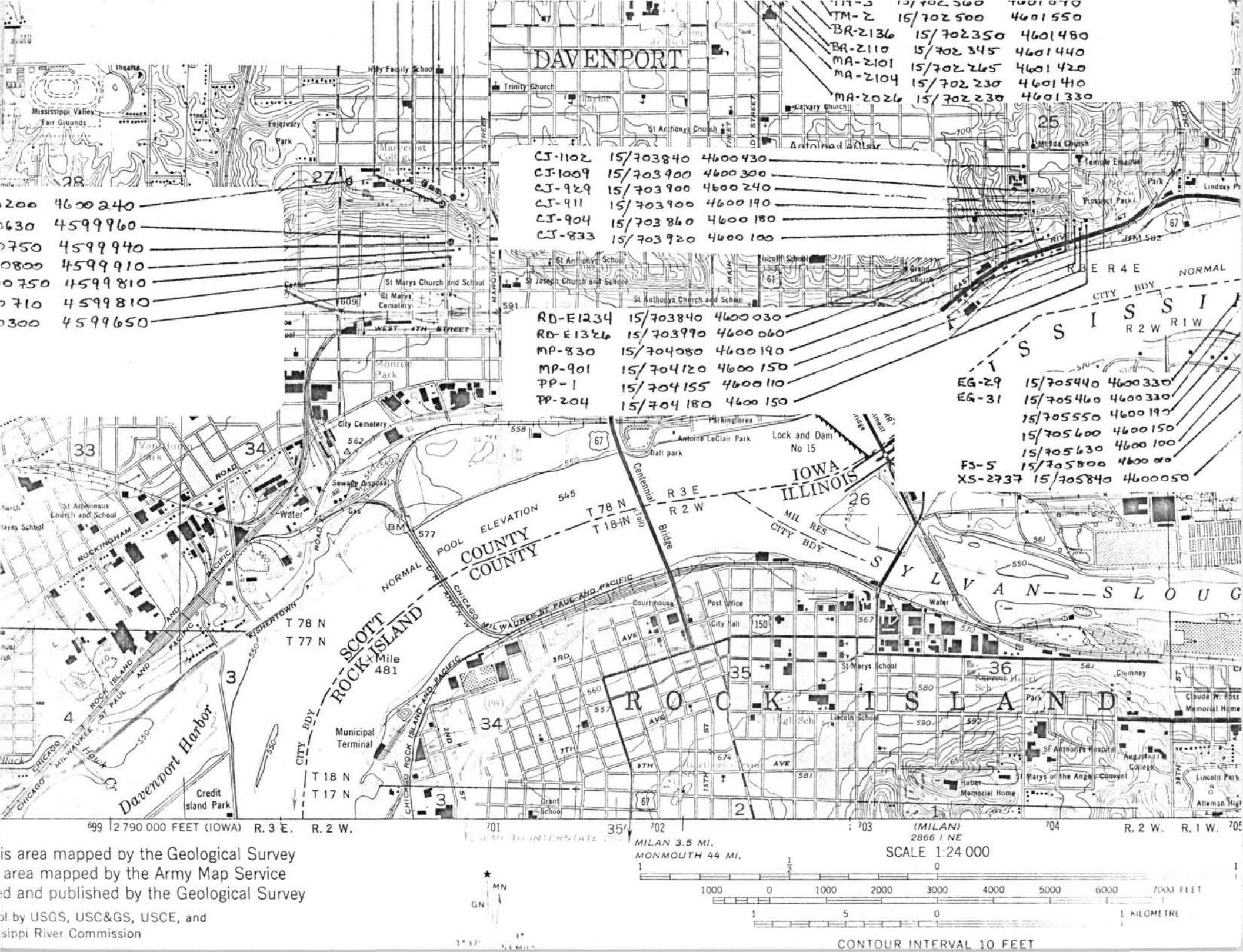
SOUTH DAKOTA, Bon Homme County, Scotland, Koobs House, 431 Fourth St. (08/01/84)
SOUTH DAKOTA, Brown County, Aberdeen, Dakota Farmer Building, 1216 S. Main St. (08/01/84)
SOUTH DAKOTA, Brown County, Aberdeen, Simmons House, 1408 S. Main St. (08/01/84)
SOUTH DAKOTA, Butte County, Vale, Vale School, Off SD 79 (08/01/84)
SOUTH DAKOTA, Edmunds County, Roscoe, Roscoe Community Hall, 202 Mitchell St. (08/01/84)
SOUTH DAKOTA, Lincoln County, Canton, Isakson, John, House, 504 E. Third St. (08/01/84)
SOUTH DAKOTA, Lincoln County, Lennox, Harney Hospital, 305 S. Main St. (08/01/84)
SOUTH DAKOTA, Minnehaha County, Sioux Falls, Queen Bee Mill, N. Weber Ave., Falls Park (08/01/84)
SOUTH DAKOTA, Pennington County, Rapid City, Rapid City Garage, 827—829 Main St. (08/01/84)

TEXAS, Harris County, Houston, Sheridan Apartments, 802—804 McGowen St. (08/02/84)
TEXAS, Tarrant County, Arlington, Hutcheson-Smith House, 312 N. Oak St. (08/02/84)

WISCONSIN, Dane County, Madison, Lamb Building, 114 State St. (08/02/84)

The following properties were also entered in the National Register but were excluded from a previous notice:

IO WA, Scott County, Davenport, Adams, Walker, House (Davenport MRA), 1009 College Ave. (07/27/84)
IO WA, Scott County, Davenport, Ball-Waterman House (Davenport MRA), 616 Kirkwood Blvd. (07/27/84)
IO WA, Scott County, Davenport, Burdick, Anthony, House (Davenport MRA), 833 College Ave. (07/27/84)
IO WA, Scott County, Davenport, Busch, Diedrich, House (Davenport MRA), 2340 E. 11th St. (07/27/84)
IO WA, Scott County, Davenport, Cameron, W.S., House (Davenport MRA), 623 Kirkwood Blvd. (07/27/84)
IO WA, Scott County, Davenport, Cawley, James, House (Davenport MRA), 1406 Esplanade (07/27/84)
IO WA, Scott County, Davenport, Copeland, George, House (Davenport MRA), 929 College Ave. (07/27/84)
IO WA, Scott County, Davenport, Davenport Hose Station No. 3 (Davenport MRA), 326 E. Locust St. (07/27/84)
IO WA, Scott County, Davenport, Davison, Abner, House (Davenport MRA), 1234 E. River Dr. (07/27/84)
IO WA, Scott County, Davenport, Ebeling, Arthur, House (Davenport MRA), 1106 W. 15th St. (07/27/84)
IO WA, Scott County, Davenport, Ebeling, Henry, House (Davenport MRA), 1623 W. 6th St. (07/27/84)
IO WA, Scott County, Davenport, Eldridge, D.C., House (Davenport MRA), 1333 E. 10th St. (07/27/84)
IO WA, Scott County, Davenport, Eldridge, Theodore, House (Davenport MRA), 1404 E. 10th St. (07/27/84)
IO WA, Scott County, Davenport, First Church of Christ, Scientist (Davenport MRA), 636 Kirkwood Blvd. (07/27/84)
IO WA, Scott County, Davenport, Grilk, Charles, House (Davenport MRA), 2026 Main St. (07/27/84)
IO WA, Scott County, Davenport, Guy, Finley, Building (Davenport MRA), 310 E. Locust St. (07/27/84)



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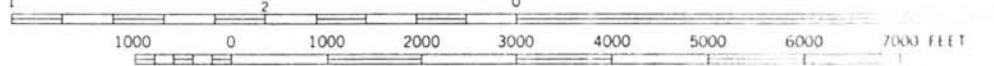
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MILAN 3.5 MI.
 MONMOUTH 44 MI.
 SCALE 1:24 000



CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET

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