

Site Inventory Form

State Historical Society of Iowa

(December 1, 1999)

State Inventory No. 85-03744

New Supplemental

Part of a district with known boundaries (enter inventory no.) 85-04300

Relationship: Contributing Noncontributing

Contributes to a potential district with yet unknown boundaries

National Register Status:(any that apply) Listed De-listed NHL DOE

9-Digit SHPO Review & Compliance Number _____

Non-Extant (enter year) _____

1. Name of Property

historic name HOUSE, DR. JULIUS L. & JENNIE LARSON

other names/site number "SKIPPER" LARSON HOUSE

2. Location

street & number 2107 GRAEBER STREET

city or town AMES

vicinity, county STORY

Legal Description: (If Rural) Township Name _____ Township No. _____ Range No. _____ Section _____ Quarter of Quarter _____

(If Urban) Subdivision See Continuation Sheet Block(s) _____ Lot(s) _____

3. State/Federal Agency Certification [Skip this Section]

4. National Park Service Certification [Skip this Section]

5. Classification

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

If Non-Eligible Property

Enter number of:

_____ buildings
 _____ sites
 _____ structures
 _____ objects
 _____ Total

If Eligible Property, enter number of:

Contributing	Noncontributing
1	_____ buildings
_____	_____ sites
1	_____ structures
_____	_____ objects
2	_____ Total

Name of related project report or multiple property study (Enter "N/A" if the property is not part of a multiple property examination).

Title
"College Heights, Ames, Iowa, MPD"

Historical Architectural Data Base Number
85-025

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

01A DOMESTIC-SINGLE DWELLING

01C05 GARAGE

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

01A DOMESTIC-SINGLE DWELLING

01C05 GARAGE

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

06D TUDOR REVIVAL

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation 03-16 BRICK/CLAY TILE

walls 02 WOOD SHINGLES

roof 08 ASPHALT

other 03 BRICK

Narrative Description (SEE CONTINUATION SHEETS, WHICH MUST BE COMPLETED)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" representing your opinion of eligibility after applying relevant National Register criteria)

Yes No More Research Recommended

Yes No More Research Recommended

Yes No More Research Recommended

Yes No More Research Recommended

A Property is associated with significant events.

B Property is associated with the lives of significant persons.

C Property has distinctive architectural characteristics.

D Property yields significant information in archaeology or history.

County STORY
City AMES

Address 2107 GRAEBER STREET

Site Number 85-03744
District Number 85-04300

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- A Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
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- G Less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

COMMUNITY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

ARCHITECTURE, EDUCATION

Significant Dates

Construction date 1928 check if circa or estimated date
Other dates _____

Significant Person

(Complete if National Register Criterion B is marked above)
DR. JULIUS L. LARSON

Architect/Builder

Architect _____
Builder _____

Narrative Statement of Significance (SEE CONTINUATION SHEETS, WHICH MUST BE COMPLETED)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography See continuation sheet for citations of the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form

10. Geographic Data

UTM References (OPTIONAL)

Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
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3	_____	_____	4	_____	_____

See continuation sheet for additional UTM references or comments

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state IA

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ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION (Submit the following items with the completed form)

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 - A sketch floor plan of the interior space arrangements along with the barn's exterior dimensions in feet.

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Concur with above survey opinion on National Register eligibility: Yes No More Research Recommended
 This is a locally designated property or part of a locally designated district.

Comments: _____

Evaluated by (name/title): _____ Date: _____

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HOUSE, DR. JULIUS L. & JENNIE LARSON	STORY
Name of Property	County
2107 GRAEBER STREET	AMES
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Legal description

COLLEGE HEIGHTS ADD W92'LOT 16 BLK 9

Narrative Description

This is a two-story house clad in wood shingles. It rests on a brick and tile foundation and is a frame structure. The house's street façade features multiple multi-level front-gable eaves. Two front-gable eaves, offset vertically from each other by a few feet, cover the front entry door. To the right of the door on the first story is a window system of three double-hung (8/8 panel configuration) windows along with a pair of double-hung (8/8 panel configuration) windows. The second story of the façade features another pair of double-hung (8/8 panel configuration) windows with a ridge vent above. The roof configuration to the right of the front entry door double roof eaves can be described as a steep pitched front-gable roof, which at the ridge of the lowest eave over the front entry door, becomes more moderately sloped to the right of the house. A more moderately sloped roof can be seen behind these multi-level eaves along with a brick chimney to the right. There is a detached two-car, one-bay garage located to the left behind the house. It features a front-gable roof and the same cladding as the house.

Narrative Statement of Significance

This building calls attention to Tudor Revival styling on its design and serves as a contributing source, under National Register Criterion C, to the College Heights Historic District. The influence of Tudor Revival styling is most noticeable in the steeply pitched, gable front roof over the main block and gable front roofs over its projecting entry and stoop, its 6/6 and 8/8 double-hung sash, the dormers with shed roofs on the east and west elevations, the heavy wood front door, and the wood shingles, which clad the exterior of the building. This house features an exceptionally tall brick chimney of industrial height. The reason for this design is not presently understood—perhaps it relates to the original property owner's ethnic heritage.

A 1-car, frame garage with a front gable roof is situated at the rear of the property. According to the city assessor, this garage was constructed at the same time as the house. As such, it too counts as a contributing resource to the historic district.

This house calls attention to the development of College Heights as a garden suburb in the late 1920s and, as such, contributes to the College Heights Historic District under Criterion A.

This house calls attention, under National Register Criterion B, to the importance of College Heights as a residence for Iowa State personnel. Without a doubt, College Height's most colorful resident was Dr. Julius "Skipper" Larsen, who was at times in his ninety-nine year life a sailor, forest ranger, college professor, artist and poet and all of the above rolled into one swashbuckling, lumber-jacking Yale College graduate, who lived in this building.

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Larsen was born into a seafaring family at Drammen in southern Norway. Following primary school he sailed his father's sloop through Norway's coastal waters, hauling building materials to Oslo. After two years he hit the high seas aboard a square-rigger bound for Canada with English coal, returning with New World timber. On his second voyage the "Birna" heading to Trinidad encountered a fierce storm that nearly propelled him from aloft in the fore-royal sail down into the briny depths. Upon reaching harbor the ship was scuttled and Larson headed to the safety of his sister's home in New Haven, Connecticut.

Speaking only Norwegian, he arrived in the New England at the end of the economic panic of 1893. He found work at an electrotype shop, bicycle factory and the Winchester Arms Company, while managing to learn English and save \$500 that he used to attend academy in Bucksport, Maine. The school that overlooked the wide Penobscot River provided him with a classical education and also a life-long love of trees, water and the outdoorsy life reminiscent of his Norwegian childhood.

After six years at Yale and a master's degree in forestry, he received an appointment to the Blackfeet National Forest in Kalispell, Montana in the fire-ravaged year of 1910. The next year his new bride Jennie arrived from New England and two years later they set up housekeeping with a baby girl at the Forest Experimental Station on the Priest River in northern Idaho, where he carefully monitored the forest. His P.H.D. at Iowa State in 1936 is based on his precise notes from those years.

Hansen arrived in Ames in 1924 as an accomplished silvaculturist. He taught courses and led I.S.U. forestry camps in nursery management, wood technology and forest mapping. His lectures were often intertwined with readings from a naturalist, a transcendental poet or even a few pages from humorist James Thurber. He published over a score of technical articles and kept an office in the Forestry Department for twenty years after his retirement.

Retirement meant returning to watercolor painting that he learned forty-years earlier under Scottish watercolorist and Yale School of Art founder John Ferguson Weir. Hansen painted more than 500 studies of ships, harbors and woodland and Iowa farm scenes, along with some paintings of homes around Ames. His watercolors were exhibited in New York in 1946 and twenty-two years later at the age of ninety, he had 100 works displayed in a one-man show at the ISU Memorial Union Gallery. In 1965 he was accepted into the Iowa Art Guild, a professional artist association founded in 1914 by Charles Atherton Cumming. The Larsens moved to Omaha to live near their daughter, where he died just shy of the century mark in 1977. He lies among his colleagues at the Iowa State Cemetery.

Ask not ease or wealth or wine,
Or woman to adore thee,
But the friendship of the hills,
And the trail before thee.

Julius A. Hansen

(Authored by John P. Zeller)

Major Bibliographical References

See MPD bibliography.

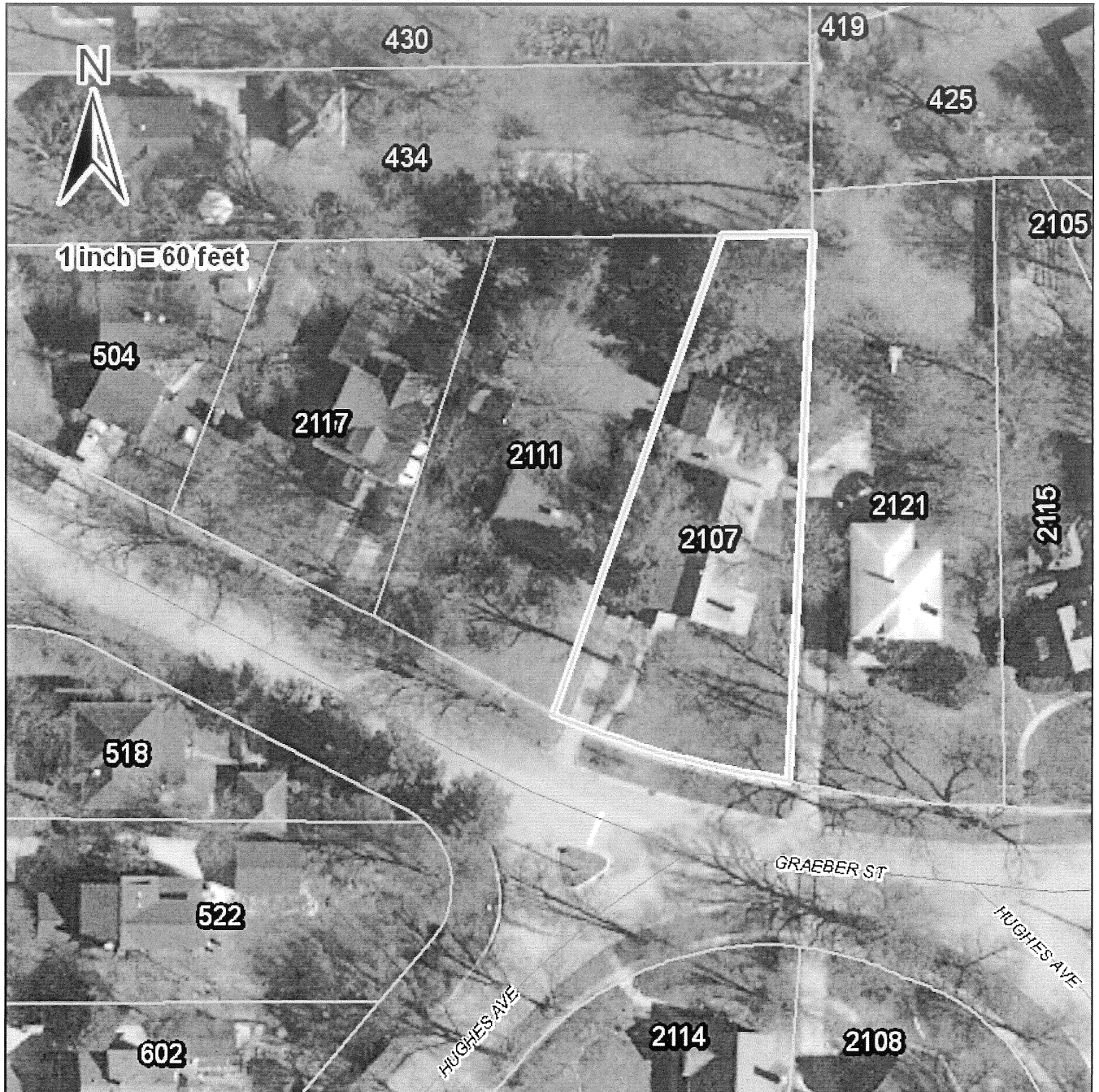
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Looking north.

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Garage looking north.

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 other names/site number HOUSE, PROF. MERVIN S. & FRANCES A. COOVER HOUSE

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<input type="checkbox"/> object	_____ Total	2 _____ Total

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	walls <u>05 METAL (SIDING)</u>
	roof <u>08 ASPHALT</u>
	other <u>02 WOOD</u>

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ARCHITECTURE, EDUCATION

Significant Dates

Construction date
1922 check if circa or estimated date
Other dates
1969

Significant Person

(Complete if National Register Criterion B is marked above)
DR. IRVING E. MELHUS

Architect/Builder

Architect
SLATER, BARNEY
Builder

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STORY

Name of Property

County

2111 GRAEBER STREET

AMES

Address

City

Legal description

COLLEGE HEIGHTS ADD LOT 17 BLK 9

Narrative Description

This is a two-story house clad in metal siding. It rests on a brick and tile foundation and features a two-story main block with a side-gable roof with a slight overhang and a one-story wing to the left with a side-gable roof. The wing to the left features a window system of double-hung windows on the street façade. The main block of the house features, from left to right on the first story, the front entry door, which is covered by a front-gable overhang with double pillars supporting it, a system of four double-hung (1/1 panel configuration) windows and a larger double-hung (1/1 panel configuration) window. The second story façade features three pairs of double-hung (6/6 panel configuration) windows. Each of the second-story fenestrations is located directly above the first level fenestrations. There is a detached one-car, one-bay garage located to the left behind the house. It features a front-gable roof and the same metal siding as the house. A brick chimney with two chimney pots can be seen in the middle of the side-gable roof ridge.

Narrative Statement of Significance

This house is National Register eligible, under Criterion C, because of its architectural design. The building calls attention to Neo-Colonial Revival styling in College Heights. Key elements include its side-gable roof, 6/6 double-hung sash, and, most notably, the portico at the front entrance. The house at 2014 Kildee Street is similar in design. The city assessor dates the construction of this house and garage to 1919, but must be incorrect since a building permit for the house was issued in 1922.

Dr. Irving E. & Elizabeth Melhus purchased this property in 1922 and erected the present house upon it thereafter. The couple lived at this address until 1925. They subsequently built the house at 407 Pearson Avenue in College Heights. The construction of this house on the western edge of College Heights calls attention to the early development of the neighborhood, when construction tended to occur on its fringes. As such, the house contributes to the historic district, under National Register Criterion A.

The Melhus-Coover House contributes to the College Heights Historic District, under National Register Criterion B, because of its association with these two families and College Heights' significance for education in its relationship to Iowa State and that institution's development.

Born in 1881, Dr. Irving Melhus never forgot his humble origins on an Illinois farm as a son of poor, hard-working Norwegian immigrants. As a plant pathologist at Iowa State he dedicated his professional life to helping the rural poor of underdeveloped countries find solutions to Third World hunger. He helped pave the way for the "Green Revolution," as furthered by Iowa State's Norman Borlaug.

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HOUSE, DR. IRVING E. & ELIZBETH MELHUS,

STORY

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Dr. Melhus graduated from Iowa State in 1906 and returned to the school in 1916 as the first Experimental Station plant pathologist in 1916. Later he was elected head of the botany department in 1930 where he continued his research on root pathogens in corn. This research led him to lead a 1944 Iowa State expedition to Guatemala, where most of the New World's crops of corn, tomatoes, potatoes and beans originated. This research led to more than twenty scientific papers and the acquisition of 300 strains of corn that were brought to the school for study.

In 1946 he was co-founder of the Iowa State University Guatemala Research Center at Antigua, along with his colleague Dr. George Goodwin of the University of Oklahoma. The center, funded by an annual \$15,000 aid-in-grant from Earl May of the May Seed Company of Shenandoah, Iowa, was the first foreign research facility by an American university to operate independently of the U.S. Government.

In appreciation for his success in doubling production of corn in the Guatemalan highlands, Dr. Melhus was named "Honorario de la Universidad de San Carlo" by the school, established in 1639 and one of oldest places of higher learning in the Americas. Professor Melhus died in Ames in 1969 and is buried in the Ellsworth cemetery. (Authored by John P. Zeller)

Dr. Mervin S. Coover and Frances A. Coover bought 2111 Graeber Street in 1936. Beginning in 1935, Dr. Mervin S. Coover headed the Department of Electrical Engineering at Iowa State. He had considerable experience working in the private sector in his field. The Coovers' purchase of this house in College Heights lent added luster to Dr. Coover's position at Iowa State and, in turn, to that of the neighborhood.

The present owners of the property supplied the following outline of ownership:

We are Liz and John Verhoeven at 2111 Graeber St, who attended your meeting last night. Our lot is the third one in from Ash on the north side of Graeber. It is listed as Lot 17 in Blk. 9 in College Heights Add. on our Abstract. Here is the main info. we find in the abstract:

I have attached the 1913 subdivision map in the Abstract and you will see that it differs from your map regarding the back boundaries of the lots facing each other on Pearson and Ash. The old map shows all the Ash lots going back to the same north-south line. I wonder if the lot owners of some of the Ash lots sold off the back end of their lots to the Ash lot owners?

Following is a list of some of the more important entries on lot 17:

June 10, 1915: R.F. Graeber and wife Jennie M. to G.H. Scheman

March 11, 1922: Carl Henry Schemann and wife Ethel Palmer to I. E. Melhus

April 1, 1924: I.E. Melhus and wife Elizabeth to Ames Building and Loan, \$1500 mortgage.

Dec. 27, 1924 I.E. Melhus and wife Elizabeth to Prudential Insur., \$5000 mortgage

July 20, 1925: I.E. Melhus and wife Eliz. to T. N. Metcalf, warranty deed \$10250.

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April 23, 1936: T.N. Metcalf and Helen W. to M.S. Coover and Frances A., Land Contract \$ 7000.

Nov. 10, 1950 and Nov. 1, 1966 These 2 entries involve an adjustment of the lot line at the west boundary of lot 17 with the neighboring lot 18 owned by J.V. McKelvey. It involved a rotation of the boundary by 4 feet at the northwest corner of lot 17, swinging the line back whatever needed at the southwest corner. When we bought the house in 1967 Merve Coover told us this was done to remove a corner of McKelvey's garage from lot 17. From the abstract, which I find hard to read, it looks like the northwest corner was moved toward lot 17 in 1950 and then moved back toward lot 18 in 1966, just before Coover sold us the property in 1967.

August 15, 1967: M.S. Coover and Frances A. to John D. Verhoeven and Elizabeth A., Contract \$26500.

I cannot tell from the abstract when the house was first built. We have been told it was built by Melhus. The abstract indicates he got the lot in 1922 and perhaps built the house in 1924 when he took the \$1500 mortgage. The Ames City web page shows the house being built in 1919, but that is not supported by our abstract. We do know that Melhus built a house over on Pearson (at 407) that is nearly a clone of our house. So I am guessing he might have been a builder, acquired our lot in 1922 and built the house in 1924.

So, it looks like their have been 4 owners, Melhus, 192? to 1925, Metcalf, 1925 to 1936, Coover 1936 to 1967, Verhoeven 1967 to present 2009.

We built an addition to the house in 1969. It is a 2 story addition on the back left side which adds a kitchen on first floor and a bedroom above it converting the old kitchen into a laundry/cupboard area and an old small bedroom into the second full bath. In 1971 we enclosed the open side porches on the east side with window and heating. The 1969 addition was designed by Barney Slater and we have complete prints of the house plus addition in a file.

Hope this is useful. Let us know if we can be of further help.

John and Liz Verhoeven

This property calls attention to building lots originally purchased in College Heights as investments. As noted above, Carl H. and Ethel P. Schemann owned Lot 17 in Block 9 as an unimproved property until 1922, when they sold it to I. E. and Elizabeth Melhus. The new owners subsequently erected a house upon the site.

Major Bibliographical References

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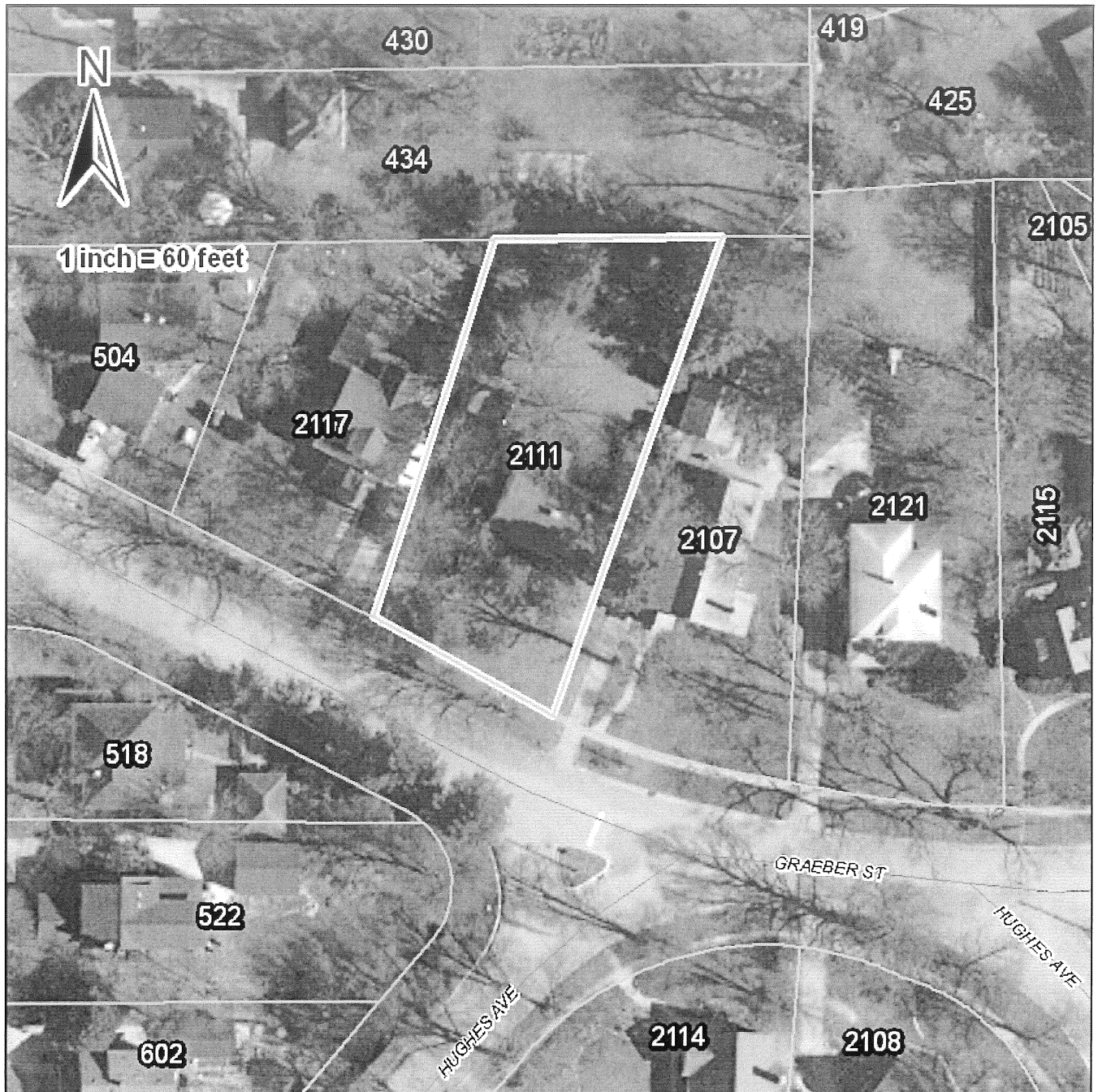
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Looking north.

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Garage looking north.

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 _____ objects
 _____ Total

1 buildings
 _____ sites
1 structures
 _____ objects
2 Total

Name of related project report or multiple property study (Enter "N/A" if the property is not part of a multiple property examination).

Title
"College Heights, Ames, Iowa, MPD"

Historical Architectural Data Base Number
85-025

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

01A DOMESTIC-SINGLE DWELLING

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01C05 GARAGE

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7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

07E BUNGALOW/CRAFTSMAN

foundation 03-16 BRICK/CLAY TILE

walls 06 STUCCO

roof 08 ASPHALT

other 02 WOOD

Narrative Description (SEE CONTINUATION SHEETS, WHICH MUST BE COMPLETED)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" representing your opinion of eligibility after applying relevant National Register criteria)

- Yes No More Research Recommended
- Yes No More Research Recommended
- Yes No More Research Recommended
- Yes No More Research Recommended

- A Property is associated with significant events.
- B Property is associated with the lives of significant persons.
- C Property has distinctive architectural characteristics.
- D Property yields significant information in archaeology or history.

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Criteria Considerations

- A Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B Removed from its original location.
- C A birthplace or grave.
- D A cemetery.
- E A reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F A commemorative property.
- G Less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

COMMUNITY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

ARCHITECTURE, EDUCATION

Significant Dates

Construction date

1928 check if circa or estimated date

Other dates

1929

Significant Person

(Complete if National Register Criterion B is marked above)

PROF. J. V. McKELVEY

Architect/Builder

Architect

Builder

McKELVEY, J. V.

Narrative Statement of Significance (SEE CONTINUATION SHEETS, WHICH MUST BE COMPLETED)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography See continuation sheet for citations of the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form

10. Geographic Data

UTM References (OPTIONAL)

Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
1	_____	_____	2	_____	_____
3	_____	_____	4	_____	_____

See continuation sheet for additional UTM references or comments

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ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION (Submit the following items with the completed form)

FOR ALL PROPERTIES

- Map:** showing the property's location in a town/city or township.
- Site plan:** showing position of buildings and structures on the site in relation to public road(s).
- Photographs:** representative black and white photos. If the photos are taken as part of a survey for which the Society is to be curator of the negatives or color slides, a photo/catalog sheet needs to be included with the negatives/slides and the following needs to be provided below on this particular inventory site:

Roll/slide sheet # _____	Frame/slot # _____	Date Taken _____
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See continuation sheet or attached *photo & slide catalog sheet* for list of photo roll or slide entries.

Photos/illustrations without negatives are also in this site inventory file.

FOR CERTAIN KINDS OF PROPERTIES, INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING AS WELL

- Farmstead & District:** (List of structures and buildings, known or estimated year built, and contributing or non-contributing status)
- Barn:**
 - A sketch of the frame/truss configuration in the form of drawing a typical middle bent of the barn.
 - A photograph of the loft showing the frame configuration along one side.
 - A sketch floor plan of the interior space arrangements along with the barn's exterior dimensions in feet.

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Concur with above survey opinion on National Register eligibility: Yes No More Research Recommended

This is a locally designated property or part of a locally designated district.

Comments: _____

Evaluated by (name/title): _____ Date: _____

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STORY

Name of Property

County

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AMES

Address

City

Legal description

COLLEGE HEIGHTS ADD LOT 18 BLK 9

Narrative Description

This is a 2.5-story house clad in stucco. It rests on a brick and tile foundation and features a side-gable roof over the second level of the house and a centered gable roof over the main entry door and porch on the first level. The first story of the house features a pair of double-hung windows (3/1 panel configuration) on either side of a front entry brick porch. As stated before, this entry is covered by a front-gable roof and is open to the outside with two brick pillars supporting it. A half, side-gable roof sits under the belt course at the top of the first story. The second story façade of the house features, from left to right, a pair of double-hung (3/1 panel configuration) windows, a small three-panel square window above the front entry porch, and another pair of double-hung (3/1 panel configuration) windows. A front-gabled roof dormer protrudes from the top side-gable roof and features three double-hung (3/1 panel configuration) windows, the middle window being slightly taller than the side windows. A brick chimney sits along the left side of the house and intersects the top side-gable roof at the left. There is a detached one-car, one-bay garage located behind the house. From the street, one can see the garage features two double-hung windows along with a front-gable roof and the same stucco exterior.

Narrative Statement of Significance

This house is National Register eligible, under Criterion C, because of its architecture. The building calls attention to the influence of Craftsman styling on its design. Key elements of this influence include the steeply pitched roof, wide eaves, front gable front porch supported by brick columns, use of stucco as cladding material, 3/1 double-hung sash, and shed windows supported by heavy braces over the front facade windows on the first floor. This is a large, well-maintained house and one of the most impressive Craftsman designs in College Heights. The City of Ames issued a building permit for a garage at this property on June 28, 1929. It, too, is counted as a contributing resource for the historic district.

The J. V. McKelvey House contributes to the College Heights Historic District, under National Register Criterion B, because of Dr. McKelvey's relationship to Iowa State, that institution's importance as an educational institution, and College Heights as a residence for many of its faculty. Dr. McKelvey was a mathematician and author of *Calculus*. Copyrighted in 1937, this publication served as a first course textbook in calculus and was widely used throughout the nation.

This house contributes to the College Heights Historic District, under National Register Criterion A. The construction of this house on the western edge of College Heights calls attention to the early development of the neighborhood, when construction tended to occur on its western fringe.

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Abstract Brief

Major Bibliographical References

See MPD bibliography.

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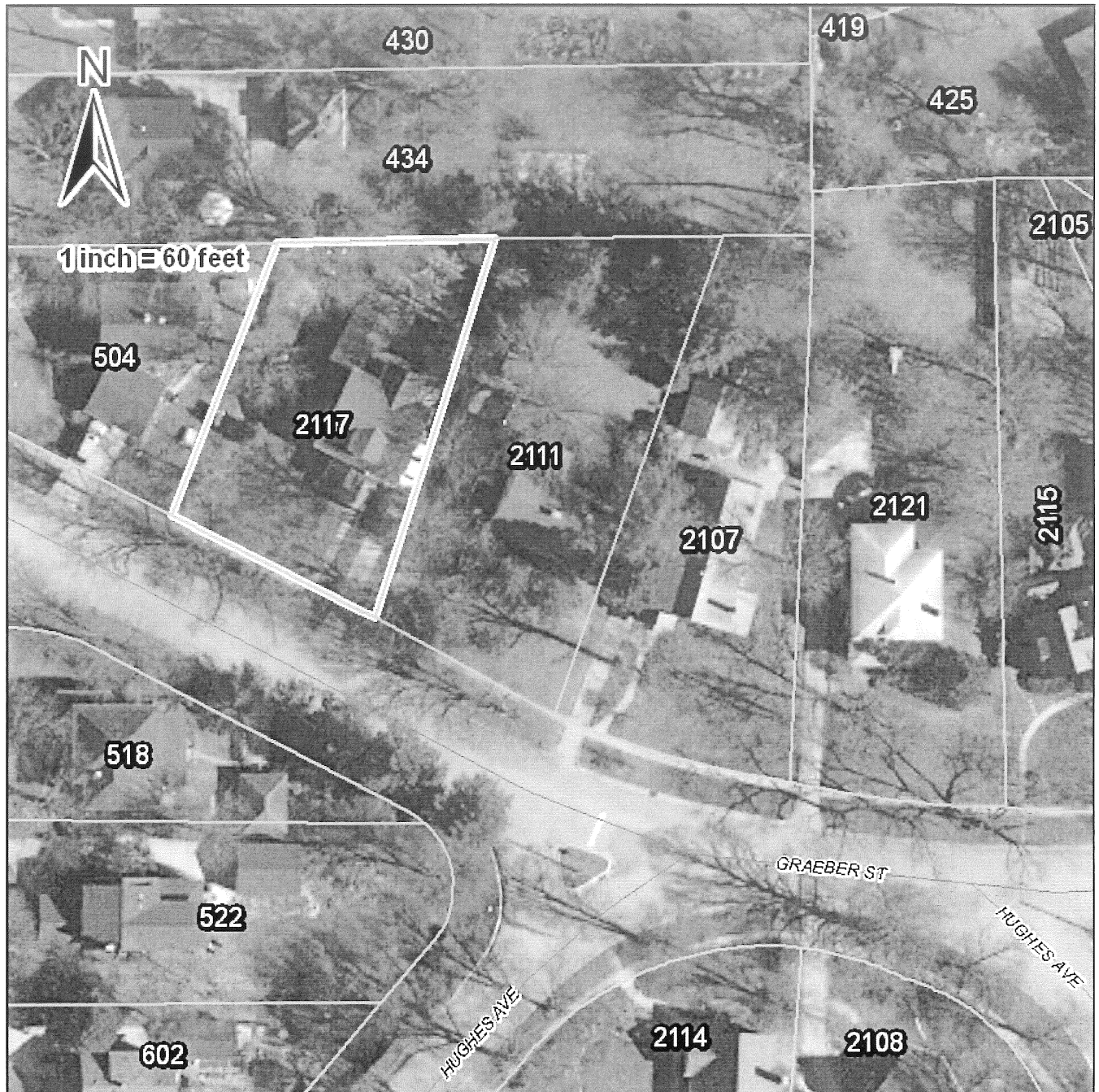
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Looking north.

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Garage looking north.