

ROCK ISLAND PRESERVATION COMMISSION

NOMINATION FOR
LANDMARK DESIGNATIONCase # 87-5 Date 6/1/87 Time 9:30 A.M.Common Street Address of Property: 3004 - 10th Ave.Name and Address of Property Owner: Suzan Rowley
3004 - 10th Ave, Rock Island, IL

Please attach a simple statement setting forth the reasons for requesting designation. Please refer to the criteria listed on the reverse side. (These are excerpted from the Rock Island Preservation Ordinance.)

Name(s) and Address(es) of Applicant(s):

Grace Eastland
Signature

Grace Eastland
Name

3114 - 25th Ave. R.I.
Address

786-7023
Telephone

1. Legal description of property (available from abstract or County Recorder of Deeds office).
2. Map indicating location of property proposed for designation (assistance available from Planning Division).
3. Recent photograph (copies of old photographs or drawings may also be included).
4. Indicate whether or not the owner is aware of the proposed designation.

(3) The house is an example of Italianate architecture, and is a one story brick, probably built from brick manufactured at the brickyard listed above (2). The house has exterior walls about 8" thick, windows 7' high, with 12 panes in each, most of which are still the old wavy glass. There was originally a dirt basement with 22" thick stone walls.

1. Legal description of property.
 - Rock Island Township 5469A
 - The North 135 Feet of outlot 62
 - of the South West East Quarter of Sec. 36
 - Twp 18 North Range 2 West of the 4th Principle Meridian

2. Maps. 1851 Map of the Cities of Rock Island & Davenport
 C.H. Stoddard. (portion)#1
 Map of area around Augustana college, red arrow indicates
 the lot. #2
 Huebinger's Street Map of Rock Island 1913 (portion) red
 x indicates property. #3

3. 2 photographs of the house taken last summer. Both taken from
 10th Ave. looking South.
 Newspaper picture that appeared in the Rock Island Argus,
 Sunday June 10, 1984, announcing the project headed by Dr.
 Norm Moline, by Augustana students, to survey Rock Island
 for information on architectural forms of buildings in Rock
 Island neighbourhoods which have Historical value, for use
 of the then newly formed Preservation Committee.

4. The owner, Suzan Rowley is aware of this application.

Requirements for Landmark Designation:

- (1) One of the three of four remaining houses of the period
 of the 1850's on a hill location Rock Island.
- (2) Built by Christopher Atkinson, listing in 1858-59 City
 Directory:pg 2
 Atkinson, Christopher, Brick Manufacturer, Lee(30th)
 near Country Road, h same.
 1856 City Directory; Atkinson, Christopher, of A & Reynolds
 h, bluff road, near grave yard, (we can't find the grave
 yard)
 1956 City Directory: Atkinson & Reynolds, brick makers &
 builders, bluff road nr eastern city limits.
- (3) The home is an example of Italianate Architecture, and is
 a one story brick, probably built from brick manufactured
 at the brickyard listed above (2). The home has exterior
 walls about 8" thick, windows 7' high, with 12 panes in
 each, most of which are still the old wavy glass. There
 was originally a dirt basement with 23" thick stone walls,

87 still in good condition. There is a dug-out still in the basement under the South bedroom which has a tree stump in it. In the dug-out there is also evidence of a large fireplace perhaps a cooking fireplace. In the attic there is also evidence of the same fireplace above the South bedroom, as well as evidence of four additional chimneys. The attic shows the beam construction with soffit supports attached to main beams with pegs, 3" square nails were usee in the construction.

- (4) Christopher Atkinson was a contractor and was credited for building the first High School in Rock Island in 1858, which was torched just before the school system took over occupancy, July 4th 1858. His firm also built the first M.E. church in Rock Island, the Buford Block, Christy's Cracker Factory, The Rock Island Lumber Co.'s Sash Factory, Rock Island Plow Works, and the Rock Island Water Works. They also built the residences of P.L Mitchell, Dr. Galt, and many others, including the brick pillars on the Buford Mansion on 7th Ave. The firm is also credited for laying the first brick streets in Rock Island.
- (5) The house is in a very prominent location, at the top of 30th Street hill, on a high terraced corner lot at 10th Ave., adjacent to the Augustana College hill properties.

The research for this material was done at the Rock Island County Historical Library, and the Rock Island Public Library, information also gathered from the abstract for the property held by Suzan Rowley. In addition, there is a very clear sketch of the house on a map of the city of Rock Island done in color in (A-190).



Barracks

ROCK

ISLAND

ARSENAL

Molene Water Power Test Base

B. & O. R. R. GROUNDS

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Ferry Landing

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MAIN AVE

SOUTH AVE

CHICK ISLAND DOCK WORKS

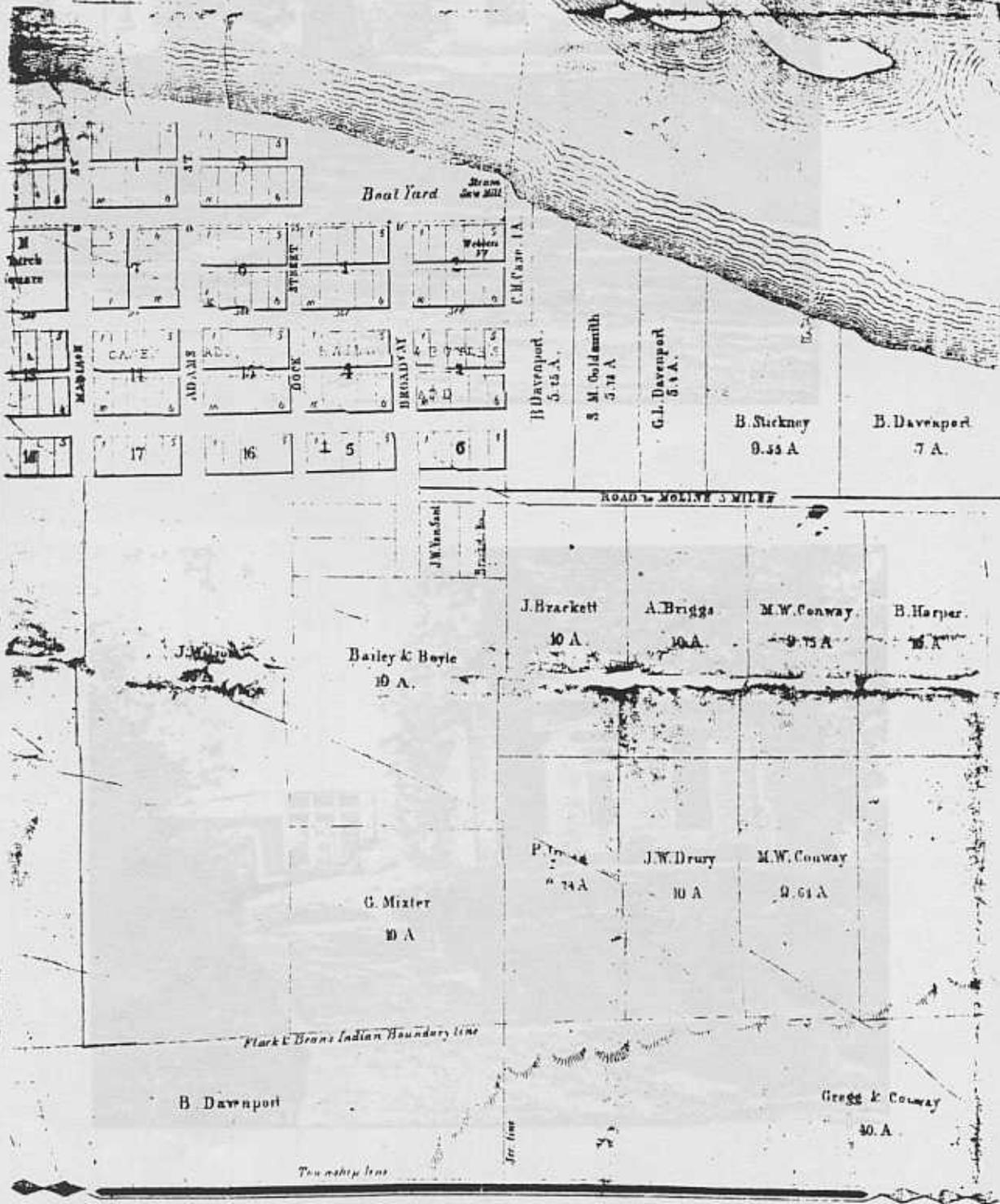
CLUB & O. DEPOT

WEST DEPOT

CLUB & O. DEPOT

1851 MAP BY
C.H. S. 50 A.C.S.

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Quad-Cities

Augustana students survey Rock Island

By Kevin Beese
Argus staff writer

Rock Island is putting the words "usage" and "preservation" together in a project that will hopefully be quite beneficial to the city and its residents.

The city is tapping the resources of Augustana College by using three of its students to survey Rock Island for information that will be of priceless use to the community's newly formed Preservation Committee.

EARLIER THIS WEEK, three Augustana students began surveying the 18,000 building within the city limits, according to faculty supervisor Dr. Norm Moline, chairman of the Augustana geography department.

The students are filling out architectural resources inventory forms to discover which buildings and neighborhoods within the city have the greatest historical value. The survey, which is scheduled to be completed by mid-August, will be used by the Preservation Committee in helping to determine which residences and neighborhoods should receive landmark labeling.

ON THE SURVEY the students cover all aspects of the exterior of the city's buildings — from their stylistic category to the types of roofs on the structures to the condition the buildings are currently in.

The three students working under the supervision of Moline and Mary Kirm, chairman of the art department, are Scott Cravens, a senior from South Elgin who is majoring in business administration and geography, Tim Teddy, a 1982 Augustana graduate

from Arlington Heights who is currently a graduate student at the University of Illinois majoring in historical geography and Michelle Morrissey, a junior from North Chicago who is majoring in art history and public administration.

THE SURVEY WILL be financed by a \$10,000 state grant. The money will be received by the city and given to the Augustana Research Foundation to finance the survey for the city.

Moline said that the building inventory has been on the city's mind for quite some time. When Planning Administrator Alan Carman learned of the funds available for such a program, the city and the Augustana Research Foundation both said "go for it."

One thousand total hours will be spent by the three students in surveying the city. Moline said that the students are working individually and cranking out about eight surveys per hour, "which is a very fast pace for surveying."

"HOMES THAT were built after 1940 we simply do a windshield check, which is simply driving by and noting minor details about the residence," Moline said. "Post-1940 homes number about 9,000 in the city of Rock Island."

The other 9,000 buildings in the city will receive more detailed surveying, which is vital to the Preservation Committee's needs.

Moline stated that once a week, he will meet with the students and they will all do a few houses together to make sure that they are calling details by the same name. "This is a sort of quality control check," Moline said.

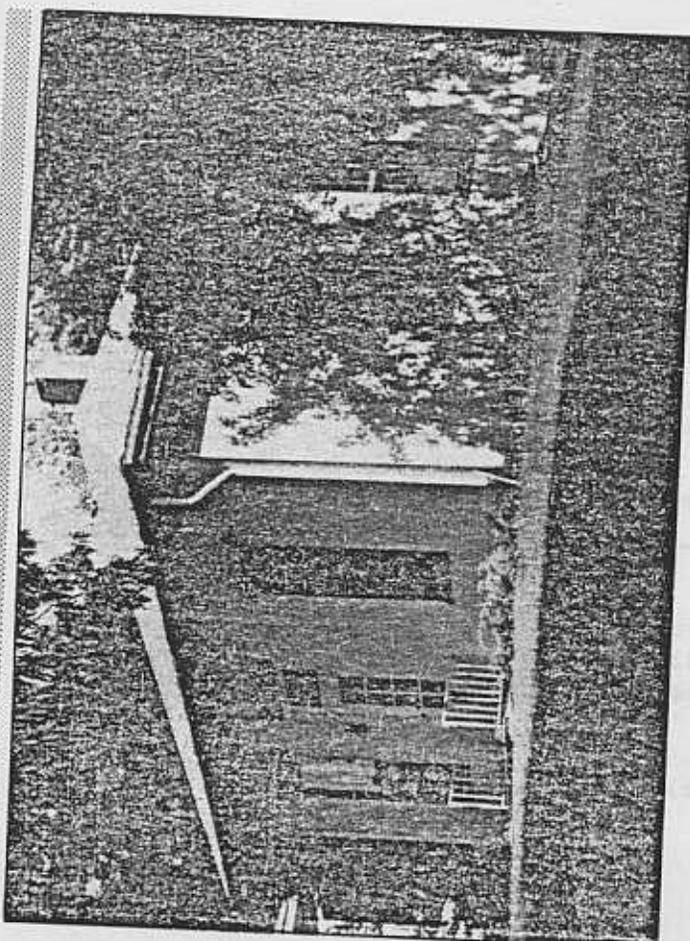
The Augustana professor hopes

that the survey will bring some good data forward that can be used by the historical preservation committee. "This is a good first start. I optimistically see this branching off into a continuing project between the city and Augustana, but we'll have to take things one step at a time," Moline said.

He also hopes that a publication of the findings can be released for sale to the public after the survey is completed.

CARMEN SAID THAT the city has had to wait almost a year before putting the plan with Augustana into action as it waited for the grant to be processed.

The planning administrator added that the information gained from the survey will be stored on city computers for easy reference by the preservation committee while studying areas to be designated as landmarks.



The Argus/Jay Bryant

On the list

This white brick house, located at 10th Avenue and 30th Street, Rock Island, is thought to have been constructed during the 1850s. It is one of the residences that will receive detailed attention from Augustana students who are surveying the entire city of Rock Island and describing all of its 18,000 buildings.