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7. Narrative Description:

Additional Construction Materials:

Foundations: concrete, tile Walls: shingle, aluminum, stucco

Additional Categories For Architectural Classification:

Late 19th and 20th Century Revivals: Colonial Revival/Tudor Revival Late 19th and 20th Century American Movements: Prairie School/Craftsman Other/Vernacular/pyramid hip cottage/cross-plan Other/Minimal Traditional

Additional Builders:

Clement C. Barnes, Witmer & Kauffman

The Middlesex Plat Historic District contains an upper-middle class intermixing of square two story houses and bungalows which date from the years 1910-1923. These houses and cottages represent the intermixing of these two types during the years which preceded the First World War. Both types consist of earlier design versions which represent the flowering of both types during this time period. The intermixture of the types attests to the design inter-dependency of the bungalow and square house in Des Moines. The two types rarely are exclusively present in a development.

Physical Description:

The district topography consists of a combination of gently rolling or undulating land. The highpoint is at the northwest corner at Center and 35th streets. From that point a broad flattened ridge runs southeast. One branch peaks on 33rd Street south of Pleasant Street fairly level and descending. The northern part of the ridge flattens out between 33rd and 32nd streets north of Pleasant Street. There are low points at Center and 33rd streets, and at Pleasant and 33rd streets. 31st Street follows down the edge of another ridge to the east and each street ascends steeply as it approaches 31st Street. Generally all of the north/south streets ascend gradually as they proceed northward. The east/west streets rise more abruptly as they approach either 35th or 31st streets. The low point is at 32nd Street and Woodland Avenue.

Because the land descends generally from west to east, higher terraces front the properties along the west sides of each north/south streets and along the north side of Woodland Avenue

The Plat:

Middlesex Plat is defined by 31st (east boundary) and 35th (west boundary) streets, Woodland (south boundary) and Center (north boundary) avenues. The plat consists of long north-south running blocks. Thirty First Street is level to a point just south of Pleasant Street Pleasant Street drops fast for two blocks west of 31st Street. The plat consists of eight rectangular residential blocks which orient north/south.

Each of the eight blocks is 660 feet in length but the widths vary from between 243 and 280 feet. Within most of the blocks west-facing lots are longer than are their east-facing counterparts. Lot widths are irregular on some blocks and are a standard 60 feet on others. Numerous 40' and 50' wide lots are intermixed. Every block also contains at least one corner or

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end block range of smaller squarish lots. The dominant 60' width is atypical of Des Moines plats of this period and the resulting architecture is nicely spaced out on some block fronts.

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The blocks had no alleys so garages, which were largely an afterthought to original house construction, were squeezed into the side or backyards.

The streets within the district are of varied width. Woodland Avenue is just 50 feet wide. Originally Woodland Avenue narrowed to just 35 feet west of 32nd Street and 25 feet between 34th and 35th streets. It has been straightened and widened. The other streets are 60 feet wide save for 32nd and 34th streets which are just 40 feet in width. The major north/south arterials within the district are 31st and 35th streets. Historically these were important routes and their interstate highway access increases this role. Thirty-first Street was originally fairly narrow, measuring just 55 feet in width. It narrowed south of Woodland Avenue. Thirty-fifth Street was the broadest thoroughfare, measuring 70 feet in width.

While the historic district is principally located in the Middlesex Plat, nine additional properties are included from Garver's Place Plat and Hortendale Plat, both plats being located immediately south. These front northward along Woodland Avenue and are associated with the plat to the north due to their orientation and building period and type.

Middlesex is somewhat isolated inasmuch as several of its north/south streets terminate at the district's edge. Woodland Avenue as noted, was not laid out to accommodate east/west traffic given its jogs and varied widths. The south edge of the district can be accessed only via 31st, 35th or 34th streets. The latter street continues south beyond Woodland Avenue to Ingersoll Avenue but it is shifted half a block east from where 34th Street continues north. Woodland Avenue is the southward termination point for 32nd and 33rd streets. Similarly 32nd and 34th streets terminate at Center Street on the north. Ingersoll Avenue, a block south from the district, has served as a commercial arterial and it began as a streetcar/interurban line that linked Valley Junction with Des Moines. Today, Interstate I-235 runs east/west just a block north of Center Street. The Interstate can be crossed or entered at 31st and 35th streets. The interstate further obstructs ready access to the district which is as noted somewhat isolated from surrounding plats.

The 1920 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map (see below) identifies the plat as "Middlesex Plat #2" to the blocks lying east of 34th Street. Legal descriptions sustain the presence of two sequential plats but the county transfer books make no distinction. The same source assigns block numbers but these are apparently unrelated to the plat given that the numbers do not correlate with the eight blocks of the plat. The plat uses lot and not block numbers in its legal descriptions.

Property Types:

The district housing consists of a blending of primarily bungalows and square houses. A total of 293 properties comprise the district. This includes 187 residences; just nine of these are non-contributing to the district due to their more recent construction or alteration. There are 106 detached garages in the district, 62 of which are contributing properties. The Middlesex Plat is counted as a contributing site.

The three subtypes of square houses (84 properties) outnumber the bungalows in the district two to one. There are 18 properties which are neither square house plans nor bungalows.

Section F of the multiple property documents defines the bungalow and square house property types and the same subtype categories are employed in this district nomination. The same document defines the district property type. This district meets the criteria of that property type because it is residential in its makeup, it is comprised of detached single family houses and the square house and bungalow types, and in this case it comprises a large part of the same residential plat.

The district's historical significance is based upon the collective and strongly concentrated assemblage of bungalow cottages and square houses. The descriptive analysis of particular cottage and house subtypes is intended to describe this collective grouping. The particular mix of subtypes is illustrative of the early range of cottage and house type plans which

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typified pre-World War I residential construction in Des Moines. The district examples elaborate upon the multiple property documentation form's general typology but do not individually support the district significance.

Square Houses:

The square houses clearly sought out the lower realms of the Middlesex plat and just one example is to be found north of Pleasant Street, the east/west center line of the district. Two concentrations are to be found, on both sides of the center of 26th between Pleasant and Woodland streets. There are just nine hip roof foursquare examples. Front gable square plans number 42 properties while side gables total 33 properties.

Subtype III-A (hip roof/ "foursquare"): There are nine examples of this subtype in the district. All but two of these examples pre-date 1911. Two others date to 1916. Three examples are very early, pre-dating 1906. Their presence here contrasts with their absence from the Woodland Place Historic District, which is also being nominated as a part of this multiple property document. The latter area, located just a quarter of a mile due east, began its development c.1910-11 and for whatever reason, no foursquares appeared there. The nine foursquares, despite their shared form and particularly roof form, are varied in their room makeup and in their dimensions. Only two have the expected four bedrooms, a measure of a four over four room plan. The others have three bedrooms. Six of nine plans have seven to eight rooms however. Three houses measure 24'x26' and two measure a true square 28'x28'. The 28-foot width does predominate in six of the examples however. The variance from a true square footprint is usually two to four feet of depth over width, but one example has a six-foot difference. There is no commonality in terms of square footage, the range being from 624 square feet for a ground level six-room plan to 880 square feet in an eight-room plan.



676 32nd Street, Foursquare with solarium

The property at 676 32nd (1911) represents an alternative to the expected full-width front porch. The plan also successfully added a two-story solarium, no easy task with the hip roof form. This example measures 24'x26" and contains eight rooms (three bedrooms).

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714 32nd Street, Foursquare with flared eaves

The property at 714 32nd Street (1910) is more representative of the basic foursquare. The façade looks wider than it is and the footprint is a true square, 28'x28'. It contains seven rooms and three bedrooms. The seven room count likely is due to a linkage of two main floor rooms into a single living room that occupies half of the downstairs.

Subtype III-B (side gable roof): There are 32 examples of this subtype in the district. Four examples pre-date 1909 with two of these dating to 1906. The peak year of construction was 1910 with seven homes. Otherwise this subtype was constructed constantly, with two to three starts each year between 1906 and 1919. The last four examples date to 1919-25.

Unlike the hip and gable roof square plans, this subset frequently presents a façade that is broader that it is deep. Nineteen plans have this characteristic. Commonly the variance is just one or two feet, although it can be as great as six feet. There is one truly square plan (660 31st, 1910, 28'x28'). A 28 foot wide frontage is the most common with 10 examples but the range is from 24' to 35'. The later examples, after 1918, are larger in breadth and depth and contain up to nine or 10 rooms. This subtype also lends itself to the inclusion of fireplaces and 13 plans have them. Fourteen of the houses have brick foundation walls; the others are of concrete or concrete block. Seventeen examples contain eight or more rooms and the same number have four or more bedrooms. The others with just one exception have three bedrooms.



693 31st Street (1911)

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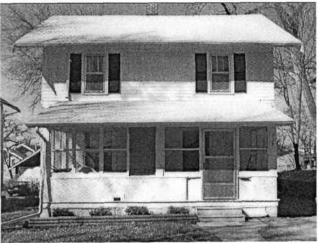
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The property at 693 31st Street, shown above, presents a stuccoed expression of the Craftsman Style. The side gable square is less likely to utilize a full-width front porch as is the case here. The subtype commonly emphasizes horizontal elements. In this example this includes the window band effect, the broadly projecting eaves, and the roofline.



693 34th Street (1910)

The above example is unusual in the use of an eyebrow shed roof dormer as a design accent.



728 31st Street (1914)

The example shown above depicts the very basic form of this subtype. Commonly a shed roof form parallels the gable roof form on the main house.

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3317 Woodland Avenue (1918)

The rise of the automobile in public esteem is reflected in the incorporation of a tuck-under basement garage into this plan. The core is quite square but in this instance a two-story solarium wing has been set flush with the façade and gives the impression of a broader plan. The alternating bands of materials, the high foundation, window bands, and the broad projecting roof eaves combine to produce a strong horizontal feeling to this plan. This is accomplished despite the high terrace placement of the house. Note the interlocked shingles on the upper story.

Subtype III-C (front gable roof): This subtype is very well represented in the district with 43 example properties. These houses were built in two distinct phases. Fifteen were built between 1910-11 and 13 were built between 1914-16. Six pre-date 1909 but just three date to 1917-18. The last example dates to 1923. As is the case with the hip square/foursquare, plan dimensions vary with widths ranging from 22' to 26'. By 1910 two standard sizes emerge with three examples of each being present. These measure 24'x26' and 26'x28'. By 1911 the 24'x28' accounts for four of eight examples. Five of six 1915 examples have this measurement. Four 1911 houses (682, 713 32nd Street, 647 34th Street and 751 33rd Street) have identical square footage figures, room counts and overall dimensions (24'x28'). 713 32nd Street and 647 34th Street are known to have been built by builders Tillia & Swigert. It is probable that all four were and that a standard plan was being used. Two of the plans



647 34th Street (1911)

employs full-width front porches while two offered alternatives. 713 32nd uses a jerkinhead roof treatment and a small gable portico entryway while 682 32nd has a wrap-around porch that is offset on the front.

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The 1920s examples, 675 34th Street (1923) and 646 31st Street (1929), both have a larger footprint, measuring 26'x34' and 33'x30' respectively.



679 35th Street (1915)

The property at 679 35th Street, shown above, illustrates the highly decorative treatments that are commonly associated with this subtype. This house is an excellent and elaborate example of the Craftsman Style. Note the exposed rafter ends and purlins, the bracketted shed roof awning above the second story windows, and the massive horizontal feel of the porch that contrasts with the gable front.

Foundations are commonly of poured concrete although a number are of brick. There is just one tile basement example (1915). This subtype does not lend itself to fireplaces, despite the large number of fireplaces in district houses. Just two properties have them.

Front Gable/Hip Bungalows:

Subtype I-A (front gable with recessed full-width front porch): There are just three late-date examples of this bungalow subtype in the district. The property at 651 33rd Street was built in 1918. It measures 24'x42' and its porch extends beyond the façade. The property at 680 34th Street was built in 1921 and measures 24'x40'. The property at 675 34th, shown below, is illustrative of the subtype. Its late construction date (1923) is reflected in the Colonial Style bracketted portico which is set above the entryway. This plan measures 26'x34'. Each of these plans contains five rooms, two of which are bedrooms. Two of the three have brick foundations.

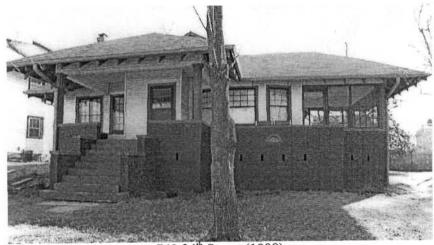
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I-A Subtype: 675 34th Street (1923)

Subtype I-B (hip roof of I-A substitutes for the gable roof form) is represented by just one very unusual and elaborate bungalow example, 740 34th Street, which is pictured below. This design varies from the subtype by the use of a less-than full-width front porch, as well as a combination north and south hip roof cross wing. Contrary to bungalow logic, this design employs a very high foundation.



740 34th Street (1908)

Subtype I-D (combines a gable front with an offset front wing with a roof that is partly a continuation of the main roof plane): There are 23 examples of this subtype in the district. Clearly this subtype dominated later bungalow construction in the district, with just three examples pre-dating 1914 and 15 post-dating 1918. This is quite late for this district. Three or four bungalows were built each year in 1917-19, and 1922 and two were built annually in 1920 and 1923. Smaller plans are predominant with 15 examples of four or five-room plans. Just seven examples contain three or four bedrooms. Just over half of the bungalows measure 24'-26' in width.

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710 31st Street (1919)

The property at 710 31st Street, depicted above, is a more typical example of the projecting front offset porch that shares one of its roof planes with the master core roof plane. This design is particularly broad and there is a very strong effort to lower the roof pitch and thereby emphasize the horizontal Builder J. C. Strasser built this bungalow for \$3,500. It was originally stuccoed.



3202 Woodland Avenue (1922)

The property at 3202 Woodland Avenue, shown above, varies from the subtype by presenting twin flanking gables in addition to the main gable front. Each of these shares the main roof plane. The right-hand wing contains a solarium and this is representative of later bungalows wherein the full porch was split, and a glassed "four season" solarium was substituted for the insect-ridden open air. This design emphasizes a low horizontal profile with the complex low gable fronts, the window bands and the porch parapet lines.

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721 34th Street (1912?)

The example shown above illustrates the intermixing of cottage and bungalow design, a fact that might justify the early construction date. The attic lights are a cottage feature and normally disqualify a plan from being called a bungalow. This plan reads as being more than a single-story residence. At the same time the projected porch wing is pure bungalow as are the Craftsman Style accents. The decorative rafter tail ends are a rare surviving example in Des Moines.



748 31st Street (1916)

The property at 748 31st Street, shown above, illustrates how a number of Middlesex Plat bungalows combine the defining characteristics of the I-D and I-F subtypes. Present are the offset front porch as well as the side wing that projects off of the front of the plan. This bungalow, with its prominent southwest corner location at 31st and Center streets, exemplifies the bungalow ideal with a very shallow roof pitch and a broad low-lying design. Aluminum siding has compromised the overall effect but the bungalow remains visually impressive.

Subtype I-E (this gable front subtype has a separate usually parallel gable front porch set just below the main roof): There are just four examples of this subtype in the district and several of these are somewhat suspect with regard to their proper subtype. The property at 3215 Woodland Avenue (1918) has a flat or shallow hip roof square-cut front porch. The property at 3200 Woodland Avenue, pictured below, has the attributes of this subtype including Craftsman Style ornamentation. As this example indicates, this is one of several subtypes which commonly have attic lights in their gable fronts. Both plans contain two bedrooms and both are quite elongated in plan (22'x38' and 26'x40'). 715 34th Street (1911) combines a hip roof porch

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form with the gable front. The final example is 3215 Woodland Avenue (1918). It is notable that three of four subtype examples cluster in the same block of Woodland Avenue.



3200 Woodland Avenue (1918)

Subtype I-F (this gable front subtype combines with a gable side porch that projects from the façade to the south. The gable form translates to a shed roof front porch on the facade. Some examples combine the side porch with a gable entry porch. There are seven examples of this subtype within the district. All but two of theses contain five rooms including two bedrooms. The plan dimensions vary. Width varies from 24' to 33' and depth from 32' to 40'. Just three examples have fireplaces.



655 34th Street (1913)

The property at 655 34th Street shown above exemplifies this subtype save for the addition of a bracketted portico entry on the front of the side wing. The side wing measures just six by 12 feet.

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671 32nd Street (1920)

The property at 671 32nd Street, shown above, offers another example of the combination I-D and I-F subtypes. This one was built late enough to have the tuck-under basement garage. Despite the terrace top location this design successfully conveys a low-lying horizontal feeling with its contrasting foundation and wall materials, the low roof profile, the porch roof lines, and the window set.

Subtype I-H (the areoplane bungalow is a gable front single story design that has a second story room or rooms "pushed up" through its roof): While Des Moines has 75 of this subtype there are three examples in Middlesex.



700 33rd Street (1915)

Aluminum siding has not been kind to this Tillia-built aeroplane bungalow, yet its design characteristics remain apparent. The broad open porch is an unusual design element. A triple-overlay of gable fronts leads the visitor to the entrance. The splayed piers are very unusual for Des Moines and their original material is undetermined. The plan actually is "U" shaped as there is a second gable wing that parallels the porch wing at the rear of the plan. Despite its apparent massivity this plan contains just seven rooms including three bedrooms. A prominent square corner (Pleasant and 33rd streets) lot makes this bungalow a prominent landmark within the district.

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677 33rd Street (1917)

This smaller five-room aeroplane bungalow illustrated above has an upper level that is proportionately larger relative to its ground floor. In fact the lower floor contains 584 square feet and the upper one 504 square feet. This plan measures 24'x28'. This bungalow and the one at 700 33rd are quite close together, hinting at a common builder.



716 32nd Street (1918)

This third aeroplane bungalow example (see above) also presents three front gables superimposed. This plan combines elements of the I-D and I-H subtypes. Aluminum siding obscures the original materials but oversized purlins clearly dominated the original design.

Subtype I-I (T-Plan Bungalow): This is just one example of this subtype in the district and it is shown below. In contains five rooms (two bedrooms) and measures 24'x30'. The plan includes some livable attic space (274 square feet). The entire porch was likely originally glazed in as it is today.

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740 34th Street (1919)

Side Gable Bungalows:

There are 25 examples of this bungalow type.

Subtype II-A (single roof pitch, full width front porch): There are 14 district examples of this subtype. The subtype appears in the district in 1910-12 with three examples. Four properties were built in 1915 and others followed in 1918, 1919 (two) and 1921. Unlike several other subtypes, this one was reduced in size in its later iterations. Just three of the examples contain as few as five rooms and two of these date to 1919-20. Otherwise the subtype contained six to nine rooms. All but two examples measure 24'-28' in width although three are 30', 33' and 35' wide. Two plans are short, measuring 26' and 30' deep, but the rest are much larger, measuring 32-48 feet long. Just three properties have fireplaces.



715 35th Street (1911)

The property at 715 35th Street, shown above, depicts a bungalow plan that frequently appears in plan books. Four massive rounded and tapered columns support an open full-width front porch. This side gable variant has no dormer. The plan measures 24'x32' and contains five rooms including two bedrooms.

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750 33rd Street (1912)

This twin-dormer example shown above is classified as an example of II-A because the portico entrance is actually an entrance into a full-width front porch. This plan measures 33'x38 and contains seven rooms, including three bedrooms.



653 34th Street (1910)

The property at 653 34th Street, shown above, presents a standard side gable bungalow plan with full width recessed porch and a commanding shed roof dormer. The dormer is more commonly gable and can be quite large relative to the roof plane. This plan measures 25'x35' and contains nine rooms, including an impressive five bedrooms.

The property at 719 35th Street, shown below, presents a very unusual variant of the bungalow subtype II-A. While there is a single roof plane, the expected broad front dormer is transformed into an exposure of the second floor front fenestration through a recessed rooftop patio.

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719 35th Street (1915)

Subtype II-B (single roof pitch, centered less than full width front porch): There are 16 examples of this subtype in the district. There are two subgroups which are best described as the Craftsman and Colonial. The former all but three examples and was built here between 1910 and 1923. Colonial bungalows were a late development the two examples both date 1920 to 1923 in this district. The Craftsman examples have a larger centered wing, usually gable. The majority of this subset, 13 examples, post-date 1918 so the subset itself is primarily a later bungalow design. Unlike some side gable subsets, this one tends toward very broad and comparatively shallow plans. This is particularly true of the Colonial bungalow. The three earliest examples are even wider, measuring 35' to 38'. Despite this breadth, the plan doesn't contain additional rooms. Eight examples contain five rooms and two (both built in 1920) just four. Ten of the examples contain just two bedrooms. This subtype is also associated with fireplaces which nine examples possess.



738 32nd Street (1911)

The property at 738 32nd Street, shown above, is a variant of the subset given the addition of a flat side porch alongside the front porch and the provision of a corner bay on the southeast corner. It is also of brick veneer construction.

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The above example (707 33rd Street) is a classic example of the Craftsman Style variation of this subtype.



708 34th Street (1922) Colonial Bungalow

The Colonial bungalow example pictured above combines a jerkinhead or clipped gable roof form to convey the cottage idea. This bungalow form in its simplest versions cannot be readily distinguished from the side gable cottage form and this is particularly true with Colonial Revival Style cottage examples. The classical porch in this example is somewhat exaggerated. Note how the windows appear to completely infill the façade.

Subtype II-C (single roof pitch, offset less than full width front porch): Eight examples of this subtype are found in the district. Like II-B these were constructed in two time periods, 1911-16 (three examples) and 1918-22 (five examples). The subtype also concludes in the district at an early date, just after World War I. This chronological breakdown is matched with a plan distinction. The earliest examples of the subset are larger, with six or eight rooms. The later plans are plainly small designs, all having just four or five rooms and four of five have the expected two bedrooms. This subset is, unlike II-B, mostly narrower and less elongated, denoting a small plan with minimal rooms. Five examples range from 22' to 26' in width and four are shorter than 30'. Still, five of the seven have fireplaces.

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3106 Woodland Avenue (1919)

Subtype II-D (double roof pitch and full-width front porch): There are five examples of this subtype in the district. There is one early example (664 31st Street) which dates to 1916. The others postdate 1918 and three date to 1921-22. All five examples have fireplaces. This subtype comes in small and larger sizes but it invariably is longer than it is wide. All five examples are from 34' to 41' in length. There are more rooms as well with just one five-room plan and there is an even number of three and four bedroom plans with from six to eight rooms in total.



704 33rd Street (1921)

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719 35th Street (1915)

Other Property Types:

There are just 18 district properties which cannot be classified as bungalows or square house plans and this testifies to the dominance of those types in the upbuilding of the plat. Recent construction, 1940 or later, is surprisingly minimal with just three examples and none of these postdate 1949. These are determined to be non-contributing because they represent house types which were not contemporaneous with the bungalow and square house.

Other Popular House Types:

Two minimal traditional examples date from 1948-1949. 687 34th Street is a four-room plan without a basement that measures 30'x26'. 668 32nd Street is a five-room plan with L-shaped footprint. One hip roof single story duplex (667 32nd Street, 1949, 35'x37') represents a very common Des Moines duplex plan that dates to 1949-52.

Vernacular Cottage/House Types:

Vernacular residential examples are particularly rare in the district, despite its early establishment and development. Conspicuously absent is the gable ell, T-plan and L-plan subtypes, all of which might well have been built through 1920. These properties are counted as contributing resources because they represent the same era of residential construction and they provide a comparison of what is not being built here, but is to be found elsewhere in the city in greater numbers.

Vernacular Pyramidal Hip Roof Cottage: One example at 686 34th Street is said to date to 1900 which is doubtful. It might represent a moved in building if the date is accurate. This building has been too modified to be a contributing property.

Gable Front Subtype: There is just one cottage example, 727 34th Street (1908), which has a turret/jerkinhead elaboration of the gable front, set above a hip roof porch.

Cross Plan: There is one example at 682 34th (1901). This eight-room plan measures 28'x 24'. It might be a preexisting or moved in building.

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Tudor Revival Style:



725 35th Street (1916)

There are four examples of this style, comprising two two-story house plans and two story-and-a-half cottages. 725 35th Street (1916) is pictured below. It combines Craftsman and Tudor influences in its ten-room design. The other examples are later, two are pre-Depression. 718 34th Street (1931) measures 35'x31' and features a turret and a basement garage. 710 33rd Street (1941) features a catslide roof on its front wing. The cottages are 710 33rd Street (1941) and 711 33rd Street (1930) has a 31'x31' square footprint and contains seven rooms and three bedrooms. It is half timbered and stuccoed.

Colonial Revival Style:

Dutch Colonial Revival Style: 3306 Center Street (1911), has the form of a Gambrel roof Dutch Colonial cottage. This L-plan has a gable side wing. 741 35th Street (1921) is a later example.

Colonial Revival Central Hall Plan: There are two side gable examples with central halls (725 33rd Street, 1910; and 741 35th Street, 1921). Both are eight-room plans.

Cape Cod Cottage: 669 34th Street (1924) is a Colonial Revival story and a half cottage plan, the plan is quite early, dating to 1910, measures 24'x28', and contains five rooms with three bedrooms. 739 32nd Street (1941) and 665 34th Street (1940) represent the resumption of house building in Des Moines after the Great Depression. Both contain five rooms and two bedrooms and measure 32'x 22' or 24'. Both were built with detached garages.

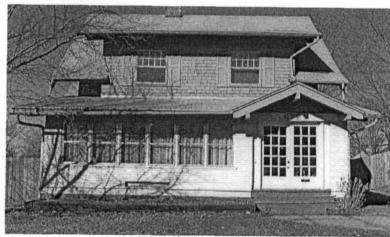
Story-and-a-half square plan: 672 31st Street (see below) has a square footprint but it is otherwise strongly Craftsman style influenced. It would be classed as a side-gable bungalow if the porch and main roof planes were unified.

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672 31st Street (1916)

Prairie Style: Two duplexes, both located at 32nd and Pleasant streets, present design lines which represent Craftsman/Prairie style influences. The property at 690 32nd Street (1921) is a two-story design features a low broad hip roof. It is note considered a side gable square plan because the footprint is elongated and there is likely a central hall. The property at 3202-04 Pleasant Street (1921), located immediately west of this property, is depicted below. This story and a half design, shown below, emulates the two-story square counterpart as well as the side gable bungalow. The property at 3204-06 Pleasant Street is a duplex version of the Craftsman. Its second story is slightly recessed and shingled side walls flare out at the junction point of the two levels. The ground level is brick veneered.

Outbuildings:



Garage. 735 32nd Street (1925) (photo by James Jacobsen, February 23, 2000)

Except for basement garages and a few rare early garages, these postdate the period of significance by many years and are not considered integral to the district resource count. The absence of alleys and the narrower lots with centered houses on them largely limited garage construction.

Sixty-one garages date or pre-date 1950 and only eight of these are said to pre-date 1925. Two curiously are dated to 1913 and 1916 which warrants further investigation. There are seven attached garages and 29 basement garages. A total of 34 garages post-date 1950. Pending an integrity review, 61 garages are potentially contributing structures. The attached garages are considered extensions of the primary residences as are the basement garages. The 34 more recent garages are counted as non-contributing structures.

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Garage, 719 33rd Street (*) (photo by James Jacobsen, February 23, 2000)



Garage, 750 34th Street (1947) (photo by James Jacobsen, February 23, 2000)



Garage, 701 31st Street (1929) (photo by James Jacobsen, February 23, 2000)

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Property List

Address:	Site #77- 00468	Building Permit Date	Property Type	Contributing- Non- Contributing	Comments:
31st Street.					
646	469	1906	front gable square	Yes	clapboard/brick, flared belt course across gable, unique 45 degree turned out corner brackets, returned eaves, hip porch, carriage house, large lot, pictured May 1909
646	496	1929	Large garage	Yes	Four-stall story and a half side gable, 20'x46'
648	470	1921	side gable square	Yes	aluminum siding/brick, broad plan, shed porch with gable dormer over entry, 10/1 square pane windows
648	470	1939	Garage	Yes	Two stall with attic, shingle exterior
650	472	1909	side gable square	Yes	Assessor dates to 1910, aluminum siding/brick, shed porch, paired square porch columns, old hexagonal shingles, pictured May 1909
650	472	1986	Garage	No	Masonite exterior
664	473	12/13/ 1916	Bungalow, II-D	Yes	S. R. McBride, one-story stucco, \$3,200, aluminum siding/brick, front gable dormer, flared dormer base, north front chimney window set, "bookend" brick piers define porch with only outer edge flared.
670	475	1909	side gable	Yes	Assessor dates to 1910, aluminum siding/brick, rear wing, shed porch, pictured May 1909
670	475	1943	Garage	Yes	20'x24' frame
672	476	1916	Colonial Revival, 1.5- story square house	Yes	shingle/clapboard, broad shed roof wall dormer, full- width shed roof front porch, window band across porch façade, gabled entrance porch
672	476	1941	Garage	Yes	Original sliding doors, 12'x18' frame
684	481	1906	Side gable square	Yes	shingle/shingle, long plan, asymmetrical, south chimney, cross gable on south front, centered shed portico, 9/1 square pane windows, pictured with windmill in back yard May 1909
684	481	1939	Garage	Yes	20'x18' frame
690	482	1910	front gable square	Yes	narrow clapboard/brick, broad open brackets, paired porch columns, corner boards, wood belt course and water table, 4/1 windows
690	482	1963	Garage	No	14'x22' frame
702	484	1910	side gable square	Yes	two-story south solarium, attached flat-roofed garage (original), gable center portico, shingle/flared belt course/brick, shed roofed north cantilevered bay, flared columns
710	485	5/19/ 1919	Bungalow, I-D	Yes	built by J. C. Strasser, one-story stucco, \$3,500, aluminum siding/stucco, north wing and corner entry, north cantilevered bay, tapered porch piers, basement garage

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714	486	1910	front gable square	Yes	clipped front gable, A. M. Swigert builds 718, 722 31 st Street, Nov. 1914 \$3,000 each, shingle/flared belt
			square		course/narrow clapboard/brick, gable one-story south wing, shed rear addition or wing, centered gable portico, concrete deck
714	486	1939	Garage	Yes	18'x16' frame
724	487	1914	front gable square	Yes	narrow clapboard/brick, shed porch, belt course, built in porch, paired square porch columns
724	487	1974	Garage	No	34'x20' frame
726	488	1915	front gable square	Yes	shingle/belt course/stucco/brick, shed porch, paired square columns,
726	488	1931	Garage	Yes	20'x20' frame, original garage
728	489	1914	side gable square	Yes	shingle/belt course/stucco, shed porch, 5/1 windows
728	489	1935	Garage	Yes	20'x18' frame
730	490	1914	front gable square	Yes	A. M. Swigert builds Nov. 1914 \$3,000, narrow clapboard/wood belt course/stucco, two-story rear solarium, shed porch, north side door
730	490	1977	Garage	No	16'x22' frame
734	491	1906	hip roof square	Yes	aluminum siding/stucco, hip roof porch, 1/1 windows, north side door, flared eaves
734	491	1984	Garage	No	24'x24' frame
740	492	1910	hip roof square	Yes	narrow clapboard/brick, north side door, low-profile hip porch, flared eaves, corner boards
740	492	1941	Garage	Yes	14'x22' frame, weatherboard exterior
746	493	1912	side gable square	Yes	vertical aluminum siding in gable/aluminum siding/stucco, thin brick porch pylons, two-story side solarium, cantilevered second floor.
748	494	1916	Bungalow, I-D	Yes	aluminum siding/permastone, north porch wing, heavy square porch pylons, very low pitch broad plan, 3/1 windows.
748	494	1975	Garage	No	24'x24' frame
32nd Street		ð.			
642	495	5/18/ 1920	Bungalow, I-F	Yes	basement garage on side, built by J. G. Trent \$5,000, Assessor has 1917 date
648	496	1916	front gable square	Yes	shingled attic/narrow clapboard/stucco first floor/stucco foundation, heavy brackets, wood belt course, stucco water table, 6/1 windows, gable porch, south flat roofed garage entered from back
654	none	1917	Side gable square	Yes	Brick foundation, mixed frame exterior, two-story side solarium
654	497	1942	Garage	Yes	26'x26' frame, narrow clapboard with concrete block foundation, narrow clapboard exterior
660	498	1910	side gable square	Yes	narrow clapboard/stucco/stucco, belt course, two-story south solarium to back, 6/1 square pane windows, gable porch
660	498	1960	Garage	No	18'x20' frame

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664/666	499	1910	front gable square	Yes	two-story with south solarium wing, shed roof bay and front porch, rounded portico on north front, narrow clapboard/stucco/ stucco, wood belt course
664	499	?	garage	Yes	No Assessor's data, frame, front gable
665	None	1909	Side gable square	Yes	Assessor dates to 1910, brick foundation, aluminum siding, full-width front porch with shed roof, entry vestibule, attached garage on north side, pictured May 1909
666	500	1910	front gable square	Yes	aluminum siding (2 colors)/brick, shed roof porch, two-story south solarium, attached garage
666	500	?	Garage	Yes	Single car, asbestos siding
667	501	1949	Duplex	No	vinyl siding/brick, shed roof porch with gable entry to north, 8/1 square pane windows
667	501	1949	Garage	Yes	20'x18' frame, weatherboard exterior
668	502	1947	Minimal Traditional	No	Concrete block foundation, aluminum siding exterior, L-plan
668	502	1947	Garage	Yes	14'x18' frame
669	503	1910	front gable square	Yes	aluminum siding/brick, one story south wing, gable roof portico, jerkinhead roof
669	503	1932	Garage	Yes	22'x24' frame, narrow clapboard exterior
671	504	1920	Bungalow, I-F	Yes	Brick foundation and porch base, stucco exterior, basement garage, wrap-around porch, elongated window sills and lintels, five rooms, well preserved
676	505	1911	hip roof square	Yes	hip with solarium, narrow clapboard/brick, 9/1 square pane windows, two-story south solarium, front chamfered bay, gable portico
676	505	1999	Garage	No	New construction
677	506	1905	front gable square	Yes	aluminum siding/brick, window band on front second, wrap around hip roof porch, see 1916 photo below.
682	507	1911	front gable square	Yes	wrap-around hip roof porch on southeast front, narrow clapboard/brick, north blank cantilevered shed roof bay, first owner P. J. Padden (1910)
683	508	1908	Bungalow, I-B,	Yes	aluminum siding/dark purple brick, shallow cantilevered north bay, cantilevered bay on front right, 10 square paned vertical windows, hip roof rectangular core with south side wing and gable front side porch, with open terrace with brick parapet wall between porch & wing, porch columns composite vertical pieces, north chimney window set, triangular Prairie attic window in gable dormer
686	509	6/6/ 1921	Bungalow, II-B, Colonial Bungalow	Yes	built by Commercial Bldg. & Securities Co., jerkinhead hip, faux asphalt pink brick siding, symmetrical cottage, narrow gable porch, attached garage of concrete block to south, 8/1 square pane windows
687	510	1909	front gable square	Yes	aluminum siding/brick, shed roof porch, gable entry on porch, north gable dormer, south 2/3 of porch interior space, 6/1 square pane windows

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690	511	1921	Craftsman/ Prairie style duplex	Yes	shingle, flared belt course, brick foundation, with soldier brick water table, gable side portico, north rear gable side portico, 4/1 windows, same lines and massing as 3202-04 Pleasant Street to west
691	512	1911	side gable square	Yes	shingle/shingle, flared belt course, two-story south solarium, gable portico, north shed roof cantilevered bay, large picture window added front south, 3/1 windows
691	512	1978	Garage	No	24'x24' frame
701	513	2/14/ 1923	Bungalow, I-D	Yes	built by Commercial Bldg. & Securities Co., \$4,900 as #707 32 nd Street, Assessor has 1918 date, narrow clapboard, rug tile, south gable bay, south basement garage, south chimney window set
702	514	5/18/ 1920	Bungalow, II-A	Yes	built by Van Ginkle Bros., \$3,950, Assessor has 1915 date, shingle gable/aluminum siding/stucco, southeast solarium and rear basement garage, 4/1 windows
705	515	1923	Bungalow, I-F	Yes	aluminum siding/vertical rug tile, basement garage north front, south ell, south window/chimney set
708	516	1916	front gable square	Yes	shingle gable/belt course/narrow clapboard/brick, water table, attic vent, shed roof window bay rear south, 4/1 windows, paneled porch columns
708	516	1929	Garage	Yes	16'x18' frame, half of original doors in place, narrow clapboard exterior
709	517	1923	Bungalow, I-D	Yes	south front basement garage, asbestos siding/vertical rug tile, 6/1 windows, tile retaining wall in front, south gable wing
712	518	1906	front gable square	Yes	aluminum siding/brick, south hip roof one-story solarium, picture window added, gable north portico, hexagonal shingles on roof
713	519	11/ 1914	front gable square	Yes	A. M. Swigert builds Nov. 1914, \$3,800, Assessor has 1911 date, shingle/stucco/brick, one-story hip roof south solarium, brackets have 90-degree cross braces, 6/1 square panes, gable front centered portico
713	519	1985	Garage	No	24'x24' with 10'x12' extension, frame
714	520	1910	hip roof square	Yes	shingled hip dormer, flared eaves, narrow clapboard/brick, hip roof porch, 1/1 window
716	521	1918	Aeroplane Bungalow, I-H	Yes	aluminum siding/stucco, south chimney/fireplace, heavy brackets, north entered bay, north stair hall "bump" to second, gable second floor
717	522	1915	front gable square	Yes	narrow clapboard in gable/rough stucco first story/brick, chamfered one-story bay on south front, gable portico, two-story rear solarium
717	522	1990	Garage	No	21'x24' frame
725	523	1915	Bungalow, II-A	Yes	asbestos siding/brick, gabled dormer, north bay, shed roof porch roof
725	523	1990	Garage	No	24'x20' frame
729	524	1910	Bungalow, II-B	Yes	Stucco foundation, mixed frame exterior, 35' frontage, 26' depth, 19'x8' centered front porch, north bay
729	524	1983	Garage	No	14'x20' frame

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Bungalow,

Yes

730	525	2/14/ 1923	Bungalow, I-A	Yes	built by Commercial Bldg. & Securities Co., very well preserved, clapboard exterior/stucco foundation, south gable wing, north shed roof bay, rear basement garage
734	526	1915	Bungalow, II-B	Yes	elongated hip, front centered bay, round hood dormer, 6/1 windows, stucco/brick, steep pitch, rear basement garage
735	527	5/29/ 1925	Bungalow, I-D	Yes	built by Ray Hunger, \$3,000, aluminum siding/brick, original garage, 5/1 window
735	527	1925	Garage	Yes	12'x18' frame, original double swing doors, narrow clapboard exterior
738	528	1915	Bungalow, II-B	No	A. M. Swigert builds 1915, red brick, chamfered one- story front bay, all brick veneer postdates original construction
738	528	1983	Garage	No	24'x24' frame
739	529	1941	Colonial Revival, Cape Cod cottage	Yes	Story and a half, poured concrete foundation, aluminum siding
739	529	1941	Garage	No	Masonite exterior, 18'x18' frame, remodeled
746	530	5/19/ 1919	Bungalow, II-B	Yes	built by Lockard Construction Co., \$3,000, one-story stucco, aluminum siding/stucco, rear basement garage
749	531	12/5/ 1916	front gable square	Yes	built by Realty Clearing House, two-story frame, \$2,500 (called 747 32 nd Street), shingle/narrow clapboard, brick, 4/1 windows, square porch columns
750	532	1918	Bungalow, II-B	Yes	aluminum siding/tile, 5/1, 3/1 windows, west side basement garage
753	533	1916	side gable square	Yes	shingle/narrow clapboard/brick, two-story south solarium, north cantilevered gable bay, narrow centered gable porch, 6/1 windows, belt course and water table
753	533	1916	Garage	Yes	Hip roof with flared eaves, narrow clapboard, 10'x19'
33rd Str	eet				
641	534	4/29/ 1920	Bungalow, II-C	Yes	built by J. G. Trent, \$4,000, Assessor has 1917 date, split pitch, north basement garage, aluminum siding/brick, actual porch (14'x7') occupies southwest corner front, cruciform plan overall with rear center wing and front porch
642	535	12/7/ 1916	Side gable square	Yes	built by W. E. Byrets, two-story frame, \$2,500, broad clapboard/stucco/brick, 5/1 windows, gable centered portico, two-story south solarium, basement garage
642	535	?	Carport	No	Metal, behind house and detached
645	536	4/29/ 1920	Bungalow, I-D	Yes	built by J. G. Trent, \$4,000, patterned shingle/broad clapboard/concrete block or brick, originally had basement garage
648	537	1918	front gable square	Yes	stucco/stucco/brick, hip porch, aluminum siding/stucco
648	537	1931	Garage	Yes	20'x20' frame
651	538	5/20/	Bungalow,	Yes	built by Mrs. I. K. Moore, one-story frame, \$2,500,

aluminum siding/stucco

built by Mrs. I. K. Moore, \$3,000, shingle/stucco/

stucco, south cantilevered wing, fireplace

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653	539	1989	Garage	No	24'x24' frame
654	540	5/4/ 1923	side gable square	Yes	built by Frank Mullahey, \$6,000, aluminum siding/brick, centered gable portico, two-story south solarium, 5/1 windows
654	540	1934	Garage	Yes	20'x20' frame
659	541	1911	front gable square	Yes	asbestos siding/stucco/brick, gable portico, two-story south solarium
660	542	7/23/ 1911	front gable square	Yes	built by W. J. Dean, two-story frame, \$2,500, narrow clapboard/narrow clapboard/narrow clapboard with belt course, brick found., round porch columns, one- story rear wing, original porch screens
660	542	1934	Garage	Yes	20'x18' frame, well preserved
665	543	1916	front gable square	Yes	masonite/stucco, paired porch columns, gable porch, north gable dormer
665	543	1977	Garage	no	24'x24' frame
666	544	1909	front gable square	Yes	shingle gable/shingled second/narrow clapboard first story, tile foundation, paired porch columns, 6/1 square pane windows, shed roof porch
666	544	1941	Garage	Yes	20'x18' frame, original swinging doors
668	545	1915	side gable square	Yes	aluminum siding/stucco, stucco water table, brick foundation, fluted bracket diagonals on portico, two- story side solarium, shed roof dormer, gable portico
668	545	1962	Garage	No	20'x22' frame
671	546	1910	front gable square	Yes	stucco/masonite/brick, flared belt course, north portico, north gable one story wing, garage demolished shed 1991
676	547	1912	side gable square	Yes	aluminum siding/stucco, wood belt course, brick foundation, fluted bracket diagonals like 668 33 rd Street above, 15/1 square pane windows, gable portico, one story south solarium
676-78	547- 548	?	Garage	Yes	Shared garage, no doors
677	548	1917	Aeroplane Bungalow, I-H	Yes	narrow clapboard/stucco, tall square porch pylons, large second floor, gable, set well back on plan, fireplace
677	548	1999	Garage	No	24'x24' frame
678	549	5/19/ 1919	Bungalow, I-D	Yes	built by S. B. Duro, \$3,000, stucco/stucco, water table, south cantilevered bay
679	550	1918	Bungalow, I-F	Yes	south ell, patterned shingle/stucco, north chimney- window set, 4/1 windows
679	550	1918	Garage	Yes	Two sizes of clapboard alternate on exterior, retains original swing doors, 12'x21' frame
683	551	1908	side gable square	Yes	aluminum siding/brick, shed roof porch, 9/1 square pane windows
683	551	1931	Garage	Yes	12'x18' frame, contributing despite painted mural on door

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686	552	11/26/ 1916	front gable square	Yes	built by W. A. Spurrier Jr. & Co., two-story frame stucco, 22x26, six rooms, \$3,350, Assessor has1911 date, stucco, stucco, belt and water table lines, flared columns, shed roof porch, two-story rear solarium, see photo below, offered for sale July 31, 1921.
686	552	1934	Garage	Yes	20'x20' frame
691	553	9/6/ 1921	Bungalow, II-D	Yes	built by A. J. Coon, \$7,200, polychrome brick, gable dormer, basement garage, north chimney/window set, simple angled brackets
692	554	1910	front gable square	Yes	shingle gable, shed roof porch with gable entry, 3/1 windows, round porch arches, heavy stucco/brick
692	554	1921	Garage	Yes	18'x20' frame, stucco exterior
700	555	5/10/ 1917	Aeroplane Bungalow, I-H	No	Built by J. Tillia 1915, Architect Robert McDowell, July 4, 1915, see photo, \$3,000, Assessor has 1915 date, unique porch has been demolished
703	556	3/19/ 1920	Bungalow, II-B	Yes	built by Fred Kendall, \$5,000, vinyl siding/stucco, 5/1 window, closed in basement garage
704	557	5/10/ 1917	Bungalow, II-A	Yes	built by H. J. Tillia, \$3,000, Assessor has 1915 date, stucco/layered shingle to ground, brick porch base, round porch arches, north wing, long gable flared dormer
707	558	6/20/ 1921	Bungalow, II-B	Yes	front basement garage, built by M. S. Bakham, \$3,000, Assessor has 1919 date, patterned shingle/narrow clapboard/brick, north gable wing, window sills, lintels extend beyond window's sides.
710	559	1941	Tudor Revival L-plan cottage	Yes	Poured concrete foundation, aluminum siding, nice catslide ornamentation, irregular plan
710	559	1941	Garage	Yes	12'x20' frame, weatherboard exterior
711	560	1930	Tudor Revival L-plan cottage	Yes	Basement garage, front wing, brick foundation, brick exterior, half timber ornamentation
718	561	1912	front gable square	Yes	aluminum siding/concrete block, gable roof porch with contrasting lower pitch
719	652	12/4/ 1916	Side gable square	Yes	built by Fred C. Kendall, two-story frame, \$3,000, Prairie style influence, stucco belt course at gable base, stucco second floor, stucco foundation, permastone porch base, gable side porch
719	652		Garage	Yes	Two-stall shed roof garage, original doors, clapboard exterior
724	563	12/5/ 1916	side gable square	Yes	built by H. S. Taylor, two-story frame, \$3,500, Assessor has 1918 date, two-story south solarium flush to facade, shingle/stucco, centered pergola porch, broad eaves
724	563	?	Garage	Yes	14'x22' frame
725	564	1910	Colonial Revival center hall plan	Yes	two-story south solarium, asbestos siding/brick, north shed roof cantilevered bay, centered gable portico, 6/1 square pane windows, deck, high terrace setting
725	564	1916	Garage	Yes	18'x20' frame, shed roof, double garage, very nice
730	565	1911	side gable square	Yes	two-story south porch and solarium, narrow clapboard/stucco/brick, belt course, gable portico, 6/1 square paned windows

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730	565	1974	Garage	No	26'x26' frame
731	566	1910	front gable square	Yes	rusticated concrete block garage in rear, multi-layered belt courses in gable, shingle/stucco (first floor), brick foundation, 4/1, 6/1 square panes windows, owned by T. C. Conley 1918, offered for sale, see photo below
731	566	1974	Garage	No	24'x24' frame
731	566	?	Garage	Yes	Concrete block
735	567	1920	Bungalow, II-B	Yes	masonite/brick, side lights, gable porch
735	567	1931	Garage	Yes	20'x20' frame, original narrow clapboard exterior
736	568	1911	front gable square	Yes	shed roof porch, aluminum siding/stucco, paired square porch columns, 3/1, 4/1 windows
736	568	1948	Garage	Yes	12'x20' frame, gable front with shed roof sidewing
739	569	12/10/ 1916	Bungalow, I-D	Yes	built by Harry S. Taylor, \$4,200, broad clapboard/brick, simple
739	569	1998	Garage	No	20'x16' frame
740	570	5/3/ 1919	side gable square	Yes	built by I. P. Potevin, \$3,000, Assessor has 1916 date, two-story south solarium, pergola centered porch, north shed roof cantilevered bay, aluminum siding/pink brick
740	570	1954	Garage	No	Metal siding, 16'x20' frame
745	571	12/10/ 1916	Bungalow, II-C	Yes	built by Harry S. Taylor, \$4,200, shingle pattern/ stucco/stucco, north cantilevered bay, 10/1, 6/1 square panes
745	751	1929	Garage	Yes	10'x16' frame
746	572	1910	Hip roof square	Yes	aluminum siding/brick, foundation to sill level, flared belt course, two-story front solarium, fireplace
746	572	1986	Garage	No	12'x16' frame
749	573	12/10/ 1916	Bungalow, I-D	Yes	built by Harry S. Taylor, \$4,200, broad clapboard/stucco, 3/1 windows
750	574	1912	Bungalow, II-B	Yes	altered dormer window, faux brick/brick, window bands, center portico
750	574	1950	Garage	Yes	20'x20' frame, weatherboard exterior
751	575	1911	front gable square	Yes	aluminum siding/tile, 4/1 windows, shed roof porch, elaborate gable, brackets
751	576	1979	Garage	No	24'x24' frame
34th Street					
642	576	1902	hip roof square	Yes	no porch or dormers, vinyl siding/brick,
643	577	1906	Hip roof square	Yes	narrow clapboard/rusticated brick foundation, corner boards, north gable dormer, flared eaves, shed roof porch, corner porch on southwest corner, paladian dormer, basement garage
647	578	12/1911	front gable square	Yes	built by Tillia and Swigert, \$1,950, narrow clapboard/belt course at attic base/stucco second floor, corner boards, shed roof full-width front porch
648	579	8/27/ 1924	Bungalow, II-B	Yes	built by R. C. Campbell, \$5,000, brick exterior, brick foundation, soldier course water table, shingled gable, 4/1 windows, south chimney, shed roof porch

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653	580	12/1911	Bungalow, II-A	Yes	built by Tillia and Swigert, \$1,950 (called 651 34 th Street,), Assessor has 1910 date as 653 34 th Street, shed roof dormer, shingle/belt course/narrow clapboard/brick, 9/1 square panes
654	581	1909	side gable square	Yes	Building permit April 1909 to H. G. Kauffman, cost \$2,500, aluminum siding (two colors), paladian window in south attic window, Tuscan porch columns, 4/1 windows, high terrace setting, Georgian style influence
654	581	1939	Garage	Yes	18'x18' frame with attic, narrow clapboard exterior
655	582	1913	Bungalow, I-F	Yes	stucco/stucco/water table, shed roof front cantilevered bay, south ell, window lintels/sills project beyond window sides
655	582	1956	Garage	No	12'x20' frame
661	583	1912	side gable square	Yes	shingle gable/thin belt course/narrow clapboard/brick, shed roof porch, flared eaves, broad eaves, portico
661	583	?	Garage	Yes	Narrow clapboard exterior
662	584	1918	Bungalow, II-A	Yes	stucco/brick, flared eaves, south wing, north wing, 1/1 windows, north deck
662	584	1936	Garage	Yes	24'X24' frame
664	585	1915	Bungalow, II-C	Yes	stucco/brick, south wing, north wing, porch columns match 622 34 th Street
664	585	1963	Garage	No	14'x22' frame
665	586	1940	Colonial Revival Cape Cod Cottage	Yes	Twin dormers, story-and-a-half, brick foundation, frame exterior, side wing, front porch
665	586	1941	Garage	Yes	12'x16' frame
669	587	7/5/ 1924	Bungalow, II-A	Yes	built by P. O. Cummings, \$6,000, two-story south solarium wing, 4/1 windows, wide clapboard, brick
672	588	12/5/ 1919	Bungalow, II-C	No, note porch windows and front deck	built by Rehman Bros., \$3,800, aluminum siding/narrow clapboard/brick, tilted rowlock water table, south ell/wing, south chimney/window set
672	588	1998	Garage	No	24'x24' frame
675	589	4/16/ 1923	Front gable square	Yes	built by E. R. Negus, \$3,500, broad clapboard/brick, south chimney, south cantilevered bay, classical portico, belt course, window lintels/sills project to sides of windows, south gable dormer
675	589	1948	Garage	Yes	22'x12' frame
676	590	12/5/ 1919	Bungalow, II-B	Yes	built by Rehman Bros., \$3,800, shingle/narrow clapboard/brick, south shed roof cantilevered bay, north chimney/window set
676	590	1938	Garage	Yes	10'x24' unpainted frame
679	591	1914	Bungalow, II-A	Yes	shingle/narrow clapboard/brick, gable dormer, broad eaves, belt course at gables, 1931 garage demolished
680	592	1921	Bungalow, I-A	Yes	shingle gable/narrow clapboard/brick, water table, south cantilevered bay or wing, north chimney/window set
680	592	1936	Garage	Yes	10'x16' frame, no door apparent

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682	593	1901	Vernacular 1.5 story crossgable	Yes	cross gable plan, shed roof porch, aluminum siding/stucco, porch on blocks
682	593	1975	Garage	No	24'x40' frame
685	594	8/17/ 1922	Bungalow, II-D	Yes	built by J. D. Kadis, \$7,000, brick/brick, gable dormer, north chimney/fireplace, south entry hip roof porch
686	595	1900	Colonial Revival 1.5 story hip roof cottage	No	greatly altered, two-story porch, tile foundation, clapboard exterior, irregular plan
687	596	1947	Minimal traditional	No	Concrete block, no basement, shingle exterior, broad front porch, wonderful playhouse
693	597	1910	side gable square	Yes	Fletcher & Van Vliet build two-story frame \$3,950 at 34th & Pleasant (this property or 701 34 th Street) Dec. 1911, vertical siding/ gable/aluminum siding second/brick, shed roof porch, raised eaves line over second floor windows, 4/1 windows
693	597	1956	Garage	No	10'x22' frame
701	598	1914	side gable square	Yes	shingle/belt course/stucco/stucco, north window set, gable centered portico, two-story south solarium, 3/1, 5/1 windows
701	598	1982	Garage	No	22'x22' frame
704	599	3/31/21	Bungalow, II-D	Yes	built by J. L. Coon, \$6,000, gable dormer, south gable bay, paired porch columns, stucco/brick/brick, 1/1 windows
708	600	5/10/ 1922	Bungalow, II-B	Yes	built by M. A. Wolia, \$3,500, jerkinhead roof, colonial bungalow, classical portico, broad clapboard/brick, south wing, 4/1 windows
708	600	1931	Garage	Yes	12'x20' frame
709	601	11/13 1919	Bungalow, II-A	Yes	built by O. O. Little, \$4,000, gable dormer, flared columns, south shed roof cantilevered bay, north stair added second floor, stucco/brick, soldier course water table, window lintels/sills project beyond window, south bay, south attic stair
709	601	1954	Garage	No	16'x20' frame, broad siding
714	602	1914	Bungalow, I-D	Yes	patterned clapboard/stucco foundation over brick, south gable dormer, flared stucco pylons, north basement garage, north shed roof dormer
715	603	1911	Bungalow, I-E	Yes	Stucco foundation, clapboard exterior, front offset porch
715	603	1934	Garage	Yes	12'x20' frame
718	604	1931	Tudor Revival two-story house	Yes	Rear basement garage, brick foundation and exterior, front wing, two-story front bay, terrace over double garage
719	605	1910	Bungalow, I-D	Yes	6/1 square pane windows, built-in corners, two-color aluminum siding, stucco to sill, north hip roof bay, patterned shingle/narrow clapboard, brick, center recessed front porch, broad cross gable
719	605	1962	Carport	No	14'x20' frame

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721	606	1912	Bungalow, I-D	Yes	hip roof porch, 10/1 square pane windows, chamfered bay cantilevered front south bay, corner trim, belt course, decorative rafter ends
724	607	1918	Bungalow, I-D	Yes	stucco, low pitch roof, Craftsman windows, south shallow wing, basement garage
724	607	1929	Garage	Yes	14'x22' frame, original swinging doors and narrow clapboard exterior
727	608	1908	Vernacular 1.5 story front gable cottage	Yes	aluminum siding/brick, turret gable, second floor, chamfered cantilevered south bay
730	609	1908	hip roof square	Yes	unique paired corner brackets under hip corners, chamfered front first story bay, gable portico north front, aluminum siding/brick, two-story south solarium, infilled on second story level, 9/1 square pane windows
730	609	1929	Garage	Yes	12'x22' frame
734	610	8/22/ 1923	Bungalow, I-D	Yes	built by Commercial Bldg. & Securities Co. \$4,300, Assessor has 1919 date, aluminum siding/tile, second floor addition, greatly altered, panel siding, reduced windows
734	610	1929	Garage	No	18'x18' frame, shed roof
735	611	1912	Bungalow, I-D	Yes	narrow clapboard/brick, angled entry, original storm windows, south window set, 1/1 windows
737	612	4/8/ 1925	Bungalow, II-B	Yes	built by O. M. Wise, \$4,000, Assessor has 1921 date, vinyl siding/brick, north hip roof bay.
737	612	1954	Garage	Yes	14'x20' frame
738	613	4/22/ 1923	Bungalow, I-F	Yes	built by Commercial Bldg. & Securities Co. \$4,300, T- plan, narrow clapboard/brick, casement windows on porch. south cantilevered wing/bay
738	613	1929	Garage	Yes	Original swinging doors, narrow clapboard exterior, 12'x18' frame
740	614	1919	Bungalow, I-I	Yes	built by Commercial Bldg. & Securities Co., shingle/narrow clapboard/tile, 5/1 windows, south gable cantilevered wing, south chimney window set
741	615	4/4/ 1923	Bungalow, II-A	Yes	built by Commercial Bldg. & Securities Co., \$4,900, stucco foundation, stucco exterior, Assessor has 1921 date, patterned shingle/tile, gable dormer, 6/1 windows, south chimney
741	615	1951	Garage	Yes	16'x22' frame
745	616	11/10/ 1922	Bungalow, II-C	Yes	built by Commercial Bldg. & Securities Co. \$3900, Assessor has 1919 date, T Plan, 6/1 windows, narrow clapboard/brick, south chimney/window set
745	616	1929	Garage	Yes	Original doors, 20'18' frame, narrow clapboard exterior
746	617	1922	Bungalow, I-D	Yes	shingle/broad clapboard/wood water table/stucco, south chimney-window set, south gable dormer, north gable dormer, carport has replaced 1936 garage
750	618	1906	side gable square	Yes	vinyl siding/brick, hip roof porch, 1/1 window
750	618	1947	Garage	Yes	14'x20' frame, metal roof, well preserved

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751	619	1929	Bungalow, I-F	Yes	polychrome brick portico, north side wing, 3/1 window, stone trim/stone sills
751	619	1941	Garage	Yes	Unusual brick garage, 12'x20'
35th Street					
659	620	1916	hip gable square	Yes	asbestos siding, shed roof dormer, 5/1, 4/1 windows, shed roof porch
665	621	1917	front gable square	no	Completely reclad in wood shingles, gable portico north front, brick found.
665	621	1935	Garage	yes	20'x22' frame, remodeled during last 20 years, reroofed 1990
671	623	1910	side gable square	Yes	shingle/wood belt course/narrow clapboard/brick, gable centered portico, 6/1 square pane windows, two- story south solarium
671	623	1935/ 1966	Garage	No	Carport fronts on garage with alterations to garage front, 12'x22' frame garage
675	624	1910	front gable square	Yes	steep roof pitch, aluminum siding (two colors), 6/1 windows, gable portico, brick foundation, south one- story shed roof roofed solarium
675	624	1984	Garage	No	18'x12' frame
679	625	1915	front gable square	Yes	nice porch detail, south hip roof porch, shed roof canopy second floor front, two-story rear solarium, shingle/wood belt course/stucco/water table/brick
679	625	1936	Garage	Yes	12'x20' frame
683	626	1911	Bungalow, II-C	Yes	open roof balcony closed over, gable dormer, shingle/aluminum siding/brick, north chimney-window set, north shed roof cantilevered bay
683	626	1930	Garage	Yes	18'x12' frame
693	627	1905	front gable square	Yes	front eaves cut back, aluminum siding/shingle/brick, gable window bay on north, gable porch, stucco water table, 6/1 windows, contrasting roof and porch roof pitches, eaves cut back
693	627	1969	Garage	No	18'x20' frame
701	628	1913	front gable square	Yes	aluminum siding/stucco/stucco, two-story south solarium (second story cantilevered over first floor), picture window first floor front, belt course of stucco, shed roof canopy over second floor front windows. Attached shed roof garage (1913)
707	629	4/19/24	side gable square	Yes	built by R. C. Fletcher, \$5,500, aluminum siding/brick 8/1 square pane windows, rounded portico, south one story solarium
707	629	1939	Garage	Yes	18'x20' frame
715	670	1911	Bungalow, II-A	Yes	four column porch, stucco, flared round porch columns, casement windows, heavy stucco, window bands
719/721	671	1915	Bungalow, II-A	Yes	Assessor has no date, expected elongated dormer takes the form of a recessed rooftop porch, door infilled, roof assumes saltbox profile with broader front roof plane, stucco, south chimney, north bay window
719/721	671	1989	Garage	No	14'x20' frame

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725	672	1/2/16	Tudor Revival two-story house	Yes	built by Wm. Knudsen, two-story frame, \$3,000, Assessor has 1914 date, stucco, front chimney, catslide roof, south two-story solarium.
725	672	?	Garage	Yes	24'x20' frame, original doors, narrow clapboard exterior
729	673	1915	front gable square	Yes	aluminum siding/brick, gable porch, 6/1 windows
729	673	?	Garage	No	new
735	674	1919	side gable square	Yes	two-story south solarium, hip roof porch, brick veneer, rowlock belt course at first story sill level, second story sill level, soldier brick belt course at second story lintel level
735	674	1990	Garage	No	24'x24' frame
737	None	1919	Side gable square	Yes	Solarium, rear attached garage (1990), concrete foundation, brick exterior
741	675	1921	Colonial Revival, 1.5 story gambrel cottage	Yes	Basement garage, poured concrete foundation, aluminum siding
749	676	4/22/ 1919	front gable square	Yes	built by Fletcher & Van Vliet, two-story frame/stucco,\$3,000, Assessor has 1918 date, gable porch, asbestos siding, heavy brackets, 5/1 windows, narrow belt course at second story sill level, south chamfered bay
749	676	1929	Garage	Yes	12'x18' frame
753	677	1919	front gable square	Yes	built by Fletcher & Van Vliet, Assessor has 1918 date, patterned shingle gable/shingle/wood water table/brick, shed roof porch, north shed roof chamfered cantilevered bay, heavy brackets, rear attached garage
Center Street				· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
3206	678	1918	Bungalow, II-C	Yes	asbestos siding/permastone siding/tile, flat roof attached garage on east side, 5/1, 3/1 windows
3306	679	12/22/ 1922	Dutch Colonial Revival 1.5 story gambrel cottage	Yes	built by Commercial Bldg. & Securities Co. \$3,900, Assessor has 1911date, east side of house excavated out given that side coal chute is 5' above ground, east wing appears to match original however, 5/1 windows, 6/1 square panes, 4/1 square panes
3318	680	1910	Bungalow, II-A	Yes	altered, rear roof pitch raised, vinyl siding/stucco, shed roof dormer, 31'x18' core, four rooms
3414	681	4/27/ 1919	Bungalow, II-A	Yes	Built by Fletcher & Van Vliet, \$3,000, yellow tile roof, Tudor style gable, stucco and wood paneling, brick to second sill level, veneer, soldier brick course water table, broad gable roof dormer, side one-story wing over garage to east, side entry and high terrace setting
Pleasant Street					
3117	682	1918	Bungalow, II-D	Yes	wide aluminum siding/ exposed tile, heavy brackets, 1/1 windows, triangular porch arches, gable front dormer

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3202-04	684	1921	Craftsman	Yes	Hip roof duplex, brick foundation and exterior, second
			duplex		story narrower than first story, has same mass and lines as 690 32 nd Street immediately east
3211	685	3/11/ 1920	Bungalow, II-B	Yes	Built by Fred C. Kendall, \$5,000, basement garage north side, heavy porch columns, glassed in porch,
		1720			stucco foundation, aluminum siding
3309	686	1918	Bungalow, I-D	Yes	Clapboard exterior
3311	687	1918	Bungalow, II-A	Yes	Shed roof dormer, fireplace, clapboard exterior
3410	688	3/21/ 1925	Bungalow, I-D	Yes	built by Dyer Martin Investments Co., one-story frame, 16'x32' core, poured concrete foundation, clapboard \$3,000, Assessor has 1918 date.
Woodland		L		Sandilar -	5,000, Assessor has 1916 date.
Avenue					
3106	689	1919	Bungalow,	Yes	Large flared piers, gable roof porch with side entry,
5100	007		II-C	103	5/1 windows, stucco/large rusticated brick foundation,
	}		In C		large rusticated brick chimney, east side gable
3109	690	1905	Front gable	No	greatly altered, wrap-around porch, vinyl/aluminum
0.000		1900	square		siding/permastone, pictured May 1909
3109	690	?	Garage	No	Vertical siding, altered
3110	691	1916	Bungalow,	Yes	stucco/large brick, flared porch pylons, triple sets of
			II-B	ala ala alagan Maria	tri-part vertical paned lights, gable east cantilevered
					bay, chimney of same brick, as 3106 Woodland
		-			Avenue, listed above, Register & Leader advertises
	1				May 21, 1916 as "California Type Bungalowstrictly
					first class, combining every feature that would be
	1				desired." Witmer & Kauffman offer house and
	1				apparently built it new for sale, Assessor dates to 1918.
3200	692	6/17	Bungalow,	Yes	built by E. N. Jacobs, one-story frame, \$2,500, gable
		1919	I-E		cantilevered east bay wing, aluminum siding/stucco, 3/1 windows
3202	693	1922	Bungalow,	Yes	large west chimney, tri-gable front, stucco/stucco, east
5202	075	1722	I-D	100	side wing, extended eaves on porches, square porch
	1				columns narrow windows in sets of 10 panes.
3206	694	1915	Bungalow,	Yes	vinyl siding/brick, brick porch pylons, ell to east, east
			I-E		wing, west chimney/window set, broad eaves, tapered
		1.12			piers
3206	694	1930	Garage	Yes	10'x18' frame, original narrow clapboard exterior
vacant lot	T				belongs to 3214, had 1915 house on it
3214	695	1915	front gable	Yes	aluminum siding/stucco, 6/1, 5/1 windows, gable
		2 a.	square	1997	porch, twin shed roof canopies second story front and
			•	and a second sec	came over attic windows, canopies over west side
					window and stair hall window, north side dormer
3215	696	1918	Bungalow,	Yes	brick, blonde on walls, red foundation, flat parapet
			I-E		wall porch, east cantilevered bay
3215	696	1958	Garage	No	20'x10' frame, shed attachment
3216	697	3/1/	Bungalow,	Yes	built by Bert G. Bragg, \$6,000, patterned shingle in
		1920	I-D Í		gable/shingle/ brick, wood water table, heavy brackets,
	1.				east wing, square large shingle pylons, flared shingle
					short columns
3216	697	1919	Garage	yes	Double with attic, 20'x20' frame

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3304	698	3/17/ 1922	Bungalow, I-D	Yes	Poured concrete foundation, clapboard exterior, built by Duro Bros., \$3,000, asbestos siding/brick, east wing, plain, fireplace
3308	699	3/17/ 1922	Bungalow, I-D	Yes	cottage, built by Duro Bros., \$3,000, aluminum siding/brick/ west wing, plain, paired windows, fireplace
3308	699	1979	Garage	No	24'x22' frame
3311	700	1915	side gable square	Yes	front south basement garage, side portico, jerkinhead roof, shingle/belt course/stucco, stucco foundation, shed roof front cantilevered bay, Craftsman windows, two-story east solarium flush to facade
3315	701	6/30/ 1919	side gable square	Yes	built by E. O. Biggs, \$3,000, Assessor has 1916 date, vinyl siding/stucco, shed roof portico, 5/1 windows, short side lights on door,
3315	701	1934	Garage	Yes	10'x20' frame
3317	702	1918	side gable square	Yes	front east basement garage, patterned shingle second, shingle 1st, brick, match to 3311, two-story east solarium set flush to facade, belt course, gable side portico, 5/1 windows

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8. Significance Statement:

The Middlesex Plat neighborhood is historically significant under Criteria A and C because the Middlesex Plat represents a rarity in the Des Moines residential history, that contained a large-scale development which successfully infilled with a consistent class and range of residential architecture. Consequently the promoters were able to control long-term development of the plat to insure that the promises made to early buyer/builders would be kept. Its rapid infilling development resulted in a largely exclusive intermixing of then popular bungalow and square house types (Criterion C), and because it represents the rapid and large-scale substantial westward expansion of the city's residential frontier and specifically the infilling of the corridor defined by Grand Avenue and Center Street (Criterion A). The successful and relatively rapid upbuilding of this plat reflects the developmental efforts of the community builder realtor firm, Witmer and Kauffman and house builders such as Henry Tillia and Charles Barnes. They and others collectively represent the medium scale builders of his day who by this time were focusing their building efforts in particular plats. These builders erected dozens of speculative houses and through their efforts the quality and class of house construction resulted in a neighborhood that possessed a consistent architectural expression and design.

The Middlesex district represents a residential district that experienced rapid infilling as a number of major house contractors combined their efforts to provide square house and bungalow plans. While it was part of the westward residential expansion of Des Moines, the plat actually represented an eastward infilling of the area between Ingersoll Avenue (south) and Kingman Boulevard. Des Moines growth had plunged directly west in the area south of Ingersoll Avenue, and northwest into the region north of Center Street. The area between Kingman Boulevard and Ingersoll was delayed in its development by the lack of streetcar service. The closest line was along University Avenue well to the north, and other lines in the Drake and Sherman Hill areas terminated well east of this area. The 1906-07 completion of the Ingersoll Run sewer into Northwest Des Moines in addition to improved streetcar service, encouraged the Middlesex developers to market their land. The Middlesex parcel was also withheld from the real estate market for many years. It was part of the large J. Callanan property as of 1882 and 1898. Callanan retained the land between 28th and 31st streets for many years and this quarter-mile square block located immediately east of this district reflects a later architectural period and infilling pattern.



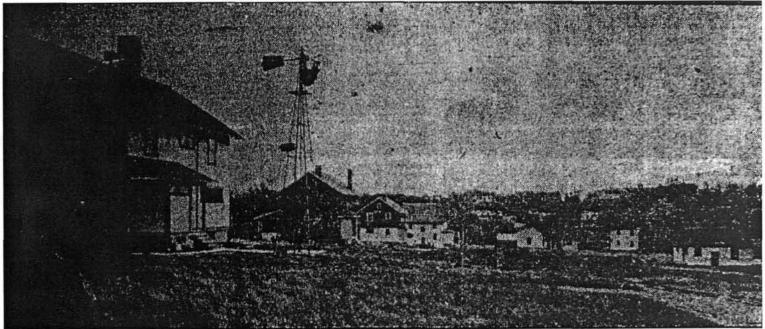
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The historical context "The 'Own Your Own Home' Campaign and Des Moines' Record Home Ownership Level, 1908-1942" (MPD, pp. 12-15) applies to the Middlesex district. Single family housing comprised a very high percentage of the city's residential properties and home ownership promotional efforts made the city the national leader in the percentage of home ownership. The square house and bungalow directly facilitated this remarkable achievement by providing relatively low-cost housing forms for a growing home-buying market.

The historical context "Transportation's Role in Fostering and Directing Residential Expansion, 1900-1942" (MPD, pp. 15-16) similarly applies because this addition was promoted and was successful because of its proximity to streetcar service. The district's development pre-dated the ascendancy of the automobile. The district's development was part of a broader westward residential expansion that relied initially on streetcar/interurban service and then additionally upon automobile service as well.

Finally the historical context "The Role of House Design, Construction and Marketing in Fostering and Influencing Des Moines Residential Construction and Expansion, 1900-1942" (MPD, pp. 24-26) has application to this district because of the role played by the plat developers and a small number of home builders. Collectively they aggressively marketed and developed an architecturally cohesive residential middle class neighborhood. Middlesex stands out in sharp contrast to most city plats and to many contemporaneous nearby neighborhoods because of this visual unity.



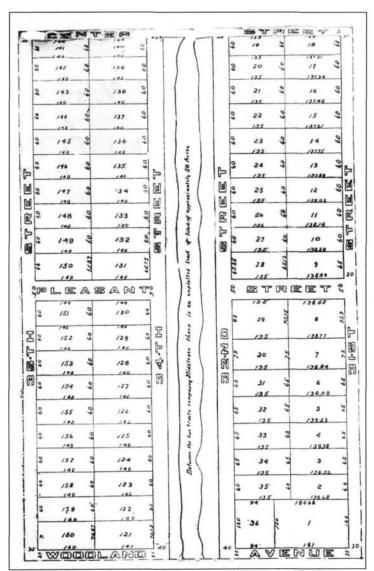
1909 Middlesex Photo, view south from Pleasant Street just west of 31st Street (houses from the left are 684, 670, 660 and 646 31st Street, unidentified, 3109 Woodland Avenue and 669 32nd Street Note the lack of tree cover and the wind mill water supply) (*Register & Leader*, May 23, 1909)

Woodland Place meets the Registration Requirements as set forth in Section F of the multiple property documentation form (MPD, pp. 173-76, 228-31). Its residential properties comprise a predominance of bungalow and square house designs which substantially retain their physical integrity. Section F defines these cottage/house types and the district examples conform to those specifications. The district represents one of a select number of residential areas which experienced rapid and nearly complete development and the resulting array or intermixing of these two residential types interprets the historic role played by these types in housing city residents.

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Plat Development and Context:



Original Middlesex Plat, as of August 1907, (initially the blocks between 32nd and 34th streets was unplatted, later platted as Middlesex II and filed for record August 27, 1909) (Property Abstract, Lot 44, Middlesex Plat 2, provided by Cynthia Short)

The Middlesex Plat was filed by the [P. K.] Witmer and [B. F.] Kauffman Insurance Company on August 16, 1907. The company first sold insurance but established a separate real estate department in late 1906. Middlesex Plat #2 includes Lots 37-119, the middle four blocks of the eight-block plat. Nothing happened in the development for a year after filing aside from some internal trading. B. J. Huffman transferred the ownership of the outermost four blocks to Witmer in August 1908 and most of these remained in the hands of Witmer and Kauffman as of February 1912, along with a majority of the Middlesex #2 lots. By the opening of the 1909 building season, the Middlesex Addition had made its mark in the city. The *Register &*

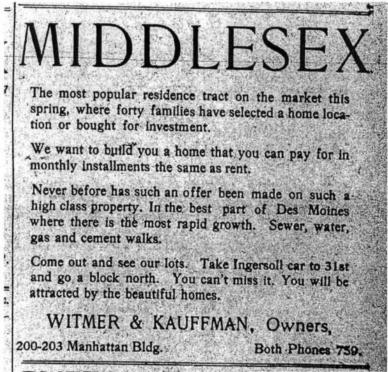
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Leader observed that the "opening of the Middlesex Addition is doing a great deal to build up the district lying between Ingersoll avenue and Center streets, and will eventually be the means of securing a continuation of the Center street car line west from Seventeenth Street." The 160 lots were selling for \$500 to \$1,200. The same source continued, "the cross streets have all been opened, sewer, gas and water mains have been laid and cement sidewalks are rapidly being put in place over the entire tract." Houses had to cost at least \$2,000 and the newspaper listed seven individuals who were building in 1909 (*Register & Leader*, May 23, 1909; *Capital*, October 13, 1906).



By 1909 the developers claimed 40 lot purchases (Register & Leader, May 30, 1909)

The real advantage was the fact that the plat was completely improved with walks, water, sewer and gas services before the lots were offered to the public. It wasn't until mid-July that the public was assured that "streets [had been] put to grade." The above advertisement makes no reference to roads however. Surely these were at least graded. By May 9 Witmer & Kauffman could report that lots were "going fast" for \$10 down and the same amount paid monthly. In late June they warned that lot "values [were] increasing fast because 15 new modern homes [were] being built this spring" and 50 lots had been sold. The plat ads didn't give lot prices but the down payment did jump, from \$10 to \$35, between mid-June and mid-July 1909. The final large format advertisement of 1909, run in early July, warned that "now is the time to start if you want it ready to move into this fall." The ad was headed "If you are not enthusiastic over Middlesex its because you haven't seen it" (Ibid., May 9, June 20, July 4, 1909; *Capital*, May 28, July 10, 1909).

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Witmer & Kauffman Real Estate Promotion of Middlesex Des Moines Register and Leader, May 23, 1909

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We will sell you a lot in our beautiful new addition, Middlesex. Centrally located, just far enough away from the city's smoke and gas and only 15 minutes' ride on the cars to the business center. The city is building more rapidly to the west than in any other direction. The lots in this addition are all high and well graded, only one block to Ingersoll car. City water, sewer, gas, cem ent walks and close to good school. Every lot is a beautiful home site and for an investment there is nothing better being offered. 7 Take Ingersoll Car. Get Off Salesman at Thirty-first On Ground Street. Go One Sunday. Block North, We Are Selling These Beautiful Lots at \$10.00 Down and \$10.00 Per Month. Or we will build you a home with a small cash payment down and balance same as rent. Here is a chance for you to invest your savings where they are safe and profits sure. There is more money made annually in real estate investments than in any other way. Now is the time to get in on this before prices advance. WITMER & KAUFFMAN, Owners 200 Manhattan Block, Both Phones Both Phones

(Des Moines Capital, June 11, 1909)

Witmer & Kauffman built more than 30 houses in the plat in 1908 to promote sales and to set an architectural example for other builders. The building dates do not appear to substantiate this claim but those dates tend to be later than actual construction. The developers of nearby Woodland Place (also being nominated as a district) square house plans were favored and the earliest Middlesex houses similarly were front gable square plans. Witmer & Kauffman built at least one district property in the later years of their sales campaign. They offered 3110 Woodland Avenue for sale in late May 1916 as a "California Type Bungalow" (*Register & Leader*, May 23, 1909; May 21, 1916).

The company financed homebuilders at six percent interest and it is not clear whether Witmer & Kauffman then did the building as well for their clients. An east-west sequence of construction was described in the plat advertisements. The developers first opened up 31st and 32nd streets in 1908 and then opened "our very best street" (33rd Street) in 1909. An averaging of construction dates on a street by street basis shows that 31st Street houses have an average age of 1912.3 years, while those along 32rd Street average 1912.9 in the 600's block, and 1917 in the 700's. Houses on 33rd Street average to 1915.5 while those on 34th Street average 1916. The houses along the east side of 31st Street average to 1915. Cumulatively these figures document the rapid and solid infilling of the district. At any rate Witmer and Kauffman were quite pleased with their undertaking. One of their 1909 promotions boasted that "We have had the most rapid sale of high-grade improved residence property that has ever taken place in this city." One homebuilder was one of the promoters, B. F. Kauffman who announced plans to build a \$9,000 home in the spring of 1909 (Des Moines *Register & Leader*, May 23, 1909; May 23, 1912; September 17, 1911).

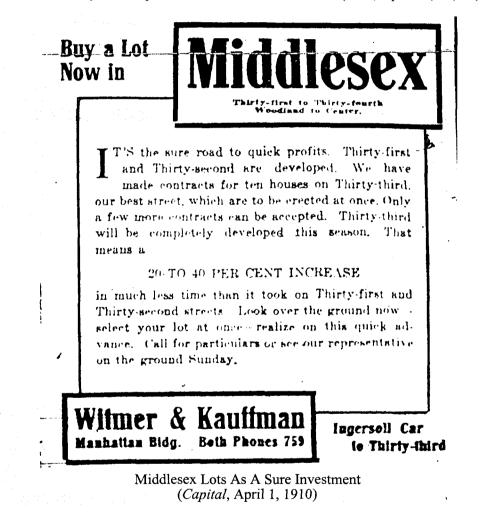
Another sustained sales campaign unfolded during the spring of 1910. Witmer & Kauffman first ran a unified real estate ad for their four developments, Middlesex, Tonawanda Place, Grand Avenue Heights, and Highland Park. These additions covered the east and west sides of Des Moines. The sales focus was placed on the speculative value of buying a lot in Middlesex. A 20-40 percent increase in value had already been realized since the first lot offerings two years previous and a doubling was promised within the next two years. In the face of a barrage of substantial sales ads, buyers were advised that "only a few lots remain unsold. At the end of April an advertisement promised that "A Middlesex lot is the best savings bank"

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for you." The increase in value was driven by house building. The same source explained "homes are going up so rapidly that lot values are increasing every day." Another sales angle was the highly developed nature of the plat. "Pioneering has been removed from Middlesex" it was promised. By May 11 the promoters reported "[lot sales] are going rapidly. In a short time they will be off the market." Two days later, "just a few" lots remained unsold (Ibid., April 15, 16, 25, May 11, 13, 1910).



Despite the 1910 promises that nearly every lot was sold, a final big marketing push followed in May 1912. The *Register and Leader* had reported September 17, 1911 as follows:

Two years ago Middlesex addition in west Des Moines was forty acres of hay fields. When Witmer and Kauffman first began the improvement they sold forty tons of hay which was cut from the ground before the graders commenced their work. Since that time numerous beautiful residences have been erected in the addition between Thirty-first and Thirty-fifth streets and Woodland avenue and Center street. It is estimated that \$150,000 worth of improvements have been made in the district. The addition is one of the most beautiful residence sections of the city and demonstrates how quickly Des Moines has grown during the last few years.

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"Select your lot and we will furnish you the money to build a house" (Des Moines Register and Leader, May 26, 1912)

Land records reveal little about how the addition was actually sold off and built up. There is no indication that large portions of the plat were transferred to builders. It appears that the developers were able to sell off the lots directly to those who would build there. There are a few builders who appear in the land records however although many of these were selling what appeared to be undeveloped lots.

	M. Swigert:	Purchased lots 41, 42 and 54 in late 1916 and mid-1917.
	James Burrows:	Purchased Lot 39 in 1918
	John G. Trent:	Purchased Lots 37, 75 and 76 in early 1920.
	J. H. Duro:	Purchased the south half of Lot 84 in early 1918.
	J. M. Coon:	Purchased the west half of Lot 96, and Lot 95 in July 1922
	Henry Tillia	Purchased the east portion of Lots 87-88, and Lot 107 in 1915 but sold all within half a year.
	Fletcher & Van Vli	et: Purchased Lot 108, September 1911
	Swigert & Tillia:	Purchased Lots 111, 117, 118 in October 1911.
	C. Barnes:	Purchased Lots 124, 125 and the south half of 126, January 1909
	William Barnes:	Purchased Lots 127, 128 and west half of 126, February 1909
	House Building Co	mpany: Purchased Lot 20, July 1921
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Cumulatively these builders account for but a handful of the addition's lots (Transfer Book C-8-pp. 163, 261-66, Transfer Book 9-2, pp. 64, 135, 142-45).

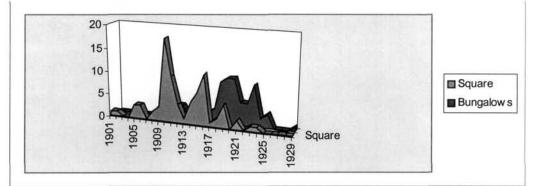
House builder Clement Charles Barnes Sr. (1863-?) was credited with building up the Middlesex and Chamberlain Additions in the city and his name appears in the above list of builders. He also built the State Fairgrounds track, the Urbandale carline, and Camp Dodge. Born in Madison, Wisconsin, he came to Des Moines in 1871. He also built Mississippi

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River levees, early South Dakota railroads, the Sante Fe Railroad lines in Oklahoma and the Canadian Grand Trunk Railroad. He resided at 343 51st Street (Who's Who In Des Moines, 1929, p. 23).

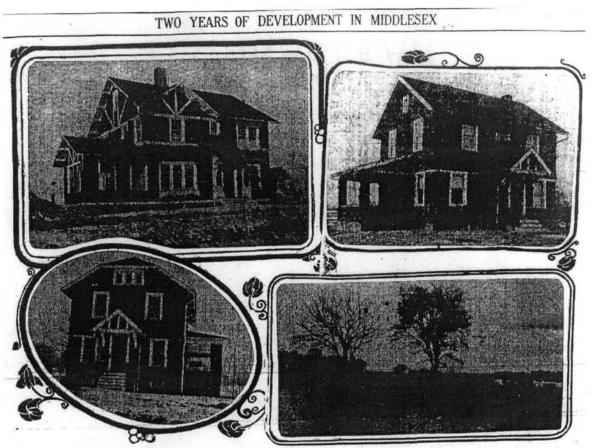
Front gable square houses were primarily built within the district between 1910 and 1916, and the construction took place in three building periods, 1905-6, 1910-11 and 1915-16. Hip roof squares or foursquares date from between 1902 and 1911. Half of the side gable square houses were built in the years 1910, 1916 and 1919.



Middlesex Square Houses and Bungalows, By Year of Construction, 1901-1929, 3-D Perspective

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Middlesex Development, 1911 (contemporary views of each house shown follow below) Upper left, 684 31st Street, Fred P. Carr; Upper right, 703 31st Street, Geis Botsford, Lower left; 713 32nd Street, L. L. Ricketts. The grader's camp (white tents) is pictured at lower right (*Register & Leader*, September 17, 1911)



Present appearance, 702 31st Street (note that two-story solarium has replaced side porch)

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Present appearance, 713 32nd Street



Present appearance, 684 31st Street

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Present appearance, 731 33rd Street (note that full-width porch post-dates the gabled entry hood, note how larger porch broadens the plan)

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677 32nd Street, offered for sale in late 1916 (Des Moines Register & Leader, September 10, 1916

Present appearance, 677 32nd Street

The house pictured above was described as "One of the handsomest residences in the city, in a refined neighborhood, close to car, school and churches. Seven rooms, bath, built in cupboards and modern in every respect, \$4,750."

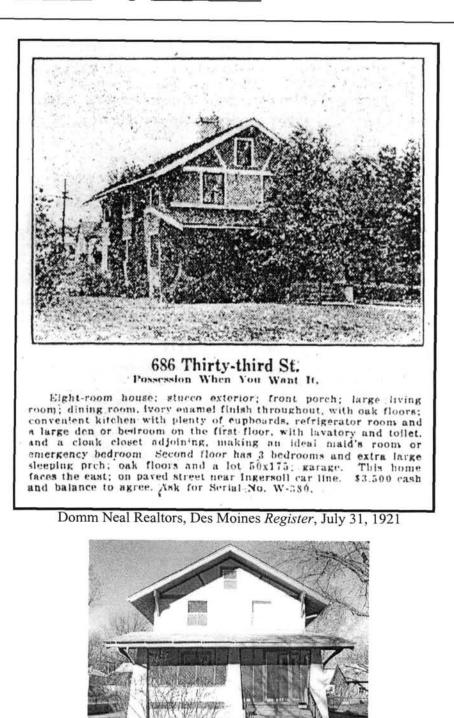
A good number of Des Moines builders resided and had construction shops on the west end of Ingersoll Avenue and in that immediate area. The westward expansion of the city's residential neighborhoods made it advantageous to reside close to their construction sites. Builder F. M. Cline resided at 624 34th Street for many years, just south of this district.



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Present appearance, 686 33rd Street

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1920 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map

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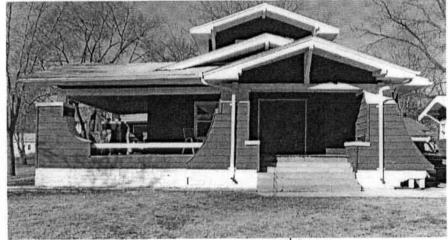
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700 33rd Street, Aeroplane Bungalow, Des Moines Register & Leader, July 24, 1915



Present appearance, 700 33rd Street

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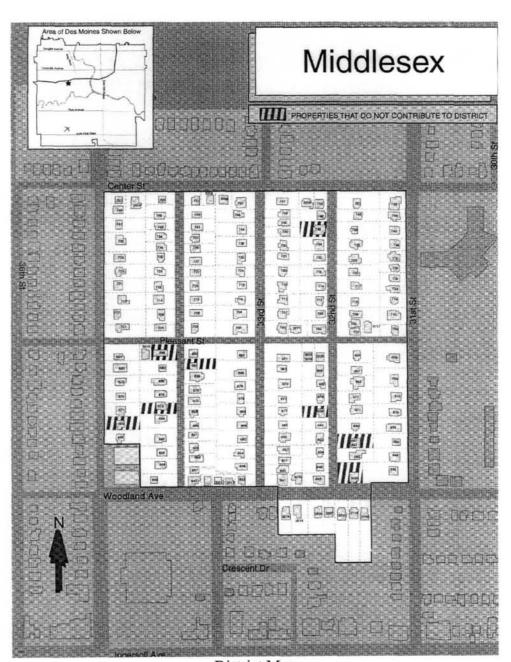
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District Map:



District Map Des Moines Community Development Department, 2000 (700 33rd Street has undergone additional changes since this map was prepared and has been added to the non-contributing property count) NPS Form 10-900-a (8-86) **United States Department of the Interior** National Park Service

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10. Geographical Data:

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Boundary Description:

The district includes the entirety of the Middlesex and Middlesex #2 plats as well as Lot 1, Block 1, Garver's Place Addition and Lots 11-16, Hortendale's Addition. The boundary follows the center line of streets where applicable and the appropriate lot lines as cited above.

Boundary Justification:

The district boundary includes the entirety of the Middlesex plat which is the focus of the nomination as well as a small number of Woodland Avenue properties which front on that plat from the south and which represent the same range and period of residential architecture. Properties on the east side of 31st Street and the west side of 35th Street were excluded because they post-date the Middlesex development period. These adjoining areas developed later and the area east of 31st Street in particular has a distinctly different platting.

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