

Site Inventory Form

State Historical Society of Iowa

(December 1, 1999)

State Inventory No. 85-03736

☒ New ☐ Supplemental

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

Relationship: ☒ Contributing ☐ Noncontributing

☐ Contributes to a potential district with yet unknown boundaries

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

9-Digit SHPO Review & Compliance Number _____

☐ Non-Extant (enter year) _____

1. Name of Property

historic name HOUSE

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 2108 HUGHES AVENUE

city or town AMES

☐ vicinity, county STORY

Legal Description: (If Rural) Township Name _____

Township No. _____ Range No. _____ Section _____ Quarter of Quarter _____

(If Urban) Subdivision See Continuation Sheet

Block(s) _____

Lot(s) _____

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

4. National Park Service Certification [Skip this Section]

5. Classification

Category of Property (Check only one box)

☐ building(s)

☒ district

☐ site

☐ structure

☐ object

Number of Resources within Property

If Non-Eligible Property

Enter number of:

_____ buildings

_____ sites

_____ structures

_____ objects

_____ Total

If Eligible Property, enter number of:

Contributing

Noncontributing

1

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_____ buildings

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1 Total

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

Title
"College Heights, Ames, Iowa, MPD"

Historical Architectural Data Base Number
85-025

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

01A DOMESTIC-SINGLE DWELLING

01A DOMESTIC-SINGLE DWELLING

01C05 GARAGE

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

06 NEO-COLONIAL REVIVAL

foundation 10A CONCRETE BLOCK

walls 05 METAL (SIDING)

roof 08 ASPHALT

other 03 BRICK

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

8. Statement of Significance

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

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City AMES

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Site Number 85-03736
District Number 85-04300

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Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

COMMUNITY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

ARCHITECTURE, EDUCATION

Significant Person

(Complete if National Register Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Significant Dates

Construction date

1932 ☒ check if circa or estimated date

Other dates

Architect/Builder

Architect

Builder

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

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographic Data

UTM References (OPTIONAL)

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State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) Use Only Below This Line

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

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Comments: _____

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

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Related District Number 85-04300

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HOUSE

Name of Property
2108 HUGHES AVENUE

Address

STORY

County

AMES

City

Legal description

COLLEGE HEIGHTS ADD LOT 1 EX S50'& N50' LOT 13 BLK 14

Narrative Description

This is a 1.5-story house. It rests on a concrete block foundation and is clad in metal siding. The house features a side-gable roof, which extends to cover a full-width front porch. A system of columns and railings support the roof extension. From left to right, the first story of the façade features a pair of paneled casement windows, a wide piano window, the front door, and a system of three paneled casement windows. Three roof dormers, each with their own front-gable roofs and casement windows make up the upper level of street façade. There is a detached two-car garage located to the right behind the house. It features a front-gable roof and is clad in the same metal siding as the house.

Narrative Statement of Significance

This house is National Register eligible, under Criterion C, because of its architectural design. The building calls attention to Neo-Colonial styling. Broadly conceived within the tradition of the Cape Cod cottage, this building employs a symmetrical placement of three dormer windows on its side-gable roof, while allowing an asymmetrical design for the first floor of its front facade. This first floor features brick veneer on the northwestern two-thirds of the front facade and clapboard siding (now covered up with metal siding) on the projecting southeastern third. A pedimented front entry is centered on the design. Denticulation is situated above the brick wall. Taken as a whole, this building shows the flexibility the Cape Cod cottage lent to variation. A 2-car, detached garage is also situated on the property but is evaluated as noncontributing to the historic district because of its age. It was built in 1977.

This house calls attention to the development of College Heights as a garden suburb in the 1930s and, as such, contributes to the College Heights Historic District under Criterion A. The city assessor places the construction of this building in 1932. There is no building permit on file for it, and this date seems somewhat early for this kind of Neo-Colonial Revival residence. Further research is recommended to establish a more accurate date of construction.

Major Bibliographical References

See MPD bibliography.

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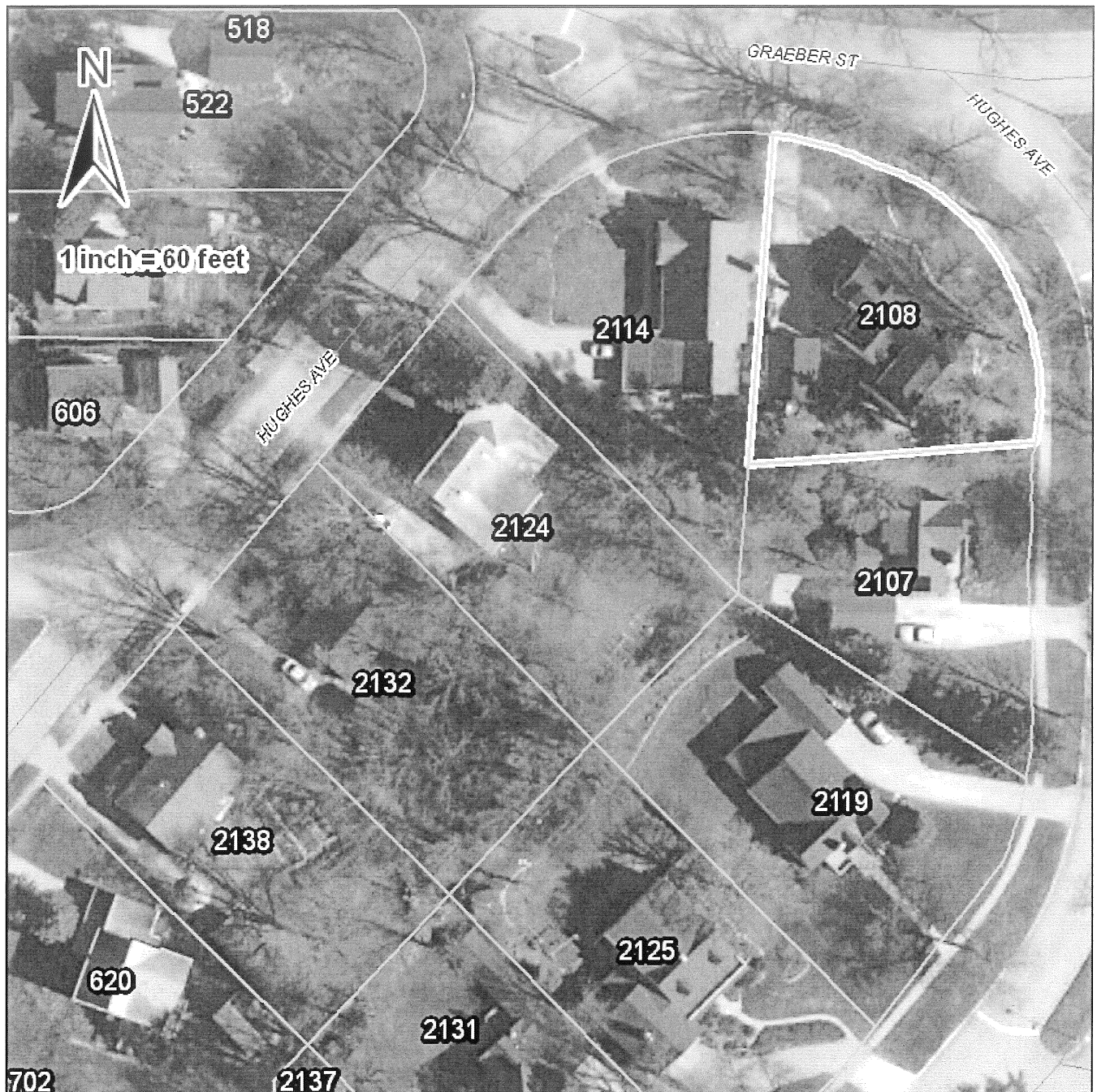
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Range No. _____

Section _____

Quarter of Quarter _____

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COMMUNITY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

ARCHITECTURE, EDUCATION

Significant Person

(Complete if National Register Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Significant Dates

Construction date

1924 ☒ check if circa or estimated date

Other dates

Architect/Builder

Architect

Builder

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

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

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HOUSE

Name of Property

2114 HUGHES AVENUE

Address

STORY

County

AMES

City

Legal description

COLLEGE HEIGHTS ADD LOT 2 BLK 14

Narrative Description

This is a one-story house clad in metal siding. It rests on a brick and tile foundation and features a cross-gabled roof. The street façade is dominated by the front-gable roof and features, from left to right, a system of three double-hung windows with shutters, the front entry door, which is flanked by pilasters and a flat pediment, and a single double-hung window. A small octagonal vent is present at the gable of the roof. A small portion of the side-gabled main block of the house and the garage block can be seen to the right of the previously described portion. A brick chimney rises up along the left side of the house. There is an attached two-car, one-bay garage located on the right side of the house. It features a shed roof and is clad in the same metal siding as the house.

Narrative Statement of Significance

This is a 1-story, frame, much altered single-family dwelling. It features a front gable facade, corner returns, octagonal window in gable end, and a Neo-Colonial Revival influenced front entrance. In 1978, a 2-car garage was attached to this building. These changes preclude the building serving as a contributing resource to the College Heights Historic District, under Criteria A or C, or under Criterion B, unless a significant individual is found to have resided in this house during the productive period of his career.

Major Bibliographical References

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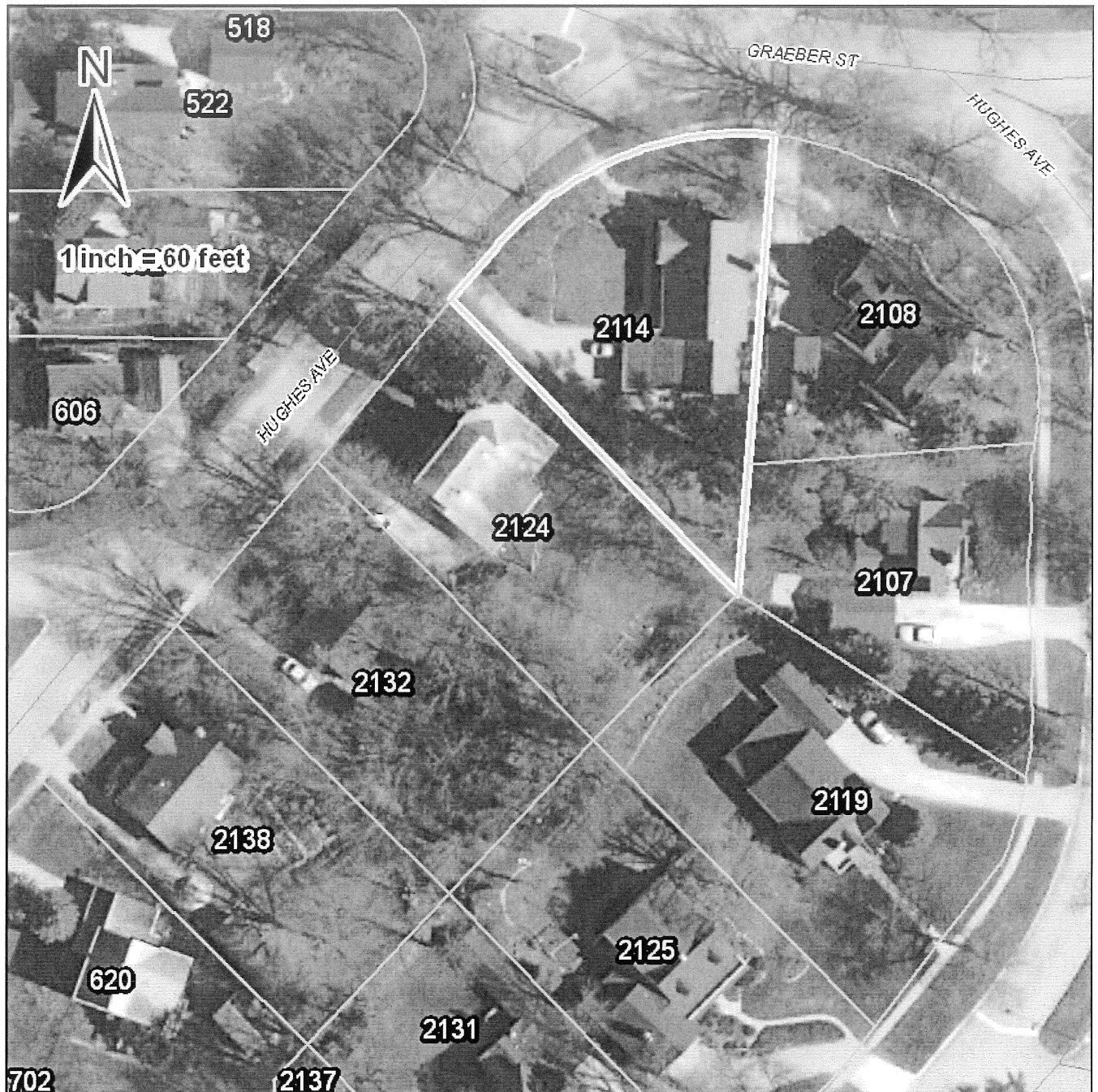
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Looking south.

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other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 2115 HUGHES AVENUE

city or town AMES

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Legal Description: (If Rural) Township Name

Township No. _____ Range No. _____ Section _____ Quarter of Quarter _____

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ARCHITECTURE, EDUCATION

Significant Person

(Complete if National Register Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Significant Dates

Construction date

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Other dates

Architect/Builder

Architect

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Address

STORY

County

AMES

City

Legal description

COLLEGE HEIGHTS ADD LOT 14 BLK 9

Narrative Description

This is a 1.5-story house clad in an exterior brick face. It rests on a brick and tile foundation and features two prominent front-gable roofs and a side-gable roof with a corner cap over the main block of the house. The front entry projection, with its own steep front-gable roof is closest to the street and features, from left to right, a pair of paneled casement windows, a small square window below close to the ground and an arched opening in which the front entry door is recessed. A small circular window can be seen towards the gable of the roof. To the left of this projected portion of the house is another block with a steep front-gable roof. This block's street façade features, again from left to right, a pair of paneled casement windows and a small casement window on the first level an additional pair of casement windows and vertical rectangular vent on the upper level near the roof gable. The main block of the house, seen to the right of these projections, features a street façade of three pairs of paneled casement windows. The upper level of the house on this block features a wide shed-roof dormer with multiple paneled casement windows. There is a two-car, two-bay garage located in the basement of the house.

Narrative Statement of Significance

This house is National Register eligible, under Criterion C, because of its architectural design. The building calls attention to Tudor Revival styling in College Heights. This gable-front-and wing design features masonry construction and a projecting front entrance covered with a front gable roof. Tudor Revival characteristics include steeply pitched roofs, Flemish bond brickwork, an inset front porch with a rounded arch, and a long, inset dormer window. In 1991, a 2-car basement garage was added to the house, a nonintrusive feature, which does not detract from the building's original design. Further research is likely to reveal the architect or architectural firm responsible for this design.

This house calls attention to the development of College Heights as a garden suburb in the 1930s and, as such, contributes to the College Heights Historic District under Criterion A.

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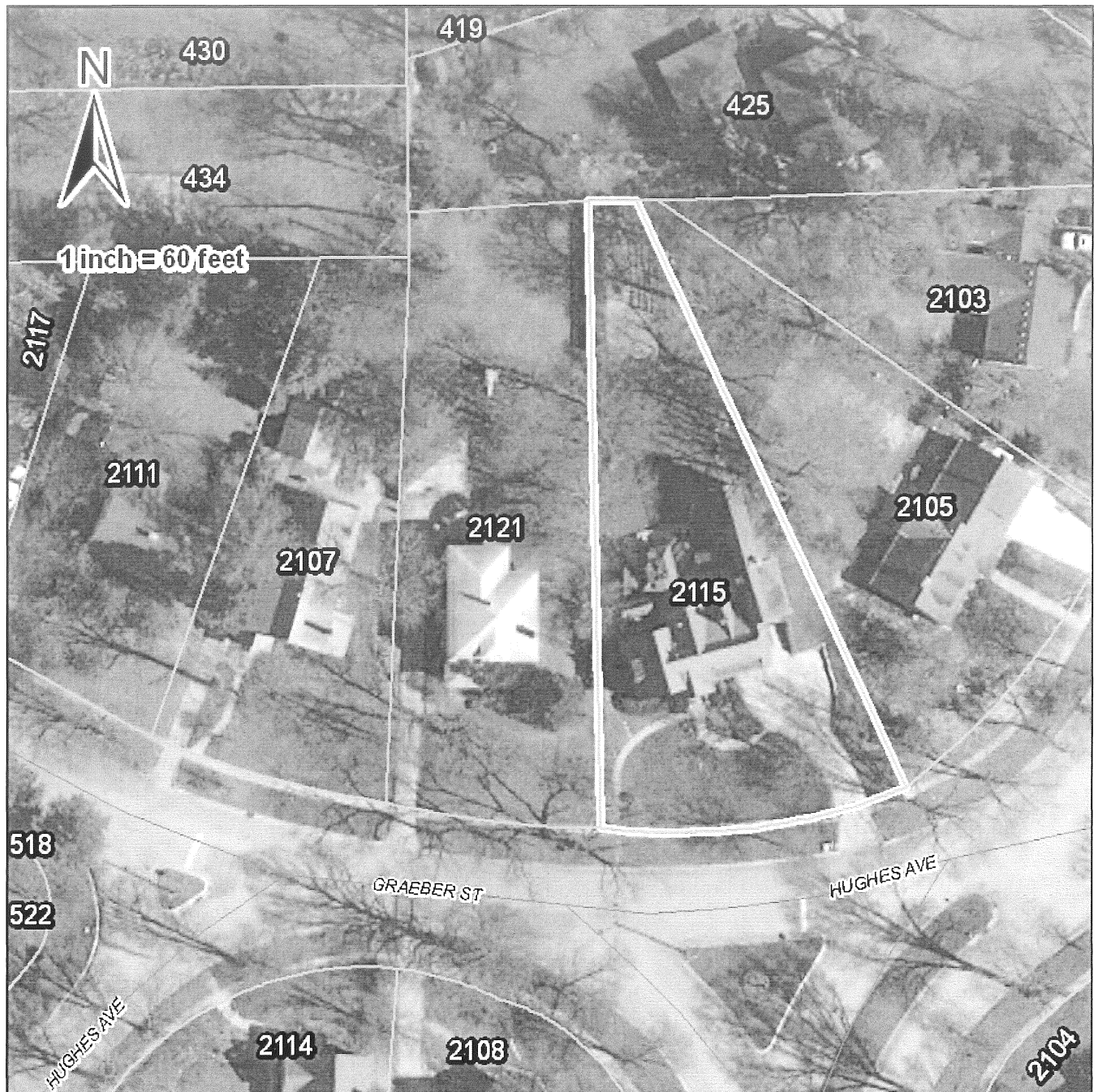
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historic name HOUSE, DEAN MAURICE D. & ELIZABETH STEVENS HELSER

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 2121 HUGHES AVENUE

city or town AMES

☐ vicinity, county STORY

Legal Description: (If Rural) Township Name _____

Township No. _____ Range No. _____ Section _____ Quarter of Quarter _____

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01C05 GARAGE

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7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

09A06 FOUR SQUARE

foundation 03-16 BRICK/CLAY TILE

07A PRAIRIE SCHOOL

walls 02 WOOD

roof 08 ASPHALT

other 03 BRICK

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

8. Statement of Significance

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

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ More Research Recommended

A Property is associated with significant events.

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ More Research Recommended

B Property is associated with the lives of significant persons.

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ More Research Recommended

C Property has distinctive architectural characteristics.

☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ More Research Recommended

D Property yields significant information in archaeology or history.

County STORY
City AMES

Address 2121 HUGHES AVENUE

Site Number 85-03739
District Number 85-04300

Criteria Considerations

- ☐ A Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
☐ B Removed from its original location.
☐ C A birthplace or grave.
☐ D A cemetery.
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☐ G Less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

COMMUNITY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

ARCHITECTURE, EDUCATION

Significant Person

(Complete if National Register Criterion B is marked above)

DEAN MAURICE D. HELSER

Significant Dates

Construction date

1921 ☒ check if circa or estimated date

Other dates

Architect/Builder

Architect

Builder

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

9. Major Bibliographical References

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

10. Geographic Data

UTM References (OPTIONAL)

Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
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state IA

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

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

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Related District Number 85-04300

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HOUSE, DEAN MAURICE D. & ELIZABETH STEVENS HELSER	STORY
Name of Property	County
2121 HUGHES AVENUE	AMES
Address	City

Legal description

COLLEGE HEIGHTS ADD LOT 15 & E10' LOT 16 BLK 9

Narrative Description

This is a two-story house. It rests on a brick and tile foundation and is clad in wood siding. The roof configuration of the house is made up of three hip roofs – one half hipped roof over the projected first story, another over the second story, and the third over a centered roof dormer. All of the roofs have an open wide eave overhang. The first story façade features, from left to right, a front entry door flanked by full-length sidelights and recessed in a small entry porch and a system of five double-hung (10/1 panel configuration) windows. As mentioned before, a half hipped roof covers the front portion of this first story. The second story façade features two pairs of double-hung (10/1 panel configuration) windows. A hipped roof dormer projects from the second story roof and features two small square paneled windows and hipped roof. There is a detached, two-car, -bay garage located to the left behind the house. It features a front-gable roof and is clad in the same wood siding as the house.

Narrative Statement of Significance

This house is National Register eligible, under Criterion C, because of its architectural design. The building calls attention to the influences of American Four Square and Prairie School styling on its design. The rectangular shape, hip roof, and dormer window are hallmarks of American Four Square design, while Prairie School characteristics provide distinctive embellishments to the composition. These features include a five-unit ribbon window on the first floor of the front facade; wide eaves; short, paired windows in a dormer window; and a rather low-pitched hipped roof. Each of these features lends a horizontal feeling to the building in keeping with the Prairie School taste. The 1-story wing on the front facade further accentuates these characteristics. Instead of the *de rigueur* open porch for an American Four Square, this porch is enclosed and, in addition to the ribbon window, features the front entrance to the house inset under its hipped roof. This handsome and well-maintained house is likely individually eligible for nomination to the National Register. The 2-car, detached garage on the property, built contemporaneously with the house, serves provides another contributing resource to it.

The Helser House contributes to the College Heights Historic District, under National Register Criterion B, because of its association with Prof. Maurice D. Helser (1890-1956) and College Heights' significance for education in its relationship to Iowa State and that institution's development. Helser began his career at Iowa State in 1915 as a teaching scholar with a focus on animal husbandry. He advanced at that institution and became dean of its Junior College in 1931. Later, Prof. Helser served as Director of Personnel and Iowa State's first Dean of Student Affairs. He retired in 1956.

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

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HOUSE, DEAN MAURICE D. & ELIZABETH STEVENS HELSER

STORY

Name of Property

County

2121 HUGHES AVENUE

AMES

Address

City

1920s, this house and its location of the western edge of the College Heights Addition call attention to the early development of that part of the neighborhood.

Major Bibliographical References

Maurice D. Helser

www.ans.iastate.edu/faculty/helser/helser.html. Includes a photographic portrait. Viewed June 19, 2009.

See MPD bibliography.

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Site Number **85-03739**
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HOUSE, DEAN MAURICE D. & ELIZABETH STEVENS HELSER

STORY

Name of Property

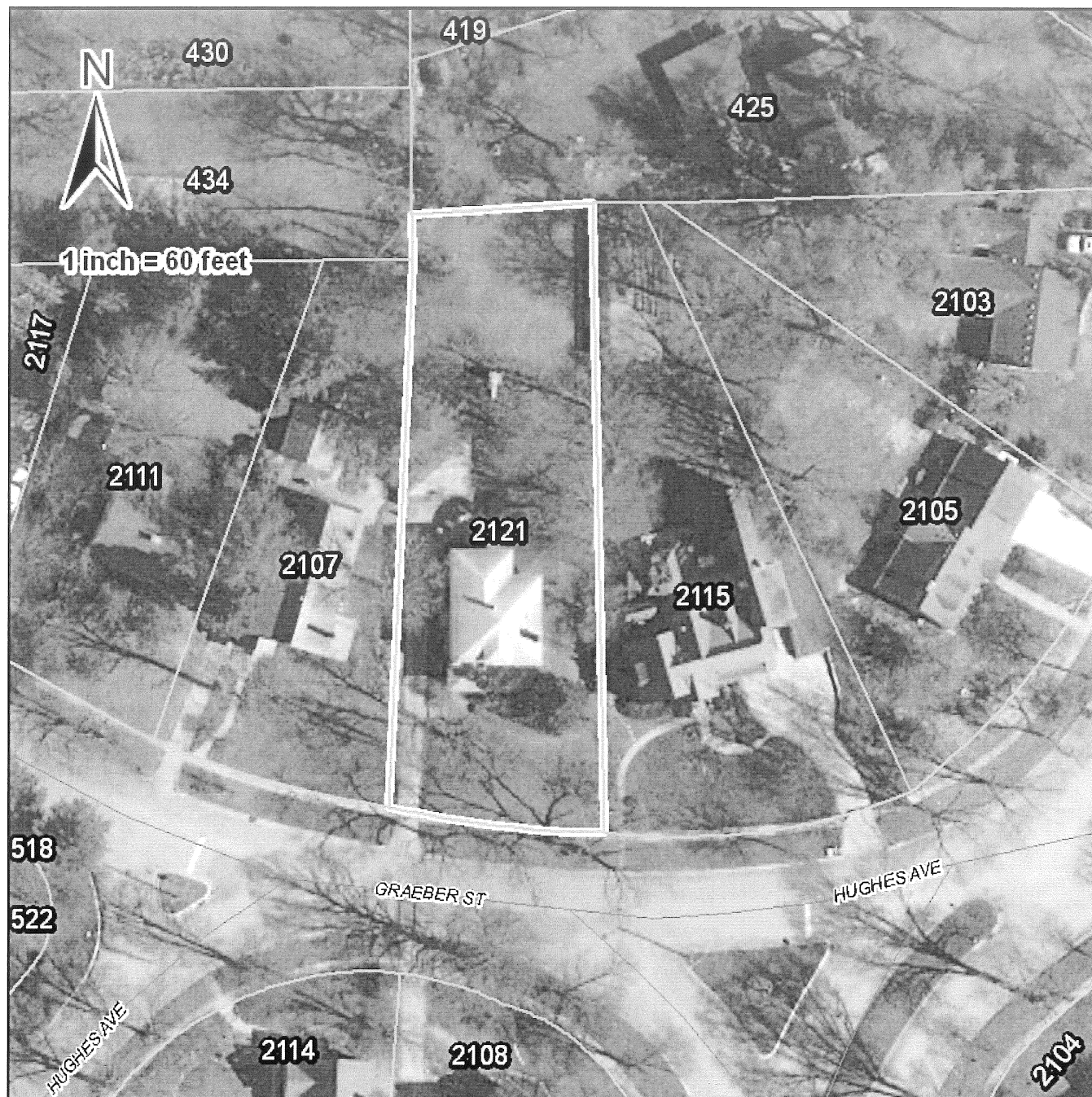
County

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AMES

Address

City



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HOUSE, DEAN MAURICE D. & ELIZABETH STEVENS HELSER

STORY

Name of Property

County

2121 HUGHES AVENUE

AMES

Address

City



Looking northeast.

Site Inventory Form

State Historical Society of Iowa

(December 1, 1999)

State Inventory No. 85-03740

☒ New ☐ Supplemental

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

Relationship: ☐ Contributing ☐ Noncontributing

☐ Contributes to a potential district with yet unknown boundaries

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

9-Digit SHPO Review & Compliance Number _____

☐ Non-Extant (enter year) _____

1. Name of Property

historic name HOUSE, DR. EARL C. McCRACKEN

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 2124 HUGHES AVENUE

city or town AMES

☐ vicinity, county STORY

Legal Description: (If Rural) Township Name

Township No.

Range No.

Section

Quarter

of Quarter

(If Urban) Subdivision See Continuation Sheet

Block(s) _____

Lot(s) _____

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

4. National Park Service Certification [Skip this Section]

5. Classification

Category of Property (Check only one box)

☐ building(s)

☒ district

☐ site

☐ structure

☐ object

Number of Resources within Property

If Non-Eligible Property

Enter number of:

_____ buildings

_____ sites

_____ structures

_____ objects

_____ Total

If Eligible Property, enter number of:

Contributing

Noncontributing

1

1

1

_____ buildings

_____ sites

1 structures

_____ objects

1 Total

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

Title
"College Heights, Ames, Iowa, MPD"

Historical Architectural Data Base Number
85-025

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

01A DOMESTIC-SINGLE DWELLING

01A DOMESTIC-SINGLE DWELLING

01C05 GARAGE

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

06 NEO-COLONIAL REVIVAL

foundation 03-16 BRICK/CLAY TILE

walls 05 METAL (SIDING)

roof 08 ASPHALT

other 02 WOOD

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

8. Statement of Significance

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☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ More Research Recommended

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County STORY
City AMES

Address 2124 HUGHES AVENUE

Site Number 85-03740
District Number 85-04300

Criteria Considerations

- | | |
|---|---|
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Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

COMMUNITY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

ARCHITECTURE, EDUCATION

Significant Dates

Construction date

1924 ☒ check if circa or estimated date

Other dates _____

Significant Person

(Complete if National Register Criterion B is marked above)

DR. EARL C. MCCracken

Architect/Builder

Architect _____

Builder _____

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

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographic Data

UTM References (OPTIONAL)

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

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

Comments: _____

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

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Related District Number 85-04300

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HOUSE, DR. EARL C. McCracken

STORY

Name of Property

County

2124 HUGHES AVENUE

AMES

Address

City

Legal description

COLLEGE HEIGHTS ADD LOT 3 BLK 14

Narrative Description

This is a 1.5-story house clad in metal siding. It rests on a brick and tile foundation and features a symmetrically balanced street façade. The roof configuration of the house is made up of a main block with a side-gable roof and a wing to the left with a side-gable roof with a centered gable. From left to right, the first story façade features a double-hung (6/1 panel configuration) window with shutters, and a pair of double-hung (6/1 panel configuration) windows on either side of a front entry door. The front entry is comprised of the front door, which is flanked by full-height sidelights, and a centered front-gable with two support pillars on each end. The upper level of the house features two double-hung (1/1 panel configuration) windows, which are directly above the fenestrations below on the main block. There is a detached, two-car, two-bay garage located to the right behind the house. It features a front-gable roof and is clad in the same metal siding as the house.

Narrative Statement of Significance

Built circa 1924, this house is National Register eligible, under Criterion C, because of its architectural design. The building calls attention to the influence of Neo-Colonial Revival styling in College Heights. This influence can be seen in the symmetrical conception of the front facade and its large and prominent portico and the sidelights at its front entrance. As Neo-Colonial Revival styling evolved in the neighborhood, these large porticos tended to disappear, replaced by more delicate architectural detailing.

This house contributes to the College Heights Historic District, under National Register Criterion B, because of its association with Dr. Earl C. McCracken and College Heights' significance for education in its relationship to Iowa State and that institution's development.

Dr. McCracken's twenty years at Iowa State, teaching in the physics department in the 1930s and '40s seems to have been a fairly commonplace academic position. However McCracken used his scientific training to land what the *American Magazine* called in a 1951 biographical article on McCracken "a dream job." Technically, his new job after leaving I.S.U. was Housing Equipment Specialist for the Clothing and Housing Research Division of the Agriculture Research Center at Beltsville, Md. The magazine simply called him the "National House Doctor" who could cure all that might ail the new household gadgets that Americans were buying to take the drudgery out of housework. McCracken rigorously tested these products in his laboratory but it would find time to answer all letters from citizens with broken freezers or washing machines.

Appropriately, Dr. McCracken arrived at this lofty plateau after a childhood in Mechanicsville, Iowa, followed by degrees from Drake and Iowa State where he joined the physics department in 1919 and taught for twenty years. During his years at I.S.U. he branched off into research at the Mayo

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HOUSE, DR. EARL C. McCracken

STORY

Name of Property

County

2124 HUGHES AVENUE

AMES

Address

City

Foundation for Experimental Research and earned a Doctorate of Biophysics from the U. of Minnesota. He was noted to be one of the few men who worked in home economics research conducting basics studies on the energy women use in household tasks.

He belonged to the Iowa Academy of Science, the American Society of Refrigerating Engineers and penned the college textbook *Selected Physics; Topics for Home Economics Students*.

Dr McCracken died June 24, 1960 and is buried in Winfield. Iowa. (Authored by John P. Zeller)

This house calls attention to the development of College Heights as a garden suburb in the early 1920s and, as such, contributes to the College Heights Historic District under Criterion A. The location of this house near the western edge of the College Heights Addition plat calls attention to that section of the neighborhood, which developed early on.

Major Bibliographical References

See MPD bibliography.

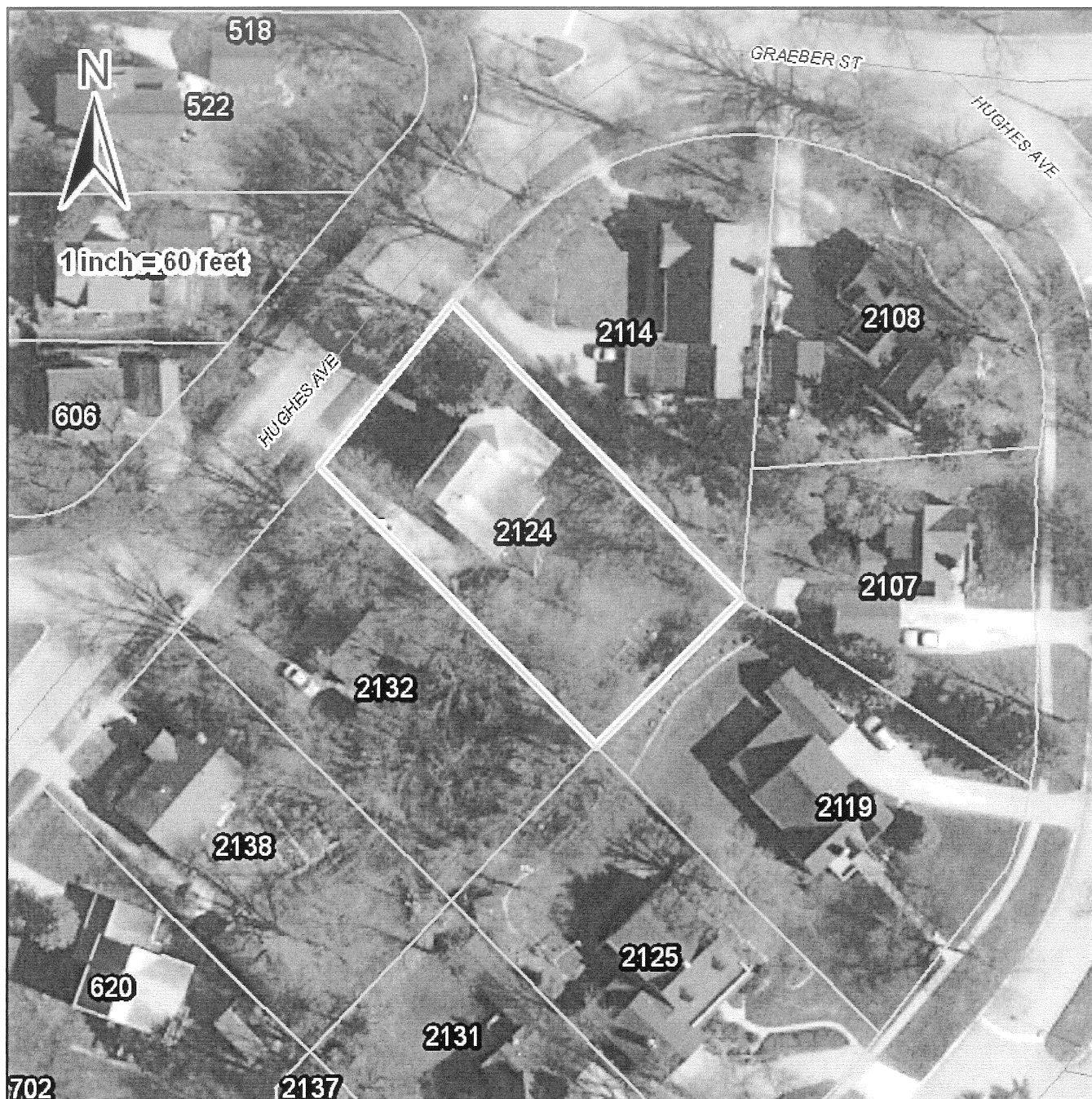
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Name of Property
2124 HUGHES AVENUE
Address

STORY
County
AMES
City



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HOUSE, DR. EARL C. McCRACKEN

STORY

Name of Property

County

2124 HUGHES AVENUE

AMES

Address

City



Looking east.

Site Inventory Form

State Historical Society of Iowa

(December 1, 1999)

State Inventory No. 85-03741

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

Relationship: ☒ Contributing ☐ Noncontributing

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

9-Digit SHPO Review & Compliance Number _____

☐ Non-Extant (enter year) _____

1. Name of Property

historic name HOUSE, DR. JOHN M. AIKMAN

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 2132 HUGHES AVENUE

city or town AMES

☐ vicinity, county STORY

Legal Description: (If Rural) Township Name

Township No.

Range No.

Section

Quarter of Quarter

(If Urban) Subdivision See Continuation Sheet

Block(s) _____

Lot(s) _____

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

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5. Classification

Category of Property (Check only one box)

☐ building(s)

☒ district

☐ site

☐ structure

☐ object

Number of Resources within Property

If Non-Eligible Property

Enter number of:

_____ buildings

_____ sites

_____ structures

_____ objects

_____ Total

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Contributing

Noncontributing

1

1

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Title

"College Heights, Ames, Iowa, MPD"

Historical Architectural Data Base Number

85-025

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01A DOMESTIC-SINGLE DWELLING

01A DOMESTIC-SINGLE DWELLING

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foundation 10A CONCRETE BLOCK

walls 02 WOOD

roof 08 ASPHALT

other 03 BRICK

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

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☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ More Research Recommended

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☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ More Research Recommended

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County STORY
City AMES

Address 2132 HUGHES AVENUE

Site Number 85-03741
District Number 85-04300

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Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

COMMUNITY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

ARCHITECTURE, EDUCATION

Significant Dates

Construction date

1927

☒ check if circa or estimated date

Other dates

Significant Person

(Complete if National Register Criterion B is marked above)

DR. JOHN M. AIKMAN

Architect/Builder

Architect

Builder

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

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

Evaluated by (name/title): _____

Date: _____

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Site Number 85-03741
Related District Number 85-04300

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HOUSE, DR. JOHN M. AIKMAN

STORY

Name of Property

County

2132 HUGHES AVENUE

AMES

Address

City

Legal description

COLLEGE HEIGHTS ADD LOT 4 BLK 14

Narrative Description

This is a one-story house clad in wood siding. It rests on a concrete block foundation and features a side-gable roof with capped ends. From left to right, the street façade features a pair of double-hung (1/1 panel configuration) windows with shutters, the front door, and another pair of double-hung (1/1 panel configuration) windows with shutters. The front entry door is sheltered from the elements by a centered-front gable roof on pillar supports. There is no garage associated with the property but there is an additional building on the property, which acts as a shed. It features a front gable roof with a front-end cap, a door with paneling and a small window.

Narrative Statement of Significance

Built circa 1927, this house is National Register eligible, under Criterion C, because of its architectural design. The building calls attention to the transition between Craftsman and Neo-Colonial Revival styling in College Heights. The wide eaves and the clipped corners of the main roof and front porch roof call attention to the former influence, while the symmetrical conception of the front facade and the portico-like design of the front porch show an evolution under the latter influence.

This house contributes to the College Heights Historic District, under National Register Criterion B, because of its association with Dr. John M. Aikman and College Heights' significance for education in its relationship to Iowa State and that institution's development. Dr. Aikman was an early leader in conservation before it became a socially fashionable endeavor. Through his work on the Conservation Committee of the Iowa Academy of Science from 1941 to 1966 he was instrumental in the setting aside of four state-protected prairie remnants; Hayden, Cayler, Kalsow and Sheeder prairies. He was also a founding member of The Nature Conservancy and helped organize the Iowa chapter in 1963. As an expert in the ecology of native plants Aikman helped direct the U.S. Forest Service mapping of native trees, shrubs and prairie grasses for the Plains States Shelter Belt Zone Project in 1934-35. He was director of the U.S. Tropical Experimental Station in Ecuador in the 1950's and for many years helped the Iowa Highway Commission with roadside management. After retirement the family moved to the Ozarks where he continued to study local plants and lead field botany expeditions for area students. He died at the age of 82 in Kirbyville, Missouri on July 13, 1975. (Authored by John P. Zeller)

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

Major Bibliographical References

See MPD bibliography.

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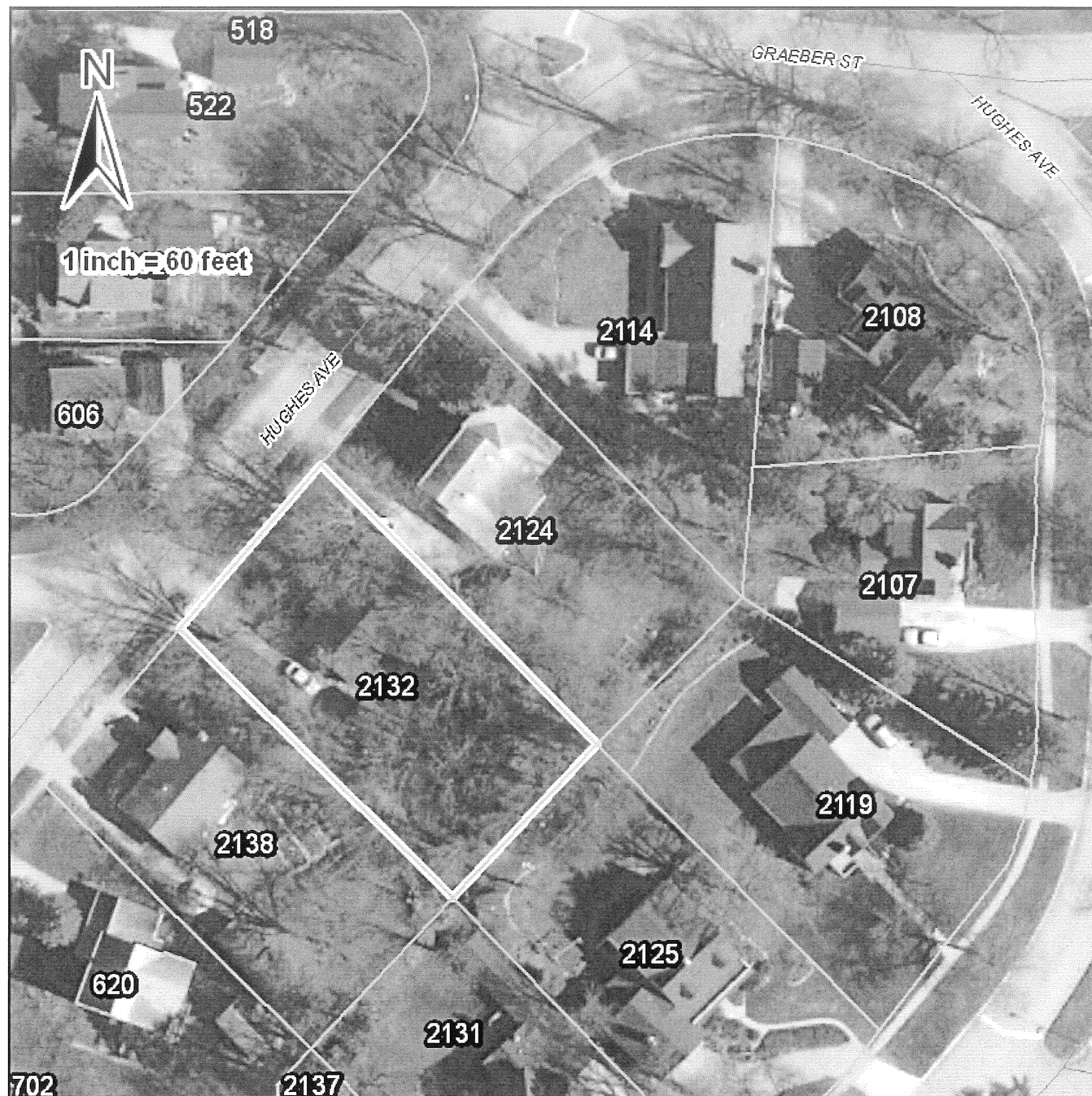
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Iowa Site Inventory Form
Continuation Sheet

Site Number **85-03741**
Related District Number **85-04300**

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HOUSE, DR. JOHN M. AIKMAN

STORY

Name of Property

County

2132 HUGHES AVENUE

AMES

Address

City



Looking southeast.

Site Inventory Form

State Historical Society of Iowa
(December 1, 1999)

State Inventory No. 85-03772

☒ New ☐ Supplemental

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

Relationship: ☒ Contributing ☐ Noncontributing

☐ Contributes to a potential district with yet unknown boundaries

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

9-Digit SHPO Review & Compliance Number _____

☐ Non-Extant (enter year) _____

1. Name of Property

historic name HOUSE

other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 2138 HUGHES AVENUE

city or town AMES

☐ vicinity, county STORY

Legal Description: (If Rural) Township Name

Township No. _____ Range No. _____ Section _____ Quarter of Quarter _____

(If Urban) Subdivision See Continuation Sheet

Block(s) _____

Lot(s) _____

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

4. National Park Service Certification [Skip this Section]

5. Classification

Category of Property (Check only one box)

☐ building(s)

☒ district

☐ site

☐ structure

☐ object

Number of Resources within Property

If Non-Eligible Property

Enter number of:

_____ buildings

_____ sites

_____ structures

_____ objects

_____ Total

If Eligible Property, enter number of:

Contributing

1

1

1

Noncontributing

1

1

_____ buildings

_____ sites

_____ structures

_____ objects

_____ Total

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

Title

"College Heights, Ames, Iowa, MPD"

Historical Architectural Data Base Number

85-025

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

01A DOMESTIC-SINGLE DWELLING

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

01A DOMESTIC-SINGLE DWELLING

01C05 GARAGE

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

06 NEO-COLONIAL REVIVAL

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation 03-16 BRICK/CLAY TILE

walls 05 METAL (SIDING)

roof 08 ASPHALT

other 02 WOOD

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

8. Statement of Significance

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

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ More Research Recommended

☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ More Research Recommended

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ More Research Recommended

☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ More Research Recommended

A Property is associated with significant events.

B Property is associated with the lives of significant persons.

C Property has distinctive architectural characteristics.

D Property yields significant information in archaeology or history.

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

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Legal description

COLLEGE HEIGHTS ADD LOT 5 BLK 14

Narrative Description

This is a one-story house clad in metal siding. It rests on a brick and tile foundation and features a side-gable roof, which is intersected by a front-gable roof over the front entry projection. A brick chimney rises up through the side-gable roof on the left side of the house. The street façade of the house, from left to right, features a pair of double-hung windows (1/1 panel configuration), a projected block with the front entry door centered on its face and two pairs of double-hung (1/1 panel configuration) windows.

There is a detached, one-car, one-bay garage located to the right behind the house. The garage is covered by a front-gable roof and is clad in the same metal siding as the house.

Narrative Statement of Significance

Constructed circa 1923, this house is National Register eligible, under Criterion C, because of its architectural design. The building calls attention to influence of Neo-Colonial Revival styling on residential design in College Heights. The chief characteristics of this influence are its symmetrically conceived front facade, portico and front entrance with sidelights, and side-gabled roof. The presence of a large portico is typical of Neo-Colonial Revival houses in College Heights erected during the first years of that style's popularity in the neighborhood.

This house calls attention to the development of College Heights as a garden suburb in the 1920s and, as such, contributes to the College Heights Historic District under Criterion A. Early improvements in the neighborhood tended to cluster on its western edge, as is the case in this example.

Major Bibliographical References

See MPD bibliography.

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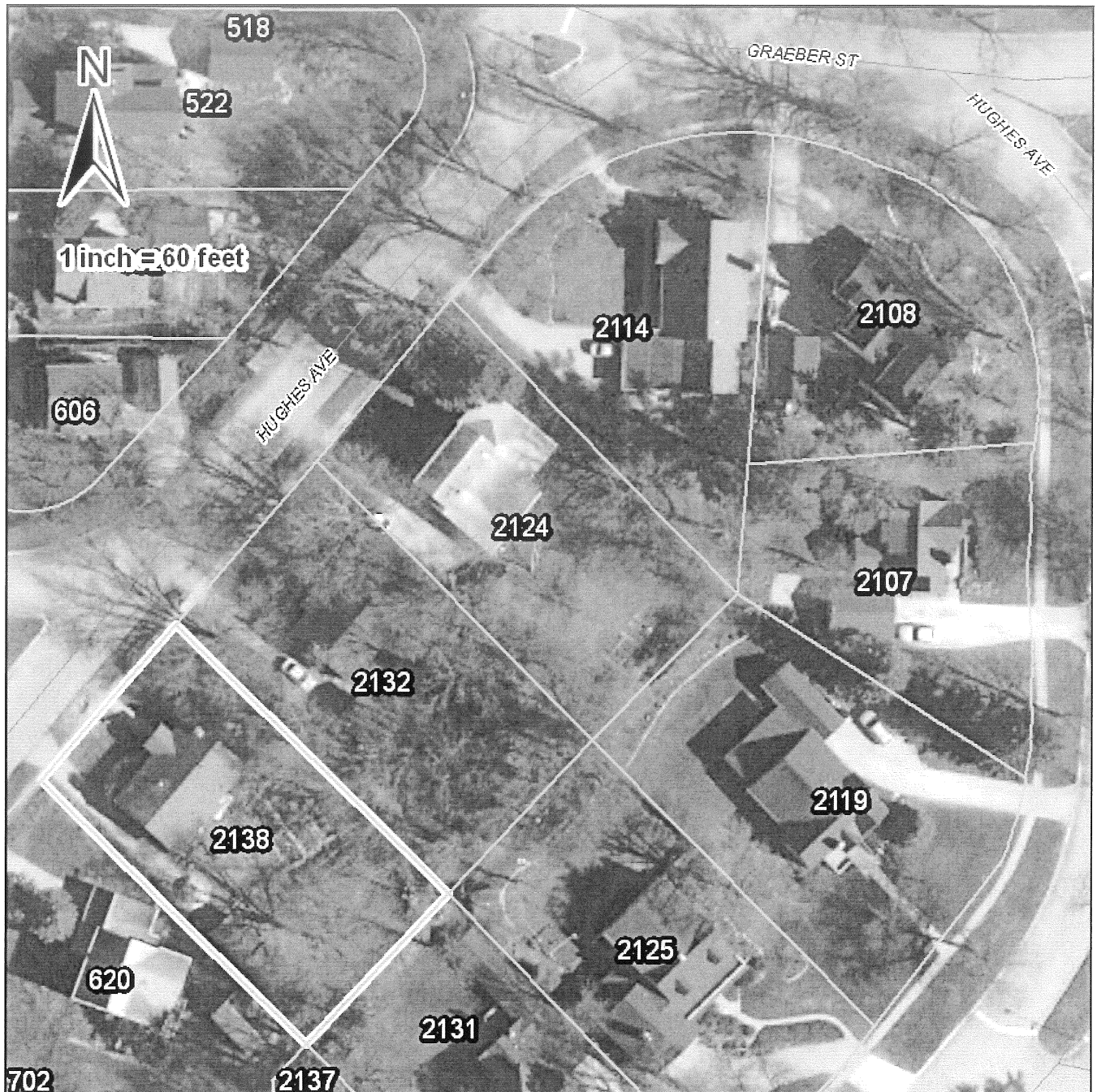
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