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HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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Location: 1059 Ninth Street  
Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa

Present Owner: City of Des Moines, Iowa  
East 1st & Locust Street  
Des Moines, Iowa

Present Occupant: Vacant

Present Use: Apartments to be moved or demolished  
by the spring of 1982.

Significance: Large frame Circa 1885 residence is a representative  
example remaining from a once viable neighborhood.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History

1. Date of erection: 1885-86 Circa, address first appears in the 1886 City Directory. No other information was found.
2. Architect: Unknown.
3. Original and subsequent owners.

1883 Deed, June 4, 1883, recorded in book 127, page 551. A. A. Gibson to M. A. Lombard.

1902 Deed, July 1, 1902, recorded in book 443, page 411. M. A. and Fannie H. Lombard to Agnes O. Garlock.

1903 Deed, September 14, 1903, recorded in book 473, page 92. Agnes O. Garlock to Cora Barker.

1904 Deed, January 25, 1904, recorded in book 459, page 605. Cora and Guy Barker to W. A. Ruffcorn.

1904 Deed, July 22, 1904, recorded in book 462, page 558. W. A. Ruffcorn to G. A. Vander Meulen.

1905 Deed, May 27, 1905, recorded in book 497, page 194. G. A. and Nellie Vander Meulen to Daniel B. Adams and George W. Stranger.

1906 Quit Claim Deed, September 29, 1906, recorded in book 515, page 216. Daniel and Nancy Adams and George and Addie Stranger to Columbia Savings Bank.

- 1906 Quit Claim Deed, October 8, 1906, recorded in book 515, page 217.  
Columbia Savings Bank to J. E. DeWitt.
- 1906 Deed, November 5, 1906, recorded in book 509, page 550. J. E.  
DeWitt and Jessie to F. E. Sheldon.
- 1907 Deed, January 21, 1907, recorded in book 524, page 527. F. E. and  
Minnie Sheldon to Julia Bradley.
- 1912 Deed, March 23, 1912, recorded in book 524, page 527. Julia and  
John Bradley to John T. Bradley.
- 1913 Deed, July 31, 1913, recorded in book 628, page 92. John T. Bradley  
to Floyd E. Sutton.
- 1913 Deed, December 30, 1913, recorded in book 628, page 93. Floyd and  
Hazel Sutton to C. R. Erb.
- 1913 Deed, December 31, 1913, recorded in book 642, page 556. C. R. and  
Ada Erb to C. R. Edna Nuetzel.
- 1914 Deed, March 14, 1914, recorded in book 600, page 441. C. R. and  
Edna Neutzel to Sacramento Suburban Fruit and Land Company.
- 1915 Deed, October 8, 1915, recorded in book 684, page 191. Sacramento  
Suburban Fruit and Land Company to Zorelda Hawn.
- 1916 Deed, December 8, 1916, recorded in book 719, page 263. Zorelda  
Hawn to Jennie McFarland.
- 1934 Court Action, estate, recorded in book     , page     . (Couldn't  
locate). Title changed to Mary Hoisington, Mabel H. Foreman and Lillian  
H. Andrews.
- 1945 Deed, December 12, 1945, recorded in book 1924, page 171. Mabel  
Foreman etal. to Willie J. Monroe.
- 1958 Deed, October 31, 1958, recorded in book 3098, page 349. Willie  
Monroe to John A. Wibois.
- 1963 Sheriff's Deed, July 27, 1963, recorded in book 3535, page 501.  
Court action to Society Linnea.
- 1970 Deed, April 1970, recorded in book 4132, page 26. Society Linnea  
to Oakridge Renewal Builders.
- 1975 Deed, June 18, 1975, recorded in book 4526, page 496. Oakridge  
Renewal Builders to John Wibois.
- 1981 Deed, October 2, 1981, recorded in book 5131, page 911. John  
Wibois to City of Des Moines.

4. Builder: Unknown.
5. Original Plans: Unknown.
6. Alterations and Additions

The interior of the house has been significantly altered as it was divided into three apartments. Date of alteration is unknown.

There also appears to be a one and half story addition to the rear. The date of this addition is unknown.

B. Historical Context:

The Lumbard house is located just north of downtown Des Moines. It is located in the Russell and Harlan's Addition to Des Moines, which was platted in the 1880's. It was one of a number of larger homes built along Ninth Street, a street car line.

First listed in the City Directory in 1886, it is believed that the house was constructed in 1885. The owner, M. A. Lumbard, was a cashier for G. W. Marquardt, a local jewelry store. In 1902 M. A. Lumbard's widow, Fannie, sold the house to Agnes Garlock. Over the next 14 years the property changed hands 15 times. Jennie McFarland, a widow, purchased the house in 1916 and continued to reside there until her death. From 1934 until 1945 the property was owned by McFarland's heirs. They sold the property to Willie Monroe, an auto mechanic, who lived there until 1958. In 1958 the property was sold again and became a rental property and remained so until the present.

As in the case of many inner city neighborhoods, age and deterioration took its toll over the years. During the 1960's substantial portions of the neighborhood were lost as the result of construction of the Interstate Highway. Businesses from the downtown began to push into the area. Many older homes deteriorated and were demolished leaving large vacant lots. In the 1970's an urban renewal project across the street significantly altered the neighborhood.

PART II, ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

- A. General Statement: The Lumbard House is an example of a two story frame house of the late 19th Century. Condition is deteriorated.
- B. Description of the exterior
  1. Overall dimensions: 57' x 44'.
  2. Foundations: Brick.
  3. Walls: Clapboard siding.
  4. Structural System: Heavy wood frame.

5. General: Long narrow windows at first floor level. Geometric designed arched lintels of wood. Lunette window in arched wall dormer with shingle siding. Dentil band on cornice. Roof is of composition shingle material.

C. Description of Interior:

Floor plans: (See attached floor plans).

Flooring is hardwood and walls and ceilings are plaster and lath.

There is no complex detailing.

Mechanical equipment is modern.

D. Site:

The Lumbard house sits on a hill north of the downtown. It faces west and is one of a number of larger two story homes which lined Ninth Street in the 19th Century. Garage at rear is badly deteriorated. The lot is approximately 56' x 131' or 2300 sq. ft.

PART III, SOURCES OF INFORMATION

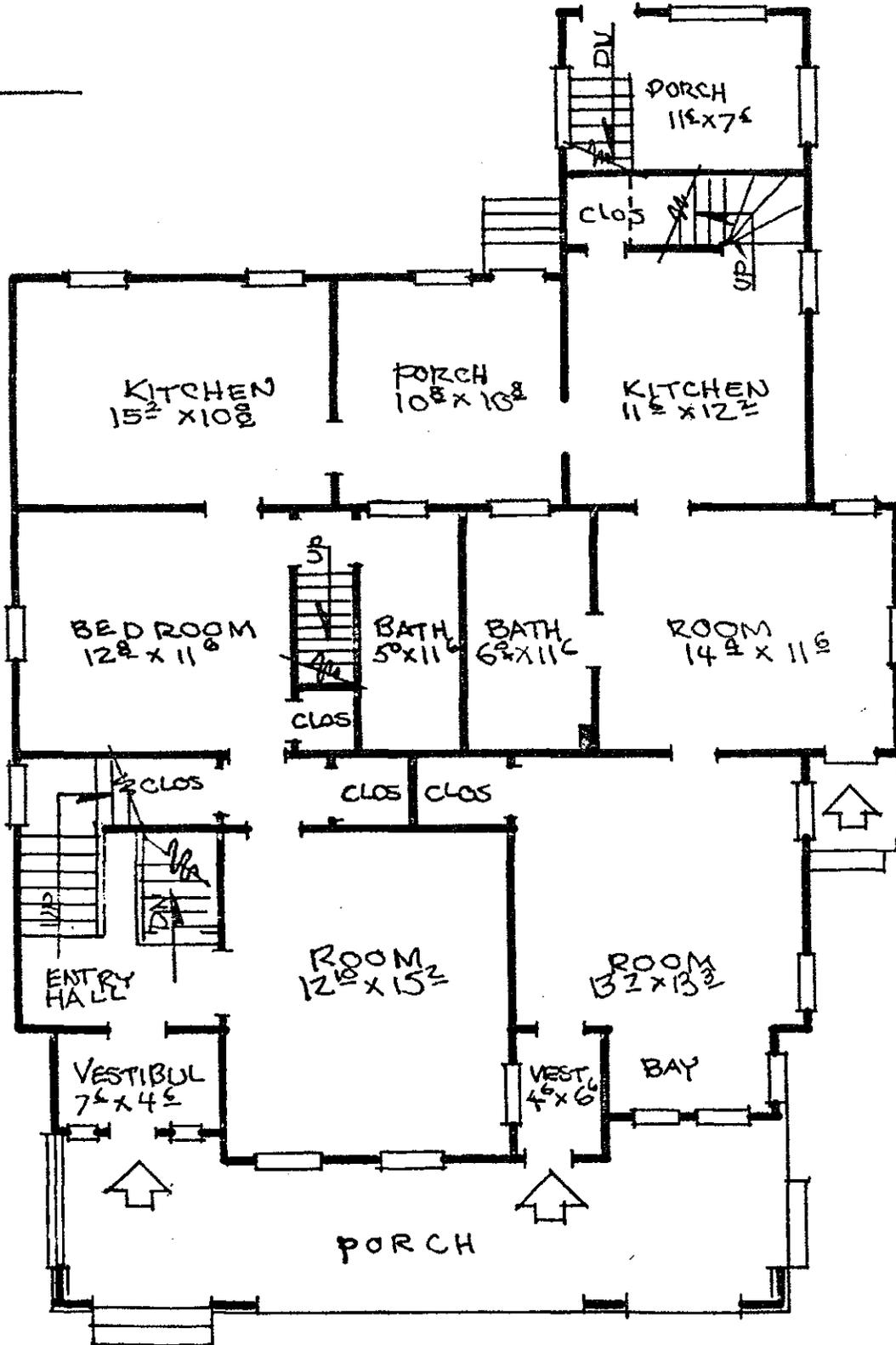
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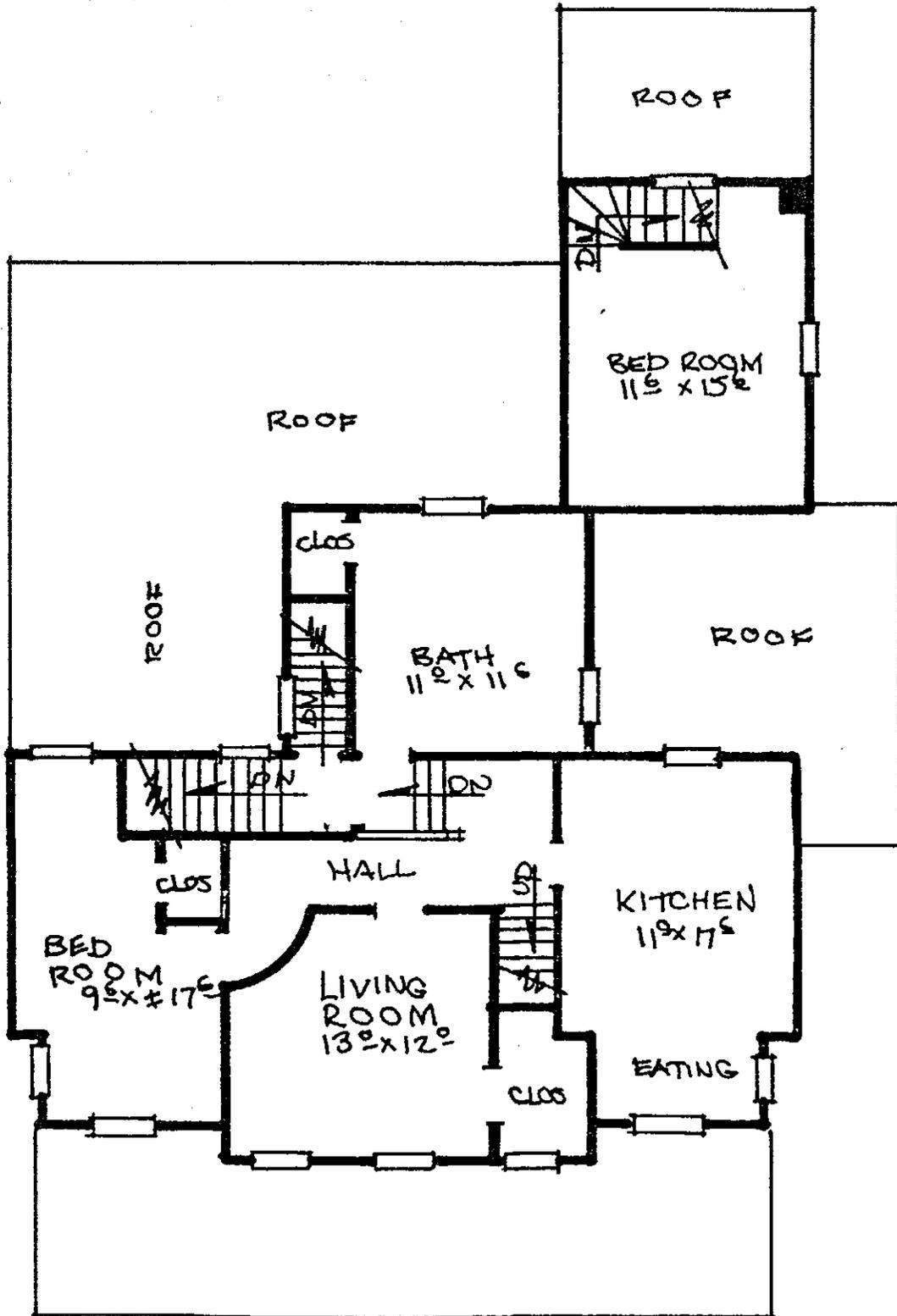
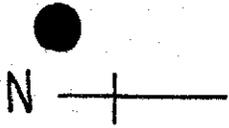
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PROJECT INFORMATION

The Lumbard house is being removed as a part of the Walnut Hill Redevelopment Project, which is funded in part through the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant Program. The plan was developed and is being implemented by the City of Des Moines, Iowa.



EXIST FIRST FLOOR 1059-9TH DSM.



EXISTING SECOND FLOOR 1059-9TH DSM.