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Harry J. Donahue House
106 Southern Avenue
Dubuque
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Site Location: 106 Southern Avenue
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DOT designation: Resource Site No. 1.11
Cadastral grid : NE1/4 NE1/4 S36 T89N R2E
USGS quadrangle: Dubuque South Iowa 7.5'
UTM coordinates: 15.692020.4706120
Lot dimensions : 75'x 100': .17 acre
Lot description: South 25' of Lot 6 and all of
Lot 7 of Randall's Subdivision

Present Owner: M.E. Donahue
Present Usage: single family residence
Present Condition : fair

Overall Dimensions: 1-story main block: 28'x 22'; front porch: 7'x 11'.
Orientation : west
Architectural Description: Plan type : rectangular with offset 1-story front porch.
Foundation: coursed limestone perimeter walls.
Structure : wood frame
Ext. walls: narrow exposure beveled wood siding with plain corner boards.
Roofs : moderately pitched front gabled roofs over main block and front porch; interlocking tab asphalt shingles throughout.
Chimneys : one brick interior chimney.
Dormers : none
Windows : 1/1 double-hung, paired on front porch; 6/1 double-hung on main block; paired smaller windows on rear; all with plain casings and slip sills.
Openings : single-leaf front door offset on front porch; simple offset rear door.
Porches : offset enclosed front porch, with wood lattice enclosing crawl space.
Details : square wood columns with abbreviated caps and plinths on front porch.

Construction Date : 1936

Architecture Style: Bungalow

Physical History : Real estate speculator Joseph J. Nagle platted a subdivision of Lot 2 of Randall's Subdivision in May 1914. This land on the lower west side of Southern Avenue had previously been the site of Job Randall's sawmill. In 1935 Harry [Henry] and Loretta Donahue purchased Lot 7 of the development, immediately south of the existing two-story residence of Harry's father, John

Donahue [HABS No. 1A-159-P]. Donahue built this single-story frame bungalow on the property the next year. Essentially unaltered, the house has remained in the Donahue family to the present.

Significance: The Harry Donahue House is an unaltered late example of the workingmen's houses constructed along Southern Avenue on the periphery of Dubuque.

References: Sanborn Insurance Maps: 1909, 1972.
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