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County Linn
Ranking _____
Name (Common) Unknown
(Historic) Unknown
Address 1680 Cascade Drive
Present Owner Helen E. & Charles T. Stryker
Address 1680 Cascade Drive
Original Use residence
Date of Construction c. 1880
Map Reference Number 155

Physical description of property and statement of historical significance:

This is a two-story Gothic Revival house with a T-shaped floor plan, steeply sloped gable roofs and shiplap siding with cornerboards. The east elevation has a gable end on the left containing a frieze, eave returns and a one/one, double-hung window with a cornice molding. On the ground floor a hip roof, rectangular bay containing paired one/one, double-hung windows surrounded with panels has been added. A one-story, hip roof addition with a large multi-light window runs along the side of the north wing.

The ground floor of the south facade contains a center doorway, a large multi-light window on the right and paired one/one, double-hung windows on the left. The second floor features a one/one, double-hung window on each side of a door with three panels and a light at the top. The porch has been removed. Window and door openings occur directly below the frieze and boxed cornice.

The gable end on the right side of the west facade contains a one/one, double-hung window with a cornice molding. There is a one-story, shed roof addition along the side of the north wing. A large multi-light window is located in the center with smaller ones on each side. There is a two-light window with a cornice molding in the center of the second floor. A corbeled brick chimney is located at the ridge in the center of this wing.

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Sources consulted:

1. Conversation with Jan Stryker, April 23, 1984.
2. History of Linn County, compiled by workers of the Writers' Program of the Works Projects Administration.

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History

The house is located on the 80-acre Donation Land Claim of Philister Lee and his wife Elisabeth Ann. The soda springs for which Sodaville owes its existence were discovered on land that was both claimed on this land grant and one of Thomas Summers. Litigation drew out for 18 years with Summers gaining full title on May 4, 1871. He immediately deeded a 99 foot square lot with the spring in the center to the public and at the same time laid out the plat for the town of Sodaville. The story is told that Lee gave up his claim making a behind-the-scene deal that enabled him to win a similar survey related suit he had with the neighboring Donation Land Claim of Daniel Simons. The land where the house is located was sold to John E. Saulin, then to Isaac McElinry in 1882 and in 1902 it was sold to a Mr. Mussman. In 1908 the house was bought by Mr. Brown with whom the house is identified. Brown was a farmer and the first school board chairman in the Crowfoot District.

