

Fort Des Moines Inventory

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Sources:

- *Fort Des Moines Historic Complex*, Historic American Building Survey, No. IA-121, 1988
- *Final Environmental Assessment, Partial Closure of Fort Des Moines, Iowa*, by Department of the Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha District.
- *Building Maintenance Plan, Fort Des Moines No. 3, Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa*, by Barbara Beving Long, Four Mile Research Co., Cresco, IA, 1991.
- *Historic Archeological Study, Fort Des Moines III, Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa*, DACA45-90-C-0129, by Dale R. Henning, Project Archeologist, Barbara Beving Long, Principal Investigator, Four Mile Research Company, Cresco, IA, 1992
- *Inspection of Fort Des Moines Buildings*, by Shuck Britson, Inc. Consulting Engineers, December 15, 1994

“Category” column refers to level of significance as used by the Department of the Army. Assigned levels listed are those identified in the *Building Maintenance Plan*.

Category I – Historic properties of great importance which contribute significantly to the nation cultural heritage of that of the installation and its environs, and which *must be preserved*.

Category II – Historic properties of importance which contribute significantly to the cultural heritage or visual beauty and interest of the installation and its environs and which *should be preserved*.

Category III – Historic properties of value which contribute to the cultural heritage or visual beauty and interest of the installation and its environs, and which should be preserved, if practicable.

Category IV – Any property that has been inventoried but does not qualify in one the above categories at this time. These properties remain, however, in the Inventory and in the historic preservation file in order to facilitate subsequent review and possible re-evaluation of their historic significant.

City-owned Historic Buildings

Bldg. #	Year Built	Size	Historic Use	1987 condition (HABS)	1991 condition	Category	1994 recommendation	Asbestos	Current Use	Proposed Use
7	1907	42 x 33 & 27 x 22 3-story + basement	Officer's Quarters	Fair-good	-	-	n/a	?	vacant	none
87	1905	67 x 125 1-story	Band stable	Good to excellent	-	-	n/a	?	Blank Golf Course Service Bldg.	Zoo use – animal housing
122	1907	70x28 1- story	Quartermaster Workshop Storehouse/ Blacksmith Shop	Poor to fair	-	-	Remodel	Yes		
123	1903	116 x 34 2- story	Quartermaster workshop/stable	Good to excellent	-	-	Remodel	Yes	Post exchange	
126	1907	148 x 67 1 story / 2 story	Quartermaster Stable	Poor to fair	-	-	Remodel	Yes		Zoo use – tram barn
127	1910	153 x 67 1-story/ 2-story	/Mule Barn/Vehicle Maintenance Shop	Poor to fair	-	-	Do Not Remodel	Yes		Zoo use – breeding paddocks
135	1904	175 x 35 1-story	Granary Storehouse /Vehicle Maintenance Shop	Poor to fair	very poor	Category II	n/a – has a structural investigation report from 1993	Yes		
137	1905	294 x 32.5 2-story; basement	Quartermaster & Subsistence Storehouse	fair	fair	Category II	Remodel	n/a	n/a	Already demoed (fire)
138	1908	127 x 36 2-story	Quartermaster Storehouse	Poor to fair	Poor to fair	Category III	Remodel	Removed in 2002		Demo – pesticide contamination
139	1942	165 x 40 2-story	Quartermaster Storehouse	fair	fair	Category III	Remodel	Removed in 2002		Zoo use -- education

City-owned non-contributing structures

Bldg. #	Year Built	Size	Historic Use	1987 Condition (HABS)	1991 condition	Category	1994 Recommendation	Asbestos	Current Use	Proposed Use
84	1958	1-story	Storehouse— Inflammable Materials		good	Category IV	n/a	Yes	Vacant	
308	1942	110 x 32 1-story	Dining Hall	-	fair	Category II	Remodel	Yes		
309	1942	110 x 32 1-story	Dining Hall	Very poor	fair	Category II	Do not use or remodel	Yes		

Other Historic Buildings

Bldg. Number	Year Built	Size	Historic Use	1987 Condition (HABS)	1991 Condition	Category	Present Use/Owner
14	1909	61'6" x 24'6" 2-story + basement	Officer's Quarters	stable			Vacant/Fort DM Community Bank
15	1909	61'6" x 24'6" 2-story + basement	Officer's Quarters	stable			Vacant/Fort DM Community Bank
46	1904	140 x 33 & 33 x 11' 8" 2-story + basement	Bachelor Officers Quarters	good	many problems	Category I	Museum/ Ft. DSM Memorial Park Inc.
47	1907	244'4" x 107'10" & 2 wings each 70'5" x 16'10" 1-story	Calvary Drill Hall	In use by US Navy-- reserve training facility			USA
49	1910	36 x 57 & 18'3" x 37'2"	Chapel	Restored in 1982	very good	Category I	Chapel/ Ft. DSM Memorial Park, Inc.
55	1903	71'8" x 39' 4" & 2 wings each 39'4" x 103' 4" 2-story + basement	Barracks/ Reserve Quarters	Used through early 1980's	fair	Category I	Vacant/Virgil Moore
56	1903	above	Barracks/	above	fair	Category I	vacant/Virgil Moore
58	1904	71'8" x 39' 4" & 2 wings each 39'4" x 103' 4" 2-story + basement	Reserve Quarters	Bldg. 57 destroyed by fire in 1930. Bldg. 58 fair to good	poor	Category I	Vacant/Virgil Moore
59	1904	71'8" x 39' 4" & 2 wings each 39'4" x 103' 4" 2-story + basement	Barracks/	Deteriorating – poor	poor	Category I	West Point Condos/Virgil Moore
60	1904	above	Reserve Quarters	Above	poor	Category I	West Point Condos/Virgil Moore

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61	1904	71'8" x 39' 4" & 2 wings each 39'4" x 103' 4" 2-story + basement	Barracks/	fair	poor	Category I	Vacant/Virgil Moore
62	1904	above	Reserve Quarters	above	poor	Category I	Vacant/Virgil Moore
63	1905	71'8" x 39' 4" & 2 wings each 39'4" x 103' 4" 2-story + basement	Barracks/	Excellent	reasonably good	Category I	Vacant/5 th Judicial District
64	1905	above	Reserve Quarters	above	reasonably good	Category I	Correctional Facility/5 th Judicial District
65	1902	71'8" x 39' 4" & 2 wings each 39'4" x 103' 4" 2-story + basement	Barracks/	Excellent	-	-	Correctional facility/5 th Judicial District
66	1902	above	Reserve Quarters	above	-	-	Correctional facility/5 th Judicial District
68	1905	67 x 165 1-story	Stable/Storehouse	fair	fair	Category I	Correctional facility/5 th Judicial District
69	1905	33 x 53 1-story	Stable Guard /Storehouse	excellent	good	Category I	Correctional facility/5 th Judicial District
70	1905	67 x 165 1-story	Stable/ Storehouse	Good to excellent	fair	Category I	Correctional facility/5 th Judicial District
71	1905	67 x 165 1-story	Stable/ Storehouse	Poor to fair	very poor	Category I	storage/5 th Judicial District
72	1905	33 x 53 1-story	Stable Guard/ Storehouse	good	fair to good	Category I	Maintenance shop and storage/5 th Judicial District
73	1905	67 x 165 1-story	Stable/ Storehouse	Poor to fair	very poor	Category I	storage/5 th Judicial District
75	1904	34 x 28 1-story	Stable Guard/ Engineer Shop	good	fair to good	Category I	Vacant/5 th Judicial District
81	1904	67 x 165 1-story	Stable/ Storehouse	fair	poor	Category I	Vacant/Virgil Moore
83	1904	67 x 165 1-story	Stable/ Storehouse	poor	poor	Category I	Vacant/Virgil Moore
86	1903	67 x 165 1-story	Stable/ Storehouse	fair	poor	Category III	Vacant/Virgil Moore
140	1902		Electric Switching Station				
149	1904	18 x 18 1-story	Electric Light Substation	Good	-	-	
152	1908	20 x 40 1-story	Post Guardhouse Stables	good	Good	Category II	Vacant/USA

Other non-contributing structures

Bldg. Number	Year Built	Size	Historic Use	1991 Condition	Category	Present Use/Owner
106	1942		Officer's Mess	-	-	USA
117	1942		Engineer Workforce (maintenance)	good	Category III	Iowa State Office – Facility Management Team/USA
133	1942	1-story	Gas heater -- Storehouse	-	-	Demoed - 1981
145	1920's		Water Meter Pit			
146	1920's		Water Pump House			
190	1939		Water tower	-	-	Demoed -1981
194	1930		Lift Station	-	-	Demoed - 1983
307	1942			-	-	Demoed -- prior to 1991

1930's – post gates, Chaffee Road and Allen Street – original gates demolished at same site

1962 – rifle range – demolished

1977 – apartment complex in parade ground

1981 – Norwest Bank, built in 1981 on site of its 1977 building