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County Linn
Ranking _____
Name
(Common) Crandall House
(Historic) Louis Crandall House
Address 959 Main Street
Present Owner Beatrice Crandall
Address 959 Main Street
Original Use residence
Date of Construction c. 1905
Map Reference Number 139

Physical description of property and statement of historical significance:

This two and a half story Colonial Revival home has a square floor plan and a pyramidal roof. There are hip dormers located on the front and side elevations. A frieze divides horizontal siding from shingles on the second floor. The hip roof porch running along the front features four Tuscan columns. The entry on the left side is flanked by fluted wood pilasters and sidelights. There are paired one/one, double-hung windows on the south side and another pair directly above on the second floor. There is a single double-hung window above the entry and paired four-light windows in the dormers.

The north elevation features a porch with a pedimented gable projected out from the east corner. The second floors of both side elevations feature one/one, double-hung windows in each corner and a narrow, multi-light window in the center. The center window on the north facade is located between floors and has brackets below the sill and a broken pediment. Below the boxed cornice the frieze is decorated with moldings and brackets.

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Sources consulted:

Interview with Frank Grove and Clay Nichols,
May 12, 1984.

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History

Louis Crandall built this house for himself. Louis and his brother Albert I. Crandall operated the Crandall Brothers Planing Mill located just to the south where the modern Safeway Store is currently standing. The planing mill produced high quality furniture designed by A. I. Crandall as well as building materials. Many homes and several commercial buildings such as the Lowe Funeral Home were built by the Crandall Brothers with Al Crandall as Architect. Their mill was run by a steam engine and since power could be expected to be kept up here, a fire whistle was installed to summon the town's volunteer fire department in times of emergency.

The Crandall House remains in the family as Louis had a son who married and returned to live here.

