

MISSISSIPPI RIVER MEN:
LE CLAIRE, IOWA 1850-1880

Name: Horton-Suiter House

Address: 102 N. 2nd St.

Owner: Alta Suiter

Address: 102 N. Second

Legal Description: Lot 1 of Block
17, Original Town of Le Claire

Acreage: less than one

UTM: 15/721270 4608320

Physical Description:

A 1½-story frame "cottage", built c. 1860, and set on a raised lot surrounded by a stone retaining wall. House is five bays across the front, with a low-pitched gable roof with ridge parallel to the front facade. The center entrance is sheltered by a small porch supported by slender turned posts. There is a large triangular roof dormer centered above the entrance. A later addition is a one-story section, with slanted roof, on the northeast corner.

Significance:

The house is believed to have been built for Henry Horton, who worked as an engineer on raft steamers. It was later occupied by James Suiter (1878-1906), one of the last of the Le Claire rapids pilots, who supported his river income by working as a mortician during the winter months when the river was frozen.

