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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Albertus Building

AND/OR COMMON

Gutenberg Haus

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

222 Park River Drive

---NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Guttenberg

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
Second

--- VICINITY OF

STATE

Iowa

CODE

COUNTY
Clayton

CODE
43

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Gutenberg Haus Corporation, c/o Keith Elwick

*2017th and
Vinton
5-2349
3/3/79*

STREET & NUMBER

~~114 W. 13th Street~~

CITY, TOWN

Vinton

--- VICINITY OF

STATE
Iowa 52349

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clayton County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Elkader

STATE
Iowa

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

---FEDERAL ---STATE ---COUNTY ---LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR
 DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Albertus building is a three story structure located toward the north end of Guttenberg's central business district. It is constructed of rubble ashlar limestone on a stone foundation, with dimensions of 56' x 54'. The roof is a low gable, with parapetted ends. The front elevation has seven bays, and all openings have pointed arches, formed by stone voussoirs, and fanlights. The ground story has recessed double doors in the second, fourth, and sixth bays. There are doors opening onto small, wrought-iron balconies centered in the second and third stories. Windows are pairs of three-light casements. The very narrow cornice is wood.

Interior framing consists of hewn oak beams and studs. A distinctive feature is the cellar, with two vaulted rooms. The upper floors have recently been converted to apartments. There are two on each floor, on either side of a central stairall. Living areas are at the front, with a single bedroom, kitchen, and bath at the rear.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1855

BUILDER/ARCHITECT C. Albertus, Guttenberg

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Mississippi River town of Guttenberg, settled principally by German immigrants in the mid-1840's, contains an interesting variety of stone buildings, ranging from immense warehouses to residential and a few commercial structures. Most of these buildings were erected during the 1850's, during a period of major growth in the community and at a time when limestone was a locally-available building material. Among these stone structures, the Albertus building stands out, chiefly due to its pointed-arched window and door openings: a facade treatment extremely unusual in a commercial block.* The pair of stone vaults in the cellar, suggesting that the building once housed a brewery, is another noteworthy feature.

Historical information concerning the building is extremely limited. It was apparently built by C. Albertus, and may have been a combination residence and business, with clothing and grocery enterprises on the first floor. By 1886 (the earliest available fire insurance map), the building housed a grocery in the south half, a residence in the north. By 1894 the entire building was given to residential use.

*in Iowa. To date, the Division has not discovered a similar use of the pointed arch, except in religious structures and a few Gothic cottages.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Souvenir Program, Guttenberg Centennial (183701937).
 History of Clayton County, Iowa. Chicago: Inter-State Publishing Co., 1883.
 Jacobs, W.W. "The First One Hundred Years: A History of Guttenberg, Iowa," Guttenberg: The Guttenberg Press, February 27, 1974, p. 6.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one

QUADRANGLE NAME Guttenberg, Iowa; Wisc.

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Lots 4 and 5 of Prairie La Porte, now a part of the City of Guttenberg

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

M.H. Bowers, National Register Coordinator

ORGANIZATION

Division of Historic Preservation

DATE

July 1978

STREET & NUMBER

26 East Market St.

TELEPHONE

319/353-6949

CITY OR TOWN

Iowa City

STATE

Iowa 52240

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL X

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Adrian A. Anderson

TITLE Director, Division of Historic Preservation

DATE

Jan. 12, 1979

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

4/3/79

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE

March 19, 1979