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Iowa Site Inventory

Division of Historic Preservation
Iowa State Historical Department
26 E. Market St., Iowa City, Iowa 52240

Site Number 108
District Name _____
Map Reference # 108

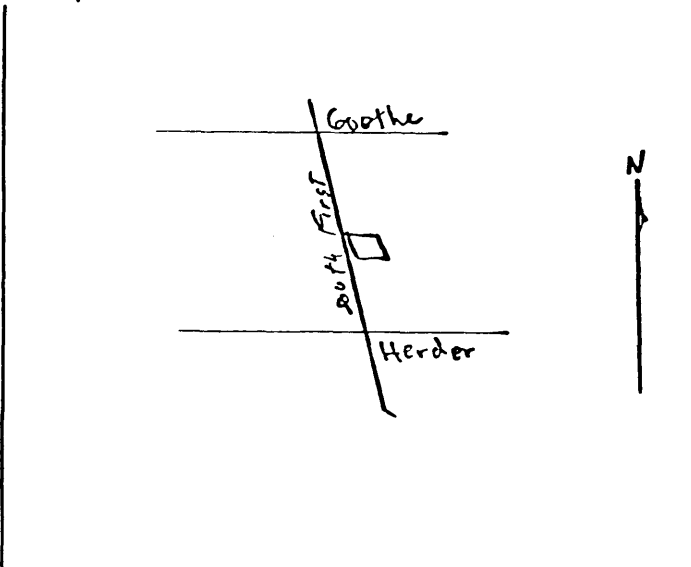
Identification

1. Site Name Eckert House
2. Village/Town/City Guttenberg Township Jefferson County Clayton
3. Street Address 413 South First
4. Legal Location G 1 12
Urban: subdivision block parcel subparcel
 Rural: township range section % section of 1/4 section
5. UTM Location: zone 15 easting 655,750 northing 4,738,160; Acreage -.1 Acre
6. Owner(s) Name Irene Eckert
7. Owner(s) Address 422 South First Guttenberg Iowa 52052
(Street address) (City) (State) (Zip)
8. Use: Present Residential/Rental Property Original Residential/Commercial

Description

9. Date of Construction 1860 Architect/Builder Henry Eckert
10. Building Type:
 single-family dwelling industrial other institutional religious
 multiple-family dwelling educational public agricultural
 commercial
11. Exterior Walls: clapboard stone brick board and batten shingles stucco
 other _____
12. Structural System: wood frame with interlocking joints wood frame with light members (balloon frame)
 masonry load-bearing walls iron frame steel frame with curtain walls reinforced concrete
 other _____
13. Condition: excellent good fair deteriorated
14. Integrity: original site moved—if so, when? _____
 Notes on alterations, additions (with dates and architect, if known) and any other notable features of building and site:
15. Related Outbuildings and Property: barn other farm structures carriage house garage privy
 other _____
16. Is the building endangered? no yes—if so, why? _____
17. Surroundings of the building: open land woodland scattered outbuildings densely built-up commercial
 industrial residential other _____

18. Map



19. Photo Roll 1231 Frame 21 View NW



Significance (Indicate sources of information for all statements)

20. Architectural significance

- a. Key structure/individually may qualify for the National Register
- b. Contributing structure
- c. Not eligible/intrusion

Unique commercial two-story brick with bricked in ends of double porch on south side. Metal "S" beam hardware on north wall, whole building off square to accomodate shape of lot. Original lock and key still used. Single story lean-to addition in rear. Metal numbers date structure on front (uncommon in Guttenberg). Porch retains two sets of stairs, one to basement, one to second floor.

21. Historical Significance

Theme(s) _____ "Brick Commercial"

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Structure with open two-story porch, south side, visible in 1869 view of town. Henry Eckert builds home, has frame shop to north where he operates a wagon shop. Building remains in same family. Ida Eckert has millinery shop in front part of first floor c. 1900.

22. Sources (for primary and secondary sources, give complete facts of publication: author, title, place of publication, date, etc.):

Irene Eckert
Edith Schulz
"A Bird's Eye View of Guttenberg", 1869, Merchant's Litho., Chicago
Sanborn Maps: 1886, 1928

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1. Office Information Sources on this Property

- County Resource File
- Windshield Survey
- National Register
- Grants-In-Aid: _____
- Determination of Eligibility

Review and Compliance Project:

- Other _____
- Other _____
- Other _____

2. Subject Traces

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____
- e. _____

3. Photo Images _____

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Continuation Sheet

Item Number(s) STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE/ Architectural--X- Historical----

"Brick Commercial": The Eckert House is an extremely well preserved example of commercial-settlement, vernacular architecture. Significant factors include:

1. Excellent state of preservation.
2. Off square layout.
3. Metal "S" beam hardware on the north wall used to accommodate its unusual shape.
4. Metal numbers which date the structure (this is uncommon for Guttenberg).
5. Four bay (2nd floor) four bay (1st floor) commercial-residential face. Also of significance is the double entry way into the building including the entrance into the shop and the stairway entrance to the residential second floor.
6. "Flying Buttress" eavespout.