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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 52
District Name _____
Map Reference # 52

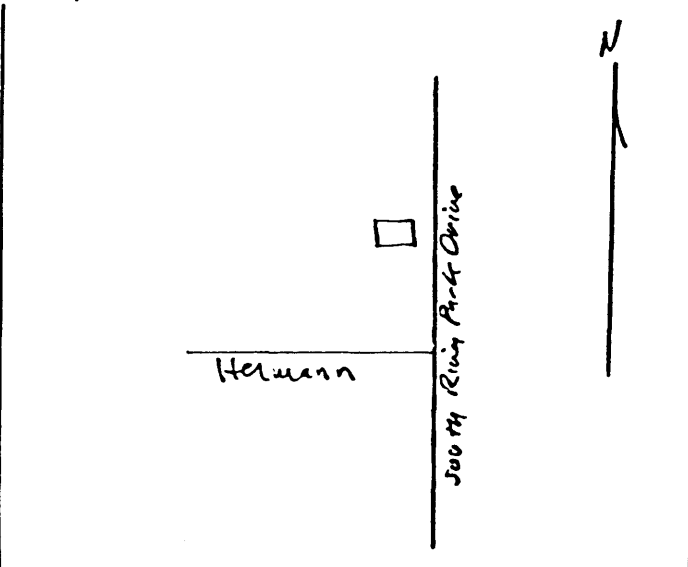
Identification

1. Site Name WEBER House
2. Village/Town/City Guttenberg Township Jefferson County Clayton
3. Street Address 822 South River Park Drive
4. Legal Location G 27 3,4
Urban: subdivision block parcel subparcel
 Rural: township range section % section of % section
5. UTM Location: zone 15 easting 655,820 northing 4,737,590; Acreage -1 Acre
6. Owner(s) Name Minnie Freidlein
7. Owner(s) Address 822 South River Park Drive Guttenberg Iowa 52052
(Street address) (City) (State) (Zip)
8. Use: Present Residence Original Residence

Description

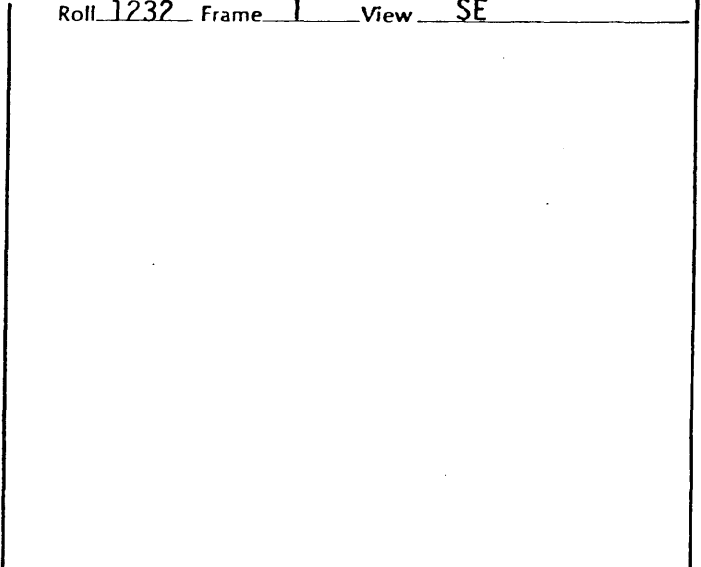
9. Date of Construction Pre-1858 Architect/Builder Dr. Weber
10. Building Type:
 single-family dwelling industrial other institutional religious
 multiple-family dwelling educational public agricultural
 commercial
11. Exterior Walls: clapboard stone brick board and batten shingles stucco
 other _____
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 Summer kitchen
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 1232 Frame 1 View SE



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

A very early brick residence, one and a half story, in "T" shape with a single story wrap-around porch enclosing the base of the "T". A vaulted stone basement lies under this part of the house. A two-story frame kitchen was added to the north after 1900. Two fireplaces have been sealed off. A summer kitchen and shed are also on the property.

21. Historical Significance

Theme(s) "Settlement" "Other Local Themes"

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The owner dates the house to c. 1856-62. Dr. Weber*, a German surgeon, came to Guttenberg and built this house and planted gardens around it. He had left his homeland when the woman he loved married another man. Upon learning of the death of her husband, Weber returned to Germany and married the widow. The house was subsequently owned or occupied by the Henry Freidlein family, Joseph Zimmerman (lumber mill owner, left c. 1900 for Tampa, Fla.), Thomas Ives (partner to Zimmerman). Freidleins owned the house c. 1913. The house has generally been associated with the various owners of the saw mill and lumber yard which dominated this end of town. (*) owner states name was George Wehmer, states he left 1862.

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

High School Survey
Julia Finch (has photos)
Minnie Freidlein

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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

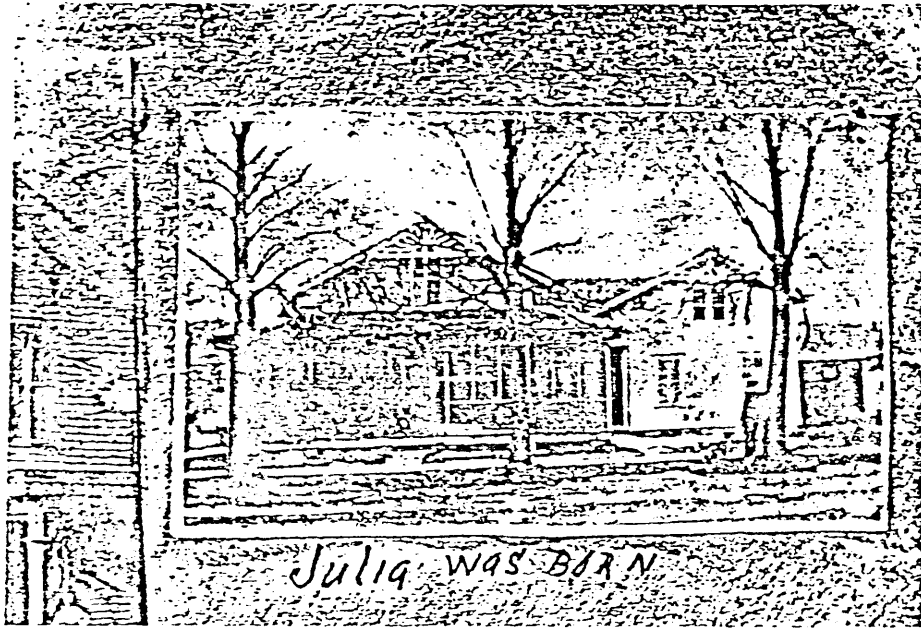
- a. _____
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- c. _____
- d. _____
- e. _____

3. Photo Images _____

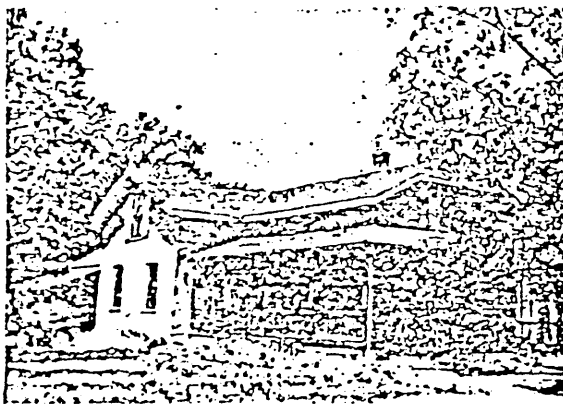
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Item Number(s) 19 - PHOTO

Photographic Identification, Roll 1366, Frame 28, original owned by Julia Finch, east front of house.



1937 Guttenberg Centennial Brochure



THE early 50's saw the erection of this, the present Henry Friedlein home on South Front St. Just the central portion of the present residence was built at that time by a Dr. Weber, renowned German surgeon who surrounded the residence with beautiful gardens. Legend has it that the doctor came to America because his sweetheart married his cousin. After some years here he learned of the death of the cousin and returned to Germany to marry the widow. Later his son settled in Guttenberg.