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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

Haberkorn House and Farmstead

AND/OR COMMON

Haberkorn Farm

LOCATION

W of Sherrill

STREET & NUMBER

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Sherrill vicinity

X

VICINITY OF Sherrill

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

2

STATE

Iowa

CODE

COUNTY

Dubuque

CODE

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERCIAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

George P. Klein

STREET & NUMBER

R.R. 1,

CITY, TOWN

Sherrill

VICINITY OF

STATE

Iowa 52073

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Dubuque County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Dubuque

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 Haberkorn house is a 2½ story structure, built of roughly dressed ashlar limestone on a limestone foundation in 1870. At the NW corner is a one-story kitchen wing, also of stone, that was added in 1876. A shed-roofed wooden porch, with standing-seam metal roof, extends the full width of the rear elevation to meet a small frame summer kitchen attached to the north wall of the stone kitchen wing.

The main roof (covered with composition shingle) is a jerkinhead gable, with the ridge running perpendicular to the front. Below each gable end, the simply-molded frieze boards have arches cut in their lower edges to accomodate the arches of the attic windows.

The double doors of the main entrance (above which is a dressed stone block incised with the builder's name, "G. Haberkorn", and the date, "1870", are sheltered by a small hipped-roof porch with slender turned posts. The rear entrance (obscured by the screened porch) is flanked by sidelights.

All window openings have segmental stone arches. The 6/6 double hung sash are set at the outer edge of reveals that are 1'7" deep on the inside. Interior walls are plaster over lathe. Flooring is 2¼" oak, which in the large living room (originally a tavern area) and the original dining-room is laid in mitred fashion from center to corners. Woodwork is pine, and the main staircase, with turned newel post, is walnut.

Also on this farmstead is a full complement of outbuildings, the oldest of which was built in 1920. They include a barn, corn-crib, granary, machine shed, grain bins, goat shed and chicken house. Two elements of interest are a stone oven, in the bluff NW of the house, and a brewery cellar located in the bluff on the east side of the stream which runs east of the house. The brewery cellar is set inside a natural cave and consists of a low barrel vault of stone.

At present, the total acreage of the Haberkorn farm is 240, occupying all of the SE¼ of Section 15, and the S½ of the NE¼ of this section. Since the primary area of significance of this property lies in the architectural merit of the farmhouse, it is not appropriate to include the entire acreage in this nomination. An area of 6 acres, bounded on the south by the gravel road adjacent to the farmstead, and running 3 acres east-west and two acres north-south, is sufficient to include the farmhouse, outbuildings, and a portion of the bluffs to either side, the latter acting as strong environmental features. Inclusion of the outbuildings is appropriate, because they are a principal element of the immediate surroundings, and because the Haberkorn house has historically been associated with a working farm. Inclusion of the bluffs is done to (a) recognize the particular natural setting of the farmstead, and (b) include the brewery cellar and the ruins of the stone oven.

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

1870

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

George & Adam Haberkorn

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Haberkorn house is a well-preserved representative of a vernacular house type found, in Iowa, only in the northeast part of the state. The greatest concentration of this type is in the village of St. Donatus, in Jackson County, but other examples are scattered very thinly in other areas of this corner of Iowa. They have in common: rockfaced limestone construction, jerkinhead gable roofs, rectangular plans and two or more stories, and date from the middle decades of the 19th century (1850-70). As far as present knowledge goes, they were built by immigrants from west-central Europe, notably Luxembourg and southern Germany, and would appear to derive their architectural style from rural European traditions.

The Haberkorn house is among the larger known examples of this house type, and is distinctive also for its front-gable (rather than the more common side-gable) orientation. It was built in 1870 by George Haberkorn and his father, Adam, the latter a stonemason and brewer who came with his family to the Dubuque area from Bavaria in 1844. Adam worked in the area lead mines, but the family income was augmented by a small brewery (which according to family tradition dates from soon after Adam's arrival in this area) and the sale of bread baked by Eve Haberkorn in the stone oven near the farmhouse. Once the stone house was finished, its front room became a local tavern, and was also for many years during the 19th century the polling place for area residents.

Adam Haberkorn died in 1890, his son George in 1906. The farmstead remains in the hands of their descendants.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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 July 1979.

UTM NOT VERIFIED

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Approximately 6

QUADRANGLE NAME Sherrill, Iowa

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCES

ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
A 15	6787115	4719300	B 15	6787210	4719190
C 15	678540	4719150	D 15	6785210	4719210
E			F		
G			H		

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION An area of approx. 6 acres, located in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 15, T 90 N R 1 E, Dubuque County, Iowa. The area is bounded on the south by County Road C9Y. Approximate dimensions of the area east-west are three acres, north-south, two acres. This area is but a small portion of the total farm holding.

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, Historian

ORGANIZATION

Division of Historic Preservation

DATE

September 1979

STREET & NUMBER

26 East Market Street

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

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

DATE

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

Carol D. Shell

DATE

1-25-80

ATTEST: *William H. Brabban*
 CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

DATE

1-27-80