

# Iowa Site Inventory

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

Site Number 30  
District Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Map Reference # 30

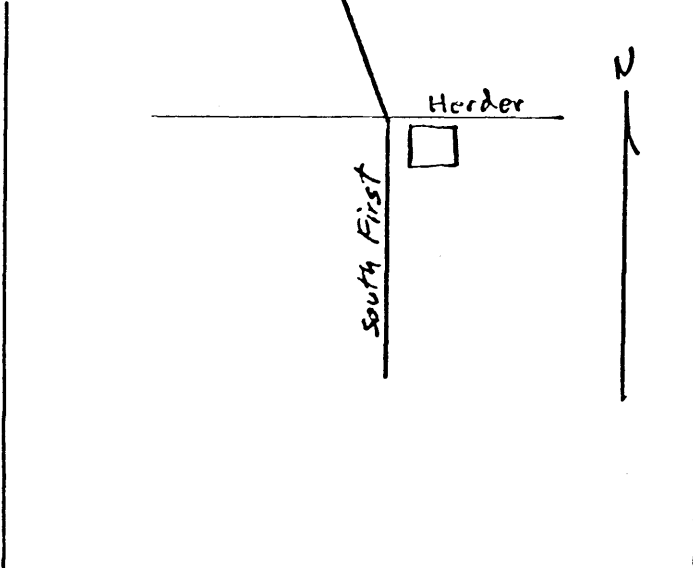
## Identification

1. Site Name Fuerste House
2. Village/Town/City Guttenberg Township Jefferson County Clayton
3. Street Address 503 South First
4. Legal Location G 14 10  
Urban: subdivision block parcel subparcel  
Rural: township range section % section of 1/4 section
5. UTM Location: zone 15 easting 655,750 northing 4,738,100; Acreage -1 Acre
6. Owner(s) Name Larry and Agnes Handke
7. Owner(s) Address 15 Herder Guttenberg Iowa 52052  
(Street address) (City) (State) (Zip)
8. Use: Present Rental Property Original Residence

## Description

9. Date of Construction c. 1870 Architect/Builder "Unknown"
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 1227 Frame 19 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

Structure appears to be much older than Sanborn Map indicates. Two-story brick, tin roof. built-in front porch (one story), now four apartments. Retains central dividing hall that runs from front to rear of building. Stone basement. Aluminum siding encloses front porch. Building tuckpointed in 1978, screened-in porch enclosed. Interior converted for use as Millinery Shop, large rounded wood arch in northeast downstairs front room. Porch was stucco frame. Stone lintels.

## 21. Historical Significance

Theme(s) "Front Gable Style"

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Current owner states building is over 100 years old. Was Fuerste residence and Mrs. L. Fuerst operated a Millinery Shop here as early as 1891. Fuerste brothers operated a machine shop across the street as early as 1886. This later became Fuerste & Meyer, then Fuerste and Son.

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

Agnes Handke  
Jack Kuempel  
Sanborn Maps: 1902, 1928

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## For Division of Historic Preservation Use Only

### 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----

"Front gable style": The Fuerste House is a local adaptation of the temple form Greek Revival. The result is the vernacular "Front gable style." Worthy of note is the unadorned tin roof, the four bay width and five bay length. This home made of local brick represents one of the most decorative styles in Guttenberg.