

MISSISSIPPI RIVER MEN:
LE CLAIRE, IOWA 1850-1880

Name: Kattenbracher House

Address: 1125 N. 2nd Street

Owner: Olav Holskolt

Address: Camanche, Iowa

Legal Description: Lot 19, Block

7, original town of Parkhurst of
the City of Le Claire

Acreage: less than one

UTM: 15/721420 4609690

Physical Description:

A two-story rectangular house, built of brick on a stone foundation which on the south and east forms a walk-in cellar. The house was stuccoed at some point, but the stucco has peeled off much of the south side. The main facade is three bays, with a center entrance. Windows have flat enframements and shallow, triangular pediments. The roof is a low hip, with very wide bracketted eaves and modillions. On the south-east corner is a protruding rectangular bay window of frame construction, supported somewhat awkwardly on wooden posts. On the north side is a one-story, gable-roofed frame addition which now contains the main entrance to the house. House built 1860.

Significance:

The house is associated with the Kattenbracher family, German immigrants who established a foundry (C. Kattenbracher & Son) along the river in the original town of Parkhurst (later incorporated into the town of Le Claire). This foundry was principally engaged in supplying metalwork and making repairs in connection with the Le Claire Marine Railway boatyards run by J.W. Van Sant.

