

# Iowa Site Inventory

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

Site Number 43  
District Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Map Reference # 43

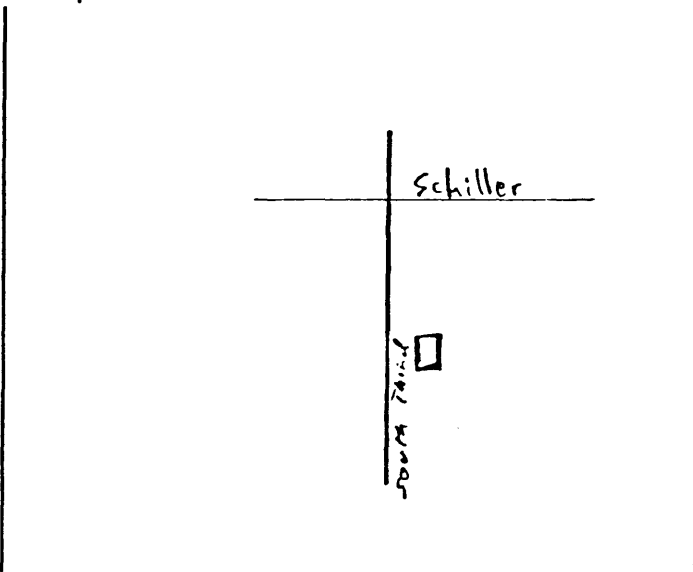
## Identification

1. Site Name Matt-Bahls House
2. Village/Town/City Guttenberg Township Jefferson County Clayton
3. Street Address 615 South Third
4. Legal Location G 17 13  
Urban: subdivision block parcel subparcel  
 Rural: township range section % section of 1/4 section
5. UTM Location: zone 15 easting 655,610 northing 4,737,180; Acreage -.1 Acre
6. Owner(s) Name Danny Bahls
7. Owner(s) Address 615 South Third Guttenberg Iowa 52052  
(Street address) (City) (State) (Zip)
8. Use: Present Residence Original Residence

## Description

9. Date of Construction Pre-1858 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 1228 Frame 11 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

Excellent example of two-story stone residence with extant open porches (full length, both floors) and exterior stairways. More recent frame addition to northeast blends in fairly well with original structure. Building fronts to west on Third or railroad right-of-way.

Great River Road Survey states that house is a vernacular, "Louisiana Plantation Style" with intact double porch, altered ends (Group II).

## 21. Historical Significance

Theme(s) "Limestone Side-gable Style"

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A pre-1858 large stone house that, according to one area source, served as a hotel. No documentation for early use or for use as hotel, but location was (after 1871) close to the depot and railroad right-of-way. Present owner recently purchased house from Lloyd Matt.

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

I. Degnan

Great River Road Survey, 1:2:904-5

"A New Map of Guttenberg . . . 1858", by G.A. Menzel

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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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