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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 116
District Name _____
Map Reference # 116

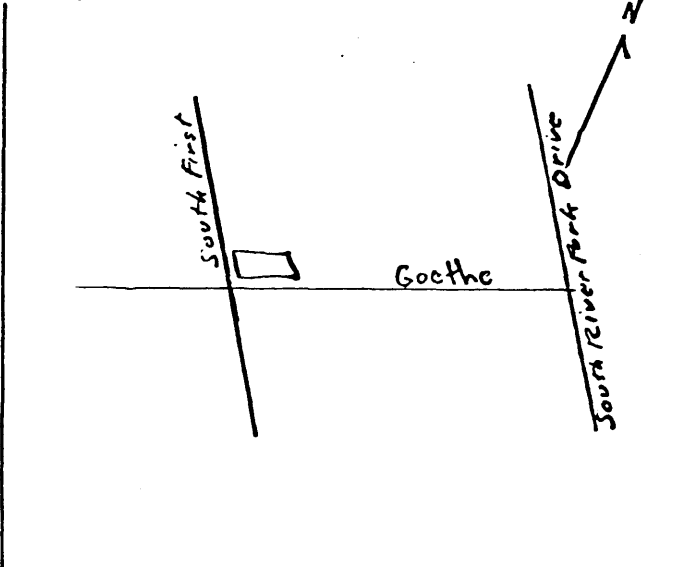
Identification

1. Site Name GUTTENBERG State Bank
2. Village/Town/City Guttenberg Township Jefferson County Clayton
3. Street Address 15 Goethe
4. Legal Location _____
 Urban: _____ Rural: _____
 P I P subdivision township block range S Fr 14, 13, 12, 11 parcel section subparcel % section of % section
5. UTM Location: zone 15 easting 655,710 northing 4,738,260; Acreage -1 Acre
6. Owner(s) Name Security State Bank
7. Owner(s) Address 15 Goethe Guttenberg Iowa 52052
 (Street address) (City) (State) (Zip)
8. Use: Present Bank Original Bank

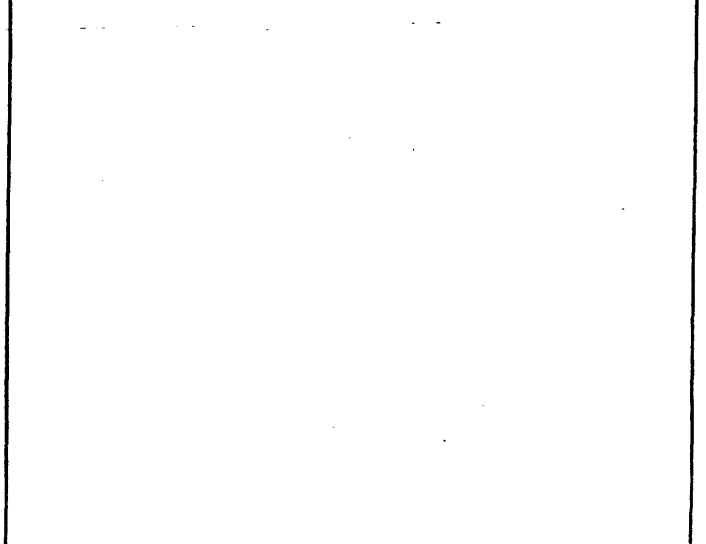
Description

9. Date of Construction 1902 Architect/Builder "Unknown"
10. Building Type:
 single-family dwelling
 multiple-family dwelling
 commercial
 industrial
 educational
 other institutional
 public
 religious
 agricultural
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 1229 Frame 26 View SW



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

Two-story brick commercial with round turret tower above entrance at southwest corner. Built of pressed brick, with steam heat and electric lighting and modern plumbing. Inlaid brick arches surround second floor windows and combine with a brick stringcourse to set off the brick cornice. First floor windows are plain large narrow rectangles, two of which are on the south face (right hand side) were formerly doors. A single story addition has been built to the north and a drive-in facility is currently under construction. The front canopy which covers the entryway and west face is also being remodeled.

This little Romanesque Revival bank is one of the very few late 19-early 20th Century commercial block to have such clear pretensions to style and at the same time to retain such a degree of integrity in the community.

21. Historical Significance

Theme(s) "Brick Commercial"

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The bank incorporated in May, 1900 as Guttenberg State Bank. John P. Eckert was its president and the bank was also called "Eckert Bank". In 1943, the bank consolidated with Clayton County State Bank and the two banks continued to use this structure. The bank is important in that Guttenberg was able to benefit from two banks and no bank failure was to take place here during the Depression era.

In its expansion to the north the bank (1979) demolished the two-story Kappen Building (built 1862 by Clemens Kappen, and used as a furniture store by that family throughout its history). Refer to Continuation Sheet.

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

Jack Kuempel
Sanborn Maps: 1902, 1914, 1928
Price, Realto: "History of Clayton County", 1916, p. 374
1937 Guttenberg Centennial Brochure

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Organization Office of Historic Preservation

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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

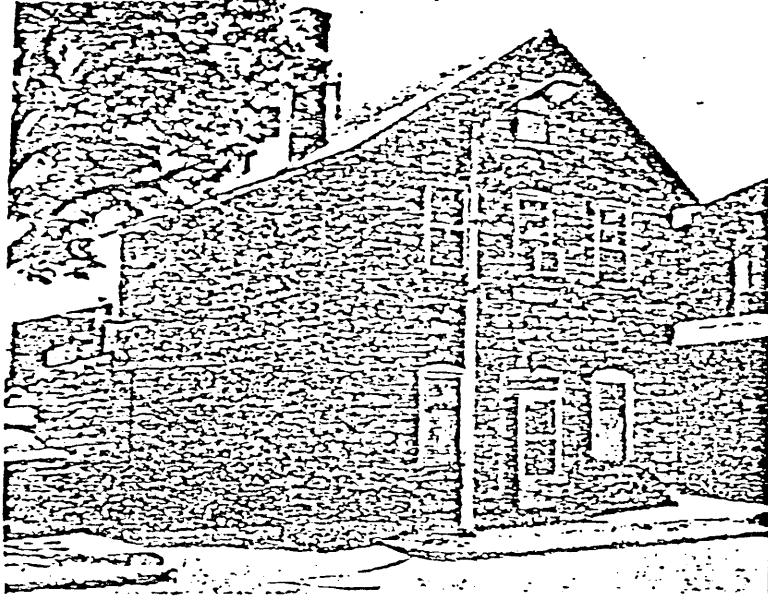
- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____
- e. _____

3. Photo Images _____

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Item Number(s) 19 - PHOTO

Great River Road Survey, 1:2:866-7, Kappen Building, demolished 1979.



Photographic Identification, Roll 1368, Frame 9, photo owned by Julia Finch.
View from west. Degnan Building in center background, non-extant city hall and
fire station visible right background.

