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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 53  
District Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Map Reference # 53

## Identification

- 1. Site Name WEHMER House
- 2. Village/Town/City Guttenberg Township Jefferson County Clayton
- 3. Street Address 910 South River Park Drive
- 4. Legal Location \_\_\_\_\_  

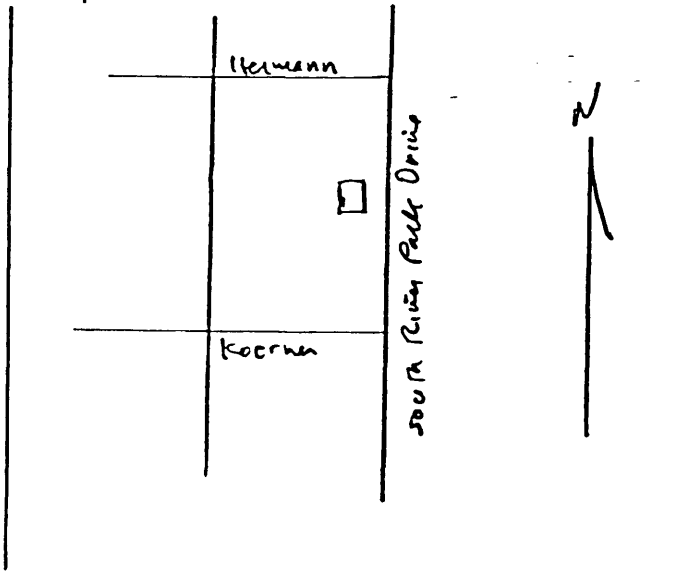
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Urban:	subdivision	block	parcel
Rural:	township	range	section
			subparcel 1/4 section of 1/4 section
- 5. UTM Location: zone 15 easting 655,810 northing 4,737,500; Acreage -1 Acre
- 6. Owner(s) Name Robert and Marge Lake
- 7. Owner(s) Address 910 South River Park Drive Guttenberg Iowa 52052  
(Street address) (City) (State) (Zip)
- 8. Use: Present Residence Original Residence

## Description

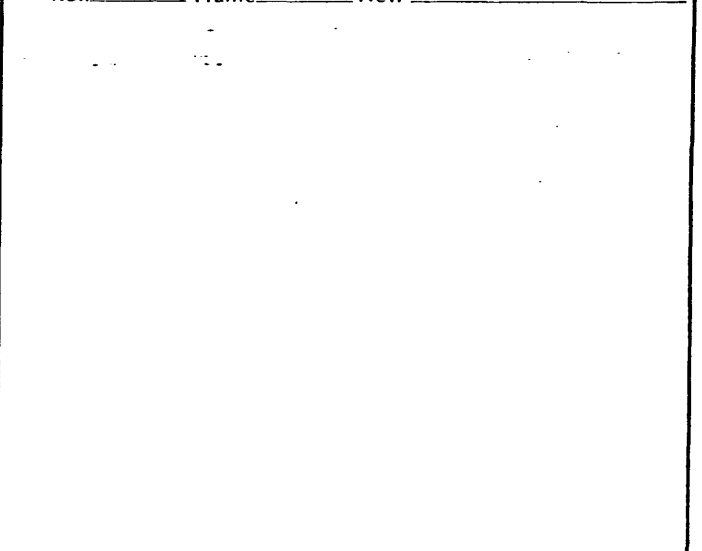
- 9. Date of Construction 1856-1862 Architect/Builder George Wehmer
- 10. Building Type:
 

<input type="checkbox"/> single-family dwelling	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> other institutional	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> multi-family dwelling	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agricultural
<input type="checkbox"/> 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



# 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

One and a half-story brick (square) house, chimneys each end, built as a duplex with central entryway and separate entrances to both halves. Stone foundation and full basement (two halves). Present owners bought house 1942, found it in bad shape. Removed front porch, retained two fireplaces, central hall. Found another basement filled with dirt. Excavated same. House has star bolts on exterior. Owners state building is identical to Glenn Orcutt's building on Schiller.

## 21. Historical Significance

Theme(s) \_\_\_\_\_, "Wide gable Style"

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This building is linked with the Friedlien house to the north. Both are early brick homes which stood amidst a sprawling lumber business. The same builder is identified for both, George Wehmer, as is the construction period, 1856-62. By the turn of the century, the house was owned by Meuser Lumber Company (or the firm that became Meuser Co). The Churny and Horstman families owned the house prior to 1940, and Bill and Jene Kann acquired the property, cleaned and renovated it prior to selling it to the present owners in 1942. They have continued the work of renovation. The building was present by 1869 according to an overview of the town of that date.

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

Edith Schrunk	Sanborn Maps: 1886, 1928
Marge Lake	"A Bird's Eye View of Guttenberg", 1869
Julia Finch	Merchant's Litho., Chicago
Carl Kann	

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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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