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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 27  
District Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Map Reference # 27

## Identification

1. Site Name McClaine House

2. Village/Town/City Guttenberg Township Jefferson County Clayton

3. Street Address 300 South First

4. Legal Location PLP 14 N 1/2 6  
Urban: Rural: subdivision township block range parcel section subparcel 1/4 section of 1/4 section

5. UTM Location: zone 15 easting 655,650 northing 4,738,400; Acreage -1 Acre

6. Owner(s) Name Frances McClaine

7. Owner(s) Address 300 South First Guttenberg Iowa 52052  
(Street address) (City) (State) (Zip)

8. Use: Present Residence Original Commercial/Residence

## Description

9. Date of Construction Pre-1886 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

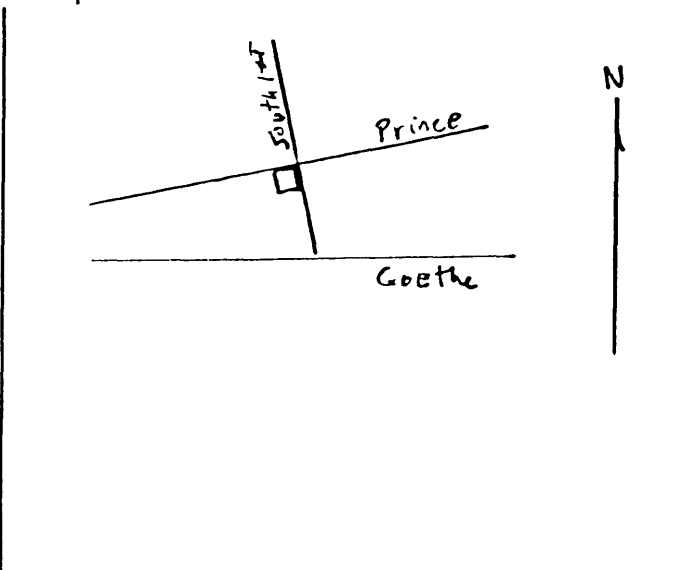
14. Integrity:  original site     moved—if so, when? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Notes on alterations, additions (with dates and architect, if known) and any other notable features of building and site:

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 1225 Frame 34A View NE

# 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 symmetrical brick residence, two-story built-in porch in rear, well cared for garden, flowers in rear, well preserved. Cellar windows open through barred wells in sidewalk. Two very small windows set above second floor windows on front. Mortar painted black some time in past.

Note: The 1½ story, brick gabled structure is a separate building and is another nomination.

The McClaine House is a settlement era building and also unique in that it is a local expression of an urban dwelling in the Greek Revival style.

## 21. Historical Significance

Theme(s) \_\_\_\_\_

- a. Key structure/individually may qualify for the National Register
- b. Contributing structure
- c. Not eligible/intrusion

Early brick structure, little documented information, Sanborns indicate following sequence (no details): barber shop (1886), cigar factory (1902), swelling (1928). Present owner has been in house 5-10 years.

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

Sanborn Maps: 1886, 1902, 1928

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Organization Office of Historic Preservation

## 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----

"Other Local Themes": The McClaine House is a well preserved example of a settlement era brick building. The four bay(2nd floor) and three bay(1st floor) commercial-residential front is typical of vernacular Guttenberg architecture in that lines are simple and the use of the structure in this combination is common. The on the street commercial-residential entry is also represented at Site#108. Other interesting features include a plain cornice enhanced by modillion blocks. Also fitting into the local vernacular scheme is the fact that the building is not quite square. The building is built according to the dimensions of the lot line rather than a strict square pattern.

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