

Attachment E

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MINNESOTA ARCHITECTURE-HISTORY INVENTORY FORM

Property Location			
Property Name:	Strunk-Nysssen (Shakopee) Brewery Complex Ruins	Inventory No.	SC-JAC-002
Address:	11086 Chaparral Avenue	County:	Scott
City/Twp:	Jackson Township	PIN:	69110050
T-R-S:	115-23-11	USGS Quad:	Shakopee
Quarters:	NE-NW-NW	R/C No.:	N/A
UTM (NAD 83):			

Property Information			
Architect:		Property Type:	Brewery complex ruins
Date Constructed:	Circa 1854	Property Category:	Industry/Processing/Extraction
Style:		Historical Use:	Brewery and barn/granary
Historic Context:	Early Agriculture and River Settlement, 1840-1870; Railroads and Agricultural Development, 1862-1940 (per draft MPDF for Minnesota's 19 th -century masonry ruins)	Present Use:	Not in use
Survey Date:	June 21, 2013	Prepared by:	Andrea C. Pizza Two Pines Resource Group, LLC

Description:

The brewery associated with these ruins was built by Herman Strunk circa 1854 and commenced operations in either late 1856 or early 1857. For a few months in 1859, it was rented to Joseph Nichol and Company, after which Strunk ran it with Philip Dorre. Signage at the ruin indicates that Andrew Winker purchased the brewery from Strunk and Dorre in 1863. Upon Winker's death in 1870, the brewery was held by Andrew's wife Mary, who may or may not have continued to operate it. In 1873, Hubert Nyssen took over operations, subsequently marrying Mary in 1875, although she retained ownership rights. Nyssen ran the brewery until Prohibition closed it down in 1920. After Prohibition ended, the "Nyssen brewery was used as a distillery, a winery, and a puppy mill."

The stone barn/granary associated with these ruins was likely constructed at the same time as the Strunk-Nysssen brewery, circa 1854. When the brewery became a distillery (Northwestern Distilleries, Inc.), the building was used as a cooper shop. The barn/granary ruin is located approximately 160 feet west of the brewery ruin.

It is noted here that many portions of these ruins could only be assessed at a distance due to fencing and safety issues. The Strunk-Nysssen Brewery Complex ruins are extensive. Of the brewery as it was configured in 1890, based on a fire insurance map of that year, the ruins comprise high walls and high wall fragments of the northern and western ice houses; malt cellar/malt and barley storage section; the kiln; the section housing the pump, water tank, malt mill, mash tub, and beer kettle (malt mill section); and the section housing the men's rooms.

See report: XX-2013-174

The barn/granary ruin exhibits portions of the original building and a later addition on the east. With regard to the original building, it includes high walls on the east and south, and a high wall fragment on the north. With regard to the addition, it consists of high walls on the north, south, west, and east, the former two meeting up with the east wall of the original building. Bulkhead walls extend from the west wall of the addition. A single associated feature consists of a low foundation measuring 10 by 12 feet in area, located approximately 23 feet west of the barn/granary.

The brewery appears to be suffering from fairly serious condition issues. The west wall of the northern ice house is vertically split and is leaning to the west, and only a small earthen embankment is present on its west side. The north wall is leaning north with no support, and it exhibits a major vertical crack and separation on the upper portion of its exterior. Another large vertical crack and separation are apparent on the interior of the east wall. Although the interior exhibits some whitewash or plaster, the exterior is suffering from major mortar deterioration, as is the interior of the west wall. The north wall fragment for the malt mill, men's rooms, and eastern ice house shows substantial deterioration of mortar, cracking, and separation. Its upper courses have been lost, although enough remain that the upper-story window openings are complete, as has the west end of the wall. The malt cellar/malt and barley storage section is currently being cleaned out and is undergoing at least some form of stabilization under the current property owners, who intend to use this section for brewing beer. It is not known how or whether the current measures will impact the historical fabric of the ruin.

The kiln appears to be the most-well preserved portion of the brewery. Although the lower portion of the north wall has undergone some mortar loss, it appears to otherwise be fairly intact.

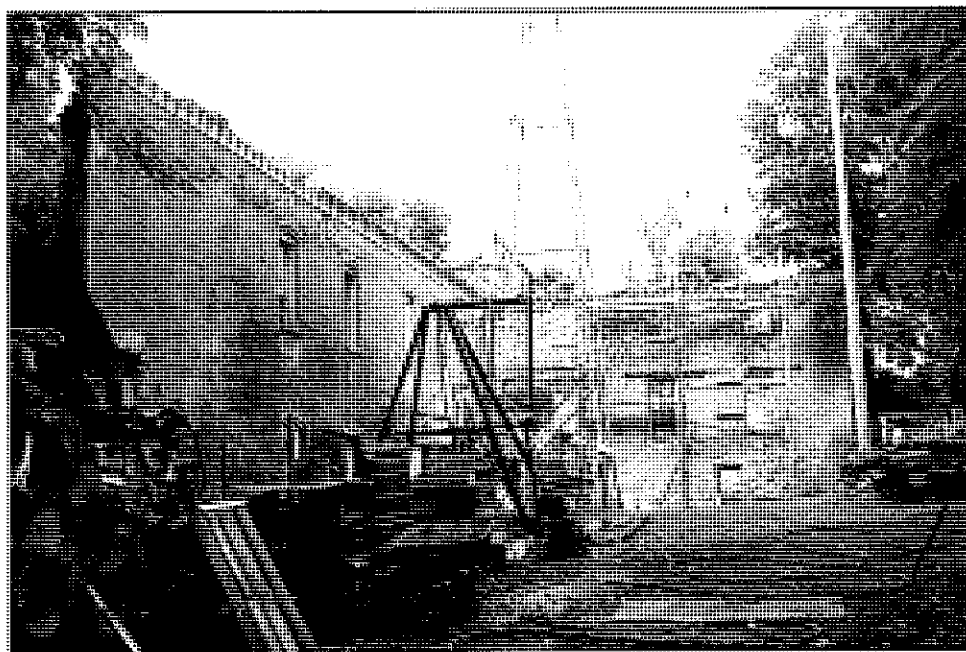
The original portion of the barn/granary ruin exhibits fairly intact mortar on the exterior of the east wall and north wall fragment, the latter also retaining some whitewash or plaster. With regard to both, the majority of the interior exhibits the whitewash/plaster, thus the underlying mortar has likely been protected as well. The exterior of the south wall appears to have once been faced in mortar, but this facing is now only present on the lower half of the wall. Brick insets flank either side of what appears to be an upper-level doorway. It is not clear why brick was used here; given that the mortar facing extends up onto the brick, it was not for stylistic purposes. The threshold of this doorway has been lost, as have several courses of stone above the upper-story windows. The current uppermost courses of stone appear loose. While the interior of the south wall retains much whitewash/plaster and looks to be in the same condition as the east wall and north wall fragment above the level of the cellar, at cellar level, it displays substantial deterioration of the stonework and mortar.

Significance Notes: These ruins have potential significance under the statewide contexts *Early Agriculture and River Settlement, 1840-1870*, and *Railroads and Agricultural Development, 1862-1940* (dates per draft MPDF for Minnesota's 19th-century masonry ruins).

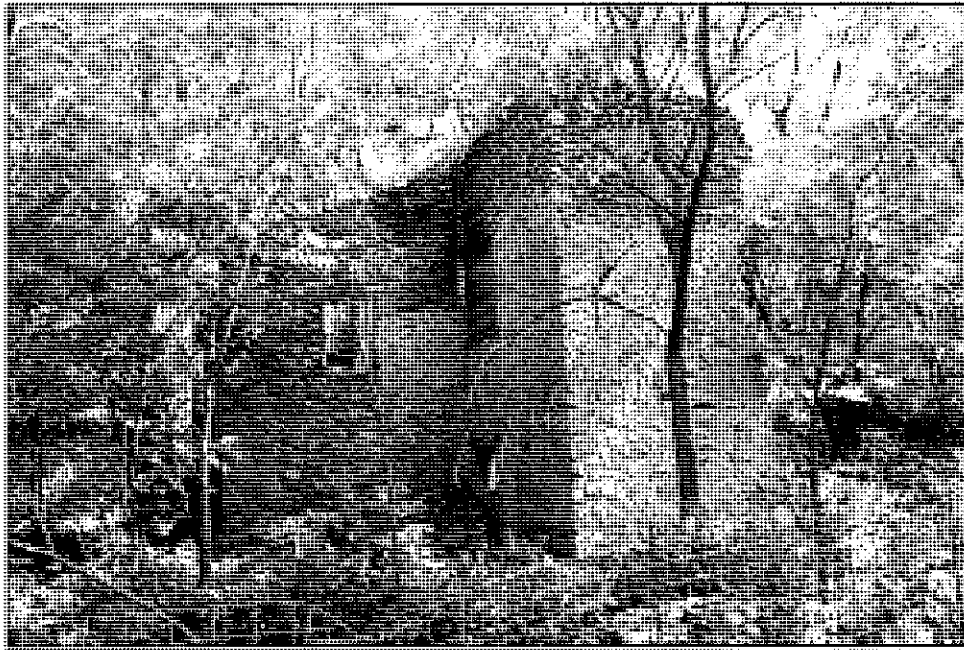
Consultant's Recommendation of Eligibility: Potentially Eligible



STRÖMBERG-NYSSEN BREWERY COMPLEX RUINS, NORTHERN ICE HOUSE, LOOKING SOUTH

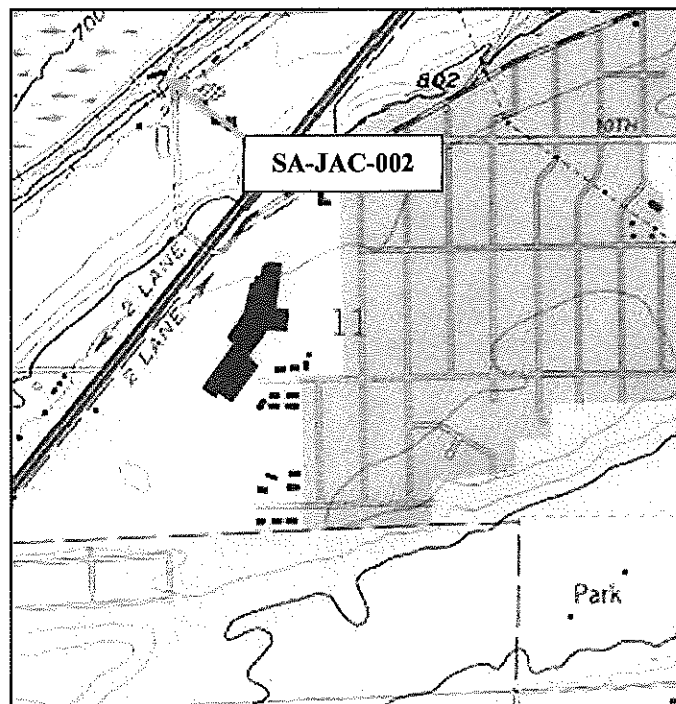


STRÖMBERG-NYSSEN BREWERY COMPLEX RUINS, STORAGE AND OTHER SECTIONS,
LOOKING EAST



STRUNK-NYSSEN BREWERY COMPLEX RUINS, BARN AND GRAINARY BUILT, LOOKING

SW





MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

September 16, 1996

Mr. Stephen Duggan
4180 120th Street West
Rosemount, Minnesota 55068

Dear Mr. Duggan:

RE: Strunk-Nyssen Brewery, Jackson Township, Scott County

The staff recently reviewed the documentation you submitted on the above property. The written material gave us a good idea of the brewery's operation. However, when the snapshots were compared to the historic renderings, it reveals that the brewery is in a deteriorated condition. To better understand what remains of the complex, and to assess its historic physical integrity, staff would like some additional snapshots, ones that are not so close-up so that we can get a better over-all view of the brewery. It would also be helpful if you could key them in to the map you provided (attachment XV), a copy of which is attached. I am also enclosing a photo copy of the pictures you sent in June so that you know what images we have in the file.

You note in your letter of 6 June 1996 that you are considering restoring a portion of the buildings. Can you describe which portions and what you will do with the remaining portions?

Now that the staff has seen the original package of materials, review of the additional material should proceed more quickly. Thank you for your assistance and patience.

Sincerely,

Susan Roth
National Register Historian
State Historic Preservation Office

encl: Attachment XV
 Photocopies of snapshots

Two tunnels of similar construction are attached at right angles to the main caverns and proceed beneath the building north toward the DNR trail. Both of these lateral tunnels and the main cavern at the west end, have been blocked off and have endings which are structurally damaged or incomplete. One tunnel ends at the north side of the roofless ice house foundation.

Ice House - The ice house is approximately 75 ft. by 22 ft. with 12 ft. concrete-stone rubble walls. The building extends north from the main brewery building and touches the DNR trail. The existing structure is roofless and made in the same style as the other buildings. It was shown in the 1924 Sanborn Insurance Map as connected to the main brewery by a tunnel.

Distillery/Bottling House - This is a 22 ft. by 40 ft. stone and wood structure, located about 100 ft. southwest of the Main Brewery Building. It first appears on the 1890 Sanborn Insurance map described as a Distillery. It was referred to as the Bottling House on the 1925 Sanborn Insurance map. The 10 ft. high foundation is rubble and mortar and its upper level is a peaked roof of 2 ft by 4 ft. wood framing. The upper level walls and its roof are covered with tin. It is in fair condition and was used as living quarters by the last owner.

Cooper Shop/Barn and Granary - This building appears on the 1884 Sanborn Insurance map as a one and one-half story building and probably was an original structure dating back to 1856. It has a stone upper and lower foundation, and is located 162 ft. west of the main brewery building. It is near the DNR trail directly north of the Nyssen House. Several stone walls and the foundation are all that remains of the original building.

SIGNIFICANCE

This Brewery represents an early industry supplying the needs of the many German immigrants settling in the Minnesota River Valley. It is a typical example of a small brewing concern of the 1880's with utilitarian building forms and underground cellars. The Strunk-Nyssen Brewery, later called the Shakopee Brewery consists of two limestone buildings and two limestone foundations dating back to 1855. Herman Strunk, a German immigrant, claimed the site in 1855 for a brewery because it had a spring, access to ice from the Minnesota River backflow and a cool north facing exposure. The Strunk-Nyssen House National Registration form identified it as the first brewery in the lower Minnesota River Valley. The 1860 census of Manufacturers (Roll 11, Frame 42, Minnesota Historical Society) gave the Strunk-Nyssen Brewery production as 500 barrels a year valued at \$3,000. This same census cited the Adolph Albachten Brewery, later known as the Husmann/Heller Union Brewery, located 1/4 mile down the river and within site of the Strunk-Nyssen Brewery as having an output valued at \$4,740. Unfortunately, the Heller Union Brewery is no longer standing. Together, the two breweries in Shakopee, represented 14 percent of the total Minnesota Territory breweries reported in 1860. Strunk's obituary noted that "Being the only plant in the valley, his territory covered a wide area and delivery trips by team were made all the way to New Ulm". ("Death of an Old Resident, 1904").

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PRELIMINARY EVALUATION REQUEST
FOR NOMINATION FOR THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORY PLACES

NAME: Strunk-Nyssen Brewery

LOCATION: Northwest quarter of Section 11, Jackson Township, one mile west of the town of Shakopee, Minnesota. Scott County

CLASSIFICATION: Privately owned building not presently occupied.

OWNER OF PROPERTY: Stephen Duggan, 4180 120th St. West, Rosemount, MN 55068

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Recorder's Office, Scott County Court House, 428 Holmes St., Shakopee, MN 55379

DESCRIPTION: The Strunk-Nyssen Brewery is directly across the railway tracks from the Strunk-Nyssen house which is listed on the National Registry. The south access is the dead end of North Chaparral St. There is also easy access from the north via the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Minnesota Valley trail. The DNR identifies the brewery with a plaque on the trail and a brochure (See attachments).

The existing complex of buildings consist of the Main Brewery (ca 1855), the Ice House (ca 1895), the Bottling House, AKA, Distillery (ca 1895) and the Cooper Shop, AKA, Barn and Granary (ca 1885).

Main Brewery Building - The L-shaped main brewery building is a concrete and rubble stone structure 100 ft. by 20 ft. which housed the men's quarters, the fermentation area, the early bottling facilities and the kiln. The northwest side of this building faces the DNR trail. Attached at the southeast side of the main building is a 40 ft. by 40 ft. structure of the same style, which housed the barley storage and processing facilities. The main brewery has major roof damage overall and requires replacing of all roof structures as well as the roof material. The kiln and barley storage wing of this building has had fire damage to the roof and structural members. The building has also experienced structural damage to the walls, doorways and windows during the removal of brewing equipment in the 1950's. The repairs were made with non-historic materials: (1) cement block replaced stone, (2) arches replaced with steel beams or angle iron, (3) some windows were widened and (4) the main entrance was altered. In some cases there was no effort to repair damage caused by enlarging a window or doorway, e.g. west internal window into the kiln. The mezzanine in the main building has collapsed for reasons unknown. Perhaps it was used as an attachment point for a winch during the removal of the processing equipment or collapsed because of the bowing of the outside wall facing the DNR trail.

Beneath the main brewery are two underground man-made caverns 100 ft. by 20 ft. wide by approximately 10 ft. high used for beer storage and for aging. The caverns have semi-circular ceilings and walls constructed of limestone with concrete floors. In spite of the leaky roofs and ingress of water, the underground caverns are remarkable dry (3/16/96). The cavern ceilings appear to be in fair condition.

4) The Kiln Mystery Room(s)

On the North side of the Kiln wall, outside and facing the wall, at Ground level are two or more bricked-arched openings of doors or windows barely protruding about 3 to 6 inches above the ground level. These openings into the area below the concrete floor of the Kiln have been filled with loose broken brick.

Question : What were the function of the room(s) and why were they rendered unusable by blocking their windows or doors?

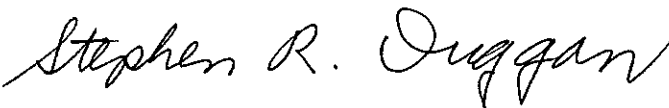
My Plans for the Brewery Site

I do not have any definite plans concerning the site other than to try preserve its historical attributes. I hope to get counsel from experts with respect the costs of refurbishing the various structural components of the building. Perhaps all of the three buildings could be restored.

Immediate activities are focused upon preventing further deterioration of the buildings and the clean-up of fire damage and the years of garbage dumping. The roof of the Main Brewery Bldg. needs replacement.

Please call me if I can be of assistance to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stephen R. Duggan".

Stephen R. Duggan, PE

1) Impact of the Railroad

The Nyssen house is clearly visible from the DNR trail looking straight South across the railway from the Original Brewery Bldg. This is shown in one of the enclosed photos. The railway was non-existent when the Original Brewery Bldg. was built. The coming of the railway, with its intervening raised track bed, certainly altered the pastoral access of Nyssen to his little Brewery at the bottom of the hill. It also may be the reason why the spring at the brewery dried-up.

There are also indications in the other two buildings of the brewery that the buildings were started prior to the advent of the railway on the north side of the property. Both buildings show evidence of south-facing doorways and windows in their basements being bricked up as a result of track-bed fill preventing their use.

2) The Mystery Shed

The barn in the NE corner Nyssen House is shown as a "Storage Shed" from the earliest Sanborn Map of the Brewery Property of 1884 through the 1910 Map. What was its function? Does it contain artifacts pertaining to the Brewery?

Even today, it appears that it has a plain cross at its pinnacle which was typical of breweries founded by Germans in the 19th century.

3) The Cavern Mystery Room

We have discovered a subterranean room located enroute to the beer storage caverns. It is dry, approx. 15x15 feet square having no windows and only one exit and built in the same style and materials as the Brewery Caverns (brick arched ceiling and doorway, and concrete floor). This room's only entrance had been sealed with concrete block (1920's?) and later unsealed by the removal of the two top rows of block. The room has no apparent structural damage and also has an air vent into it.

Question: Why does anyone seal an apparently usable room with concrete block? I have my thoughts but am interested your staff's explanation.

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January 5, 1997

Susan Roth
National Register Historian
State Historic Preservation Office
345 Kellogg Blvd.
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102-1906

Re: Strunk-Nyssen Brewery; Historic Determination
Your letter of September 16, 1996

In response to your subject letter, I am enclosing several photographs taken December 11, 1996. Because of the dense foliage at the site, I waited until the leaves had fallen before taking the photographs to increase the visibility between buildings.

The photos were taken at various points along an itinerary starting at the east end of the Main Brewery Bldg., thence proceeding west between the Main Brewery Bldg. and the Liquor Storage Building toward the Original Brewery Bldg., thence around this building crossing the fence at the corner of the property and returning east on the DNR trail. The enclosed photos represent about 20% of those which were taken on this date. I hope the enclosed photos will meet your needs. The remaining photos are available to you should they be required. A map of the property showing the location of the buildings has been enclosed to help you visualize their contextual layout.

The following four discoveries have been made at the Brewery since my last communication with you which I present to you and your staff for your consideration and comments.

Staff Evaluation Sheet for: _____

This property was reviewed by: _____

The property appears to meet National Register criteria:

A _____ B _____ C _____ D _____

Context: Expected Conceptual Limits: _____

Expected Chronological Limits: _____

Expected Geographic Limits: _____

Part of State Wide Context: _____

Potential National Register Priority: _____

Is there sufficient information to evaluate?

What additional items should be requested?

Please note any comments:

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MNSHPO National Register Evaluation/Review Sheet

Property: Strunk Nyssen Brewery

City/Twp/Co.: Jackson Twp Scott Co

Submitted by (specify by name):

HPC: _____ Co. Hist. Soc. _____ Individual: S. Duggan

Unit of Gov't _____ Fed. Agency _____ In House _____

Date material received: 6 Jan 97

Date to be returned to S. Roth: after Feb 12 staff meeting

Date add'l information requested by office: 16 Sept 96 (see letter)
(see attached staff evaluation forms)

To be reviewed by:

x C. Nelson (Date) _____

_____ S. Roth (Date) _____

x D. Gimmetad (Date) _____

_____ H. Hruby (Date) _____

x B. Bloomberg (Date) _____

_____ D. Nystuen (Date) _____

x S. Anfinson (Date) _____

x M. Koop (Date) _____

x S. Jordan (Date) _____

x J. Lauber (Date) _____

Comments:

Mr Duggan submitted a bound report with numerous photos. Please feel free to borrow the report to complete this review.

The description and statement of significance which is attached, was previously submitted and reviewed by staff in Sept of 96

United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination FormSee instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

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date entered

1. Name

historic Strunk-Nyssen House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Off U.S. Hwy. 169 not for publication

city, town Jackson Township Shakopee
X vicinity of congressional district Second

state Minnesota code 22 county Scott code 139

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
☐ district	☐ public	☒ occupied	☐ agriculture
☒ building(s)	☒ private	☐ unoccupied	☐ commercial
☐ structure	☐ both	☐ work in progress	☐ educational
☐ site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	☐ entertainment
☐ object	☐ in process	☐ yes: restricted	☐ government
	☐ being considered	☐ yes: unrestricted	☐ industrial
		☒ no	☐ military
			☐ other:

4. Owner of Property

name Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Bjornberg

street & number Route 3, Box 10

city, town Shakopee vicinity of state Minnesota

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Recorder's Office, Scott County Courthouse

street & number 428 South Holmes

city, town Shakopee state Minnesota 55379

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Statewide Survey of Historic
title Resourceshas this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ nodate 1979 ☐ federal ☒ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records Minnesota Historical Society - 240 Summit Avenue-Hill House

7. Description

Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Strunk-Nyssen House is located in the northwest quarter of Section 11, Jackson township, just west of the town of Shakopee. The house is located in a rural area now undergoing development. To the north and west is the railroad and the Minnesota River; to the south in Highway 169, the major transportation link in the county; to the east is scattered industry and the town of Shakopee.

Portions of the Nyssen Brewery remain across the railroad tracks from the house but in a severely deteriorated state.

The house was constructed in two sections (ca.1856 and ca.1880). The earliest (west) section is a two story red brick structure, simple in design, two bays wide and one bay deep. The large two story stone section (ca.1880) dwarfs the smaller house and makes a much stronger architectural statement. Constructed of large blocks of rubble stone set with mortar, it includes corner quoins of contrasting red brick; interior end chimneys; gable roof with central pavilion and oculus; and tall, slightly-arched windows with two-over-two lights. The main entrance to the stone house is on the two-bay north facade, facing the railroad. The three-way east facade includes a second-story doorway providing an outside access to the boarding house area. (The porch and stairway no longer remain.) A central hall separating four small rooms on the second floor also are reminiscent of the building's boarding house days.

The Strunk-Nyssen House is in an excellent state of repair and has retained a significant degree of original design integrity. A small one room brick addition to the original 1856 house was added at the time the stone house was built. The current owners added a two car garage at the west end of the house and replaced an earlier porch with a covered porch on the south facade. Markings on the north facade indicate that a porch was also located there at one time.

Other buildings on the property include a brick smokehouse and small frame outbuilding.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
☐ prehistoric	☐ archeology-prehistoric	☐ community planning	☐ landscape architecture	☐ religion
☐ 1400-1499	☐ archeology-historic	☐ conservation	☐ law	☐ science
☐ 1500-1599	☐ agriculture	☐ economics	☐ literature	☐ sculpture
☐ 1600-1699	☒ architecture	☐ education	☐ military	☐ social/
☐ 1700-1799	☐ art	☐ engineering	☐ music	☐ humanitarian
☒ 1800-1899	☒ commerce	☒ exploration/settlement	☐ philosophy	☐ theater
☐ 1900-	☐ communications	☒ industry	☐ politics/government	☐ transportation
		☐ invention		☐ other (specify)

Specific dates ca.1856/ca.1880

Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Strunk-Nyssen House is primarily significant for its long association with the brewing industry in Shakopee, an important early Scott County industry. The house is architecturally significant as a well preserved nineteenth century residence constructed of local materials and showing local variations of traditional features. Herman H. Strunk, a German immigrant, made a claim here and built the first brewery in the valley in 1855, shortly after the town of Shakopee had been platted. At that time he built the small brick section of the house as a home for his family. The house is better known locally for its association with Hubert Nyssen who purchased the property in 1878 and also operated a brewery at that location. Nyssen built the large limestone portion of the house ca. 1880 and lived there until his death in 1930. The first floor served as the family residence, and the second floor was designed as a boarding house to accommodate the farmers who had travelled great distances to haul grain to the brewery. Recognition of this house is particularly important because it is located in a rapidly developing area.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Coller, Julius A., II. The Shakopee Story, Shakopee: North Star Pictures, 1960.
Neill, Rev. Edward D., History of the Minnesota Valley, Minneapolis: North Star Publishing Co., 1882.

10. Geographical Data

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Quadrangle name Shakopee

Quadrangle scale 7.5

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

The southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 11, T115N, R23W, excepting the railroad right of way crossing the northwest corner of the property.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Britta Bloomberg, Research Historian-Survey

organization Minnesota Historical Society-SHPO

date July, 1979

street & number 240 Summit Avenue-Hill House

telephone (612) 296-0101

city or town St. Paul

state Minnesota 55102

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Russell W. Fridley

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date

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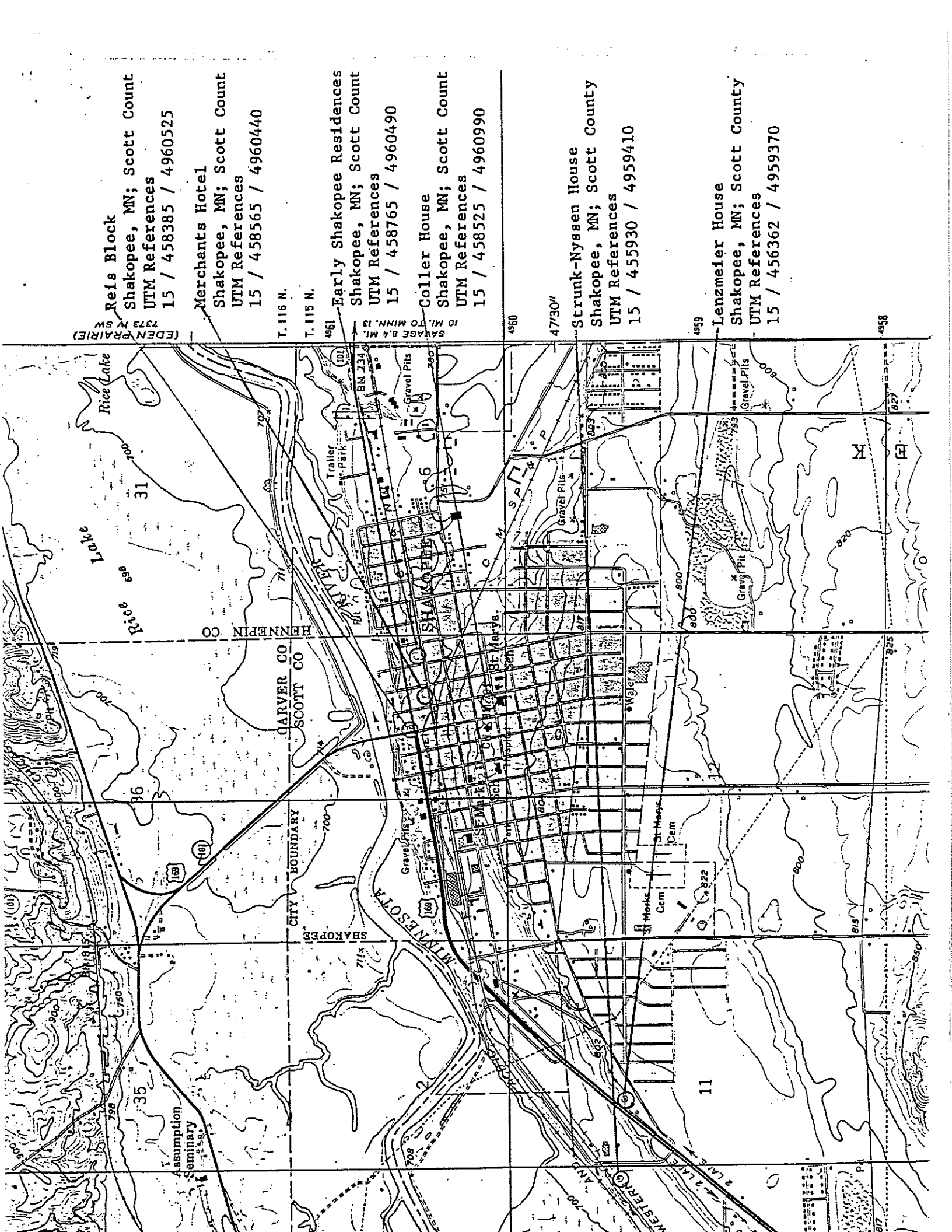
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

date

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date



Reis Block
Shakopee, MN; Scott Count
UTM References
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Merchants Hotel
Shakopee, MN; Scott Count
UTM References
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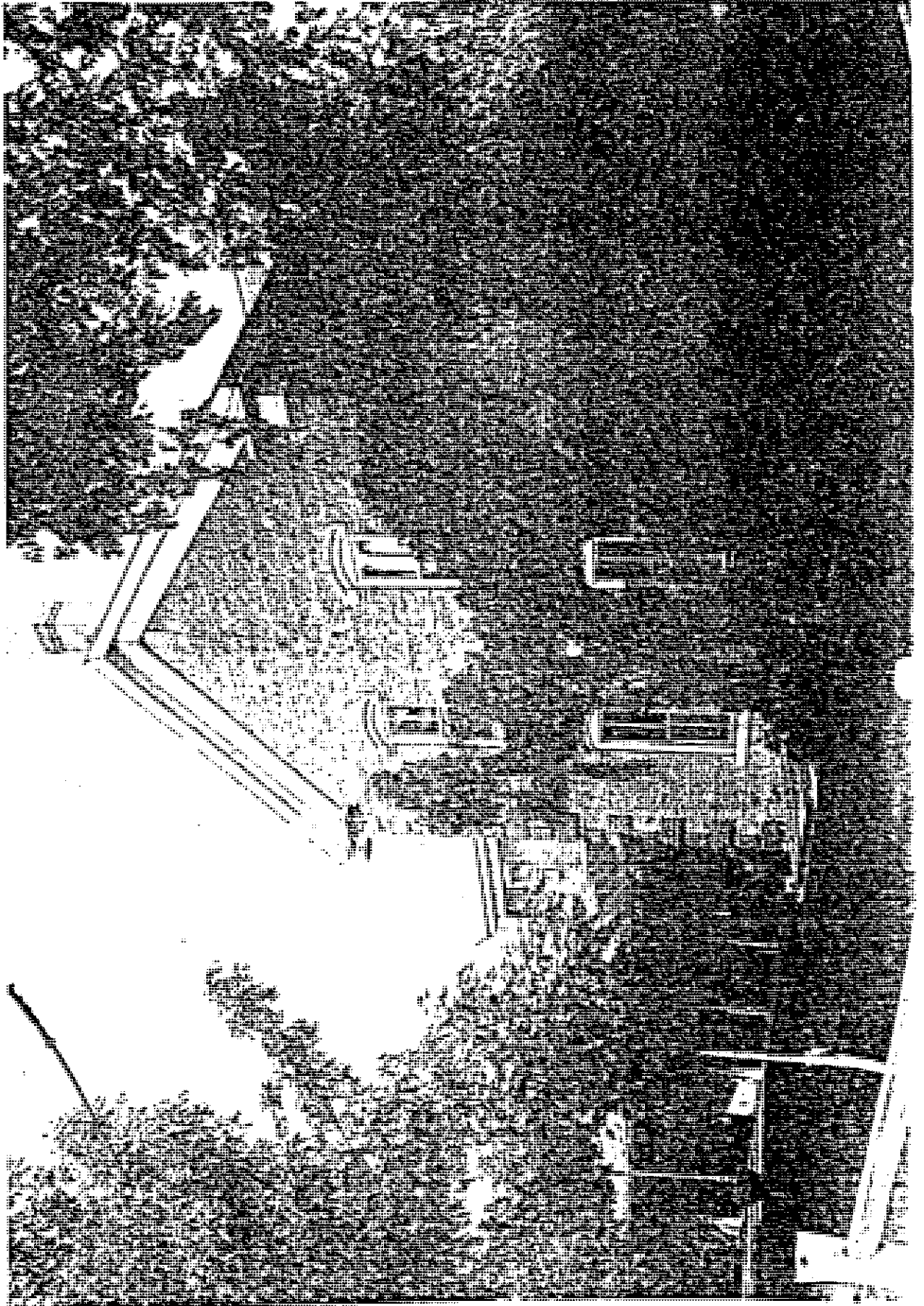
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Shakopee, MN; Scott Count
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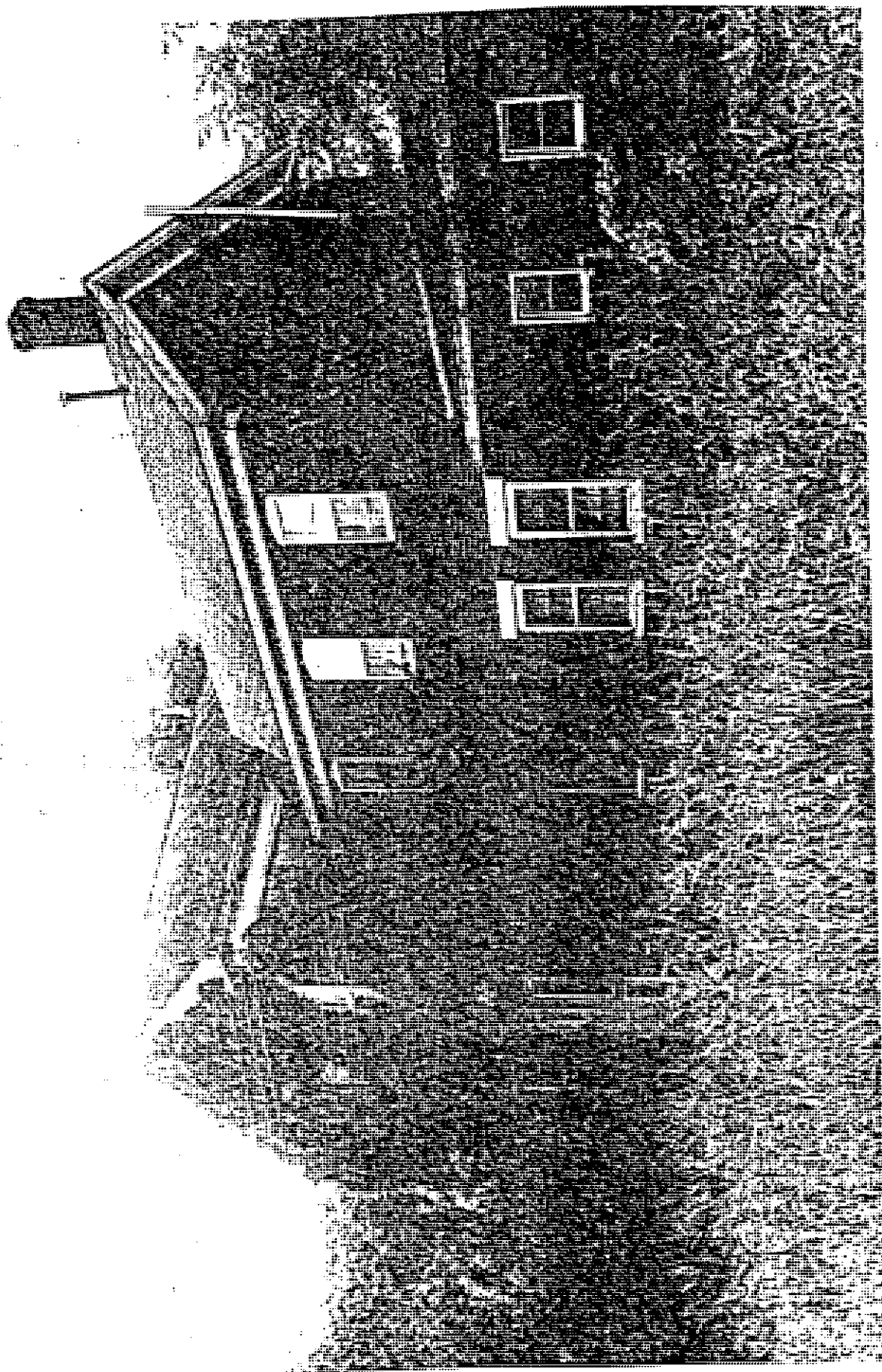
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Strunk-Nyssen House, Shakopee, Scott Co., 1979, SE elevation 03077/20



Strunk-Nyssen House, Shakopee, Scott County, 1979, NW elevation, looking east 03077/17



Strunk-Nyssen House, Shokopee, Scott Co., NE elevation 89862/4a 02930/4a



MINNESOTA HISTORIC PROPERTIES INVENTORY FORM

HISTORIC NAME: Nyssen BreweryCOUNTY: Scott

CURRENT NAME:

CITY/TWP.: Jackson Twp

LEGAL DESC.:

NE, NW, NW Sec. 11 T115 R23

ADDRESS:

NW 1/4 Sec 11

CLASSIFICATION:

CONDITION:

SIGNIFICANCE:

THEME/S:

Building ☒Excellent ☐Local ☒Primary ☐Structure ☐Good ☐State ☐Secondary ☐Object ☐Fair ☒National ☐Others ☐District ☐Deteriorated ☒

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Yes ☐ No ☒Restricted ☐

PRESENT USE:

VISIBLE FROM THE ROAD:

Yes ☒ No ☐residence

OCCUPIED:

Yes ☒ No ☐

DATE CONSTRUCTED:

ORIGINAL USE:

brewery

ORIGINAL OWNER:

ARCHITECT/BUILDER:

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS:

ACREAGE: Less than one acre ☐

LOCAL CONTACT/ORG.:

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MINNESOTA STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE
REVIEW AND COMPLIANCE DAILY NOTES
Prepared by: Ted Lofstrom
Date: Friday, 13 October 1989

9:00 supposed to meet Dave Berg and John Winter at Nyssen Brewery. Owner wants to give it to someone, is near Minnesota Valley Trail. Will go directly from home.

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X went directly to Shakopee. 169 near Flying Cloud Airport all torn up, lots of delays for trucks hauling, etc. Beautiful fall color in the valley. Got to rendezvous point with DNR people at 9:10. Met Dave Berg, and proceeded to Brewery, which is at the end of Chaparral Road. Met Winter, others. Brewery is large sprawling complex of rubble stone and brick construction. Some parts appear to date to 1870s. Was shown through much of the interior, which is an appalling mess. Got down into one room full of small dogs, mostly chows and pekineses, thirty, according to the owner. They all barked and crowded around us; it was like walking through a freshet of dogs. Smell was appalling. Next room had three dogs (the kind with blue tongues), with matted fur and mattering eyes. next room was full of pigeon droppings and feathers. Finally was shown out a back door which overlooks the trail. The brewery is a fascinating place, nearly a ruin. To the rear are several buildings that are roofless ruins. One has a precariously leaning wall that could fall on the trail. The whole complex needs to be photographed, several sections of ruins are dangerous and need to be dealt with. DNR has money for research and interpretation because these buildings are subject of many inquiries. The trail is an old railroad grade, crosses the Minnesota farther west on an old swing bridge, brewery obviously oriented toward the railroad. Said I would track down what I could on the property and send it to Winter. In my opinion the brewery is not much more than a very well preserved ruin, although I do not think the principal buildings are in any danger of collapse.

Then went into Shakopee to look at the Shakopee Women's Reformatory (or whatever). A group of four two-story brick 1920's public school style buildings, in very good shape. Excellent integrity, architecture is not outstanding. Entryway to principal building has very nice limestone detailing. Site has excellent view of Minnesota River valley and Rahr malt elevators, would be perfect rehab for apartments.

United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
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1. Name

historic Strunk-Nyssen House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Off U.S. Hwy. 169 not for publication

city, town Jackson Township Shakopee
X vicinity of congressional district Second

state Minnesota code 22 county Scott code 139

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<u> </u> district	<u> </u> public	<u> </u> occupied	<u> </u> agriculture
<u>X</u> building(s)	<u>X</u> private	<u> </u> unoccupied	<u> </u> commercial
<u> </u> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> work in progress	<u> </u> educational
<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u> </u> entertainment
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> in process	<u> </u> yes: restricted	<u> </u> government
	<u> </u> being considered	<u> </u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> industrial
		<u>X</u> no	<u> </u> military
			<u> </u> museum
			<u> </u> park
			<u>X</u> private residence
			<u> </u> religious
			<u> </u> scientific
			<u> </u> transportation
			<u> </u> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Bjornberg

street & number Route 3, Box 10

city, town Shakopee vicinity of state Minnesota

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Recorder's Office, Scott County Courthouse

street & number 428 South Holmes

city, town Shakopee state Minnesota 55379

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Statewide Survey of Historic
title Resources

has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1979 federal X state county local

depository for survey records Minnesota Historical Society - 240 Summit Avenue-Hill House

city, town St. Paul state Minnesota 55102