

MINNESOTA HISTORIC PROPERTIES INVENTORY FORM

HISTORIC NAME: Scanlan, Michael, House COUNTY: Fillmore **MAR 10 1982**
 CURRENT NAME: Borgen, Norman, Residence CITY/TWP.: Lanesboro City
 LEGAL DESC.: Lots 10-11-12, Block 57, First Addition ADDRESS: 708 Parkway South

CLASSIFICATION:	CONDITION:	SIGNIFICANCE:	THEME/S:
Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Excellent _____	Local <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Primary <u>architecture</u>
Structure _____	Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	State _____	Secondary <u>settlement</u>
Object _____	Fair _____	National _____	Others <u>commerce</u>
District _____	Deteriorated _____		

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Yes ___ No Restricted ___ PRESENT USE: private residence
 VISIBLE FROM THE ROAD: Yes No ___ residence
 OCCUPIED: Yes No ___

DATE CONSTRUCTED: c1892 ORIGINAL USE: private residence

ORIGINAL OWNER: Michael Scanlan ARCHITECT/BUILDER: unknown

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Mrs. Norman Borgen 708 Parkway South Lanesboro, MN 55949	ACREAGE: Less than one acre <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
LOCAL CONTACT/ORG.: Lanesboro Community Club Lanesboro, MN	UTM REFERENCE: Lanesboro Quad. 15 / 582480 / 4841290

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DESCRIPTION:

The Michael Scanlan House is located in Lanesboro's extensive residential area south of the commercial-industrial section of the city. It is a large, three-story wood-frame structure of irregular massing and plan, exhibiting a variety of surface textures, and designed in the Queen Anne style. The main section of the house has a hipped roof while highly-ornamented gables project at several points in the third story. There is a round corner tower, which becomes an open second-floor porch, and has a double concave-convex roof terminating in a point. At each side of the entrance the walls project out as a free-standing segmented curve, harmonizing with the large arched porch to the north of the entrance. Fenestration consists of one-over-one double-hung sash in rectangular openings.

SIGNIFICANCE:

Constructed in the early 1890s, the Michael Scanlan House is significant as a well-articulated and preserved local example of the Queen Anne style, as well as a representative of the Scanlan family in general, and Michael Scanlan in particular. In 1856, John Scanlan, Sr., an Irish immigrant, was the first settler at the future site of Lanesboro. Later, with the formation of the Lanesboro Townsite Company in 1868, land was purchased from the Scanlan family, including one of John's sons, Michael. Michael had been born in Ireland in 1840 and arrived in Fillmore County soon after his parents. Following the establishment of the community Michael became successful in commerce, real estate, and insurance, and also represented the area in the Minnesota State Legislature in 1869 and 1870. One of Lanesboro's most prominent citizens, he built the present house at the height of his prosperity.

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