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

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Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Lundring Service Station

and or common N/A

2. Location

street & number 201 1st Street East N/A not for publication

city, town Canby N/A vicinity of

state Minnesota code 22 county Yellow Medicine code 173

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: workshop

4. Owner of Property

name Charles H. and Lois E. Houge

street & number N/A

city, town Canby N/A vicinity of state Minnesota 56220

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Yellow Medicine County Courthouse

street & number 415 9th Avenue

city, town Granite Falls state Minnesota 56241

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Minnesota Statewide Historic Sites Survey

has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1984-85 federal state county local

depository for survey records State Historic Preservation Office, Fort Snelling History Center

city, town St. Paul state Minnesota 55111

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date N/A
	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Lundring Gas Station is situated at the northeast corner of First Street and Oscar Avenue in Canby, a small town in western Yellow Medicine County. The station is located one block west of Canby's main commercial street at the edge of a residential neighborhood and is angled on the lot so that the main facade faces the to the southwest.

The Lundring Gas Station, built as a Sinclair Station in 1926, is an excellent example of an English Cottage style station, a form popular for gas station design in the 1920's and 1930's. The station is a one story, woodframe building with stucco covered walls and a brick base. Unlike most English Cottage stations which have steeply pitched gabled roofs, the Lundring Station has an unusual low pitched jerkinhead gabled roof covered with irregularly cut wood shingles laid to curve at the eaves and corners and simulate heavy thatching. A gabled roof canopy, topped by an eyebrow dormer with a fanlight window and supported by two square piers, extends to the southwest over the gas pumps. The station's principal facades (southwest and southeast) each feature a rounded arched single leaf door topped by a small hanging lamp and a rounded arched 6/6 sash window. The main facade has a series of three rounded arched windows, now filled with single panes of glass, lighting the station interior and the southeast facade has a small rounded arched attic level window with shutters and a window box for flowers beneath the first story window. An exterior concrete chimney with a brick top extends above the roofline at the southern corner of the rear facade.

The original portion of the Lundring Station is basically intact and in good condition. In 1960 a two bay, flatroofed, concrete block addition for servicing cars was added to the north facade. The addition was covered with stucco to blend with the original station. Other exterior alterations to the station have included the removal of the original gas pumps and the installation (circa 1950) of a more modern pump.

8. Significance

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

Specific dates 1926 **Builder/Architect** Design attributed to Dipple of Chicago

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Lunding Service Station, built in 1926, is historically and architecturally significant as a good example of the type of small, period revival gas stations built in the U.S. in the 1920's and 1930's, and as an interesting example of the English Cottage phase of the period revival movement.

The Lunding Service Station was constructed for original owner Oscar Lunding, who independently owned the station under an agreement with the Sinclair Oil Company. The station was probably designed by Sinclair's chief station draftsman during the 1920's, an architect named Dipple, who worked at the company's corporate headquarters in Chicago and was responsible for the design of most Sinclair stations during the period. Although the Sinclair Company designed several cottage stations, the design used in the Lunding Station was not a common form for Sinclair during the 1920's, and differs from the company's more usual cottage stations which had steeply pitched gable roofs and no canopies. Like many small gas stations of the 1920's and 1930's which were built primarily to sell gas and then later expanded into servicing cars and the sale of tires and batteries, the Lunding Station was expanded in 1960 when a two bay service addition was constructed on the north facade. The station was used continuously until circa 1963 and is now a woodworking shop and storage facility.

Gas stations designed in "domestic" or cottage styles became popular in the U.S. circa 1920 and were built by many different oil companies, some which used mass production of a standardized plan. The style developed partly in response to two other popular and concurrent phases in the design of stations: the construction of unusual, attention-catching or exotic stations (i.e. teepees, oil derricks, pagodas, lighthouses) and the design of monumental, high style "city beautiful" stations (i.e. greek temples, pavilions). Stations of the domestic phase, usually inspired by picturesque, rural English cottages, minimized community opposition to their design by being somewhat subdued and by blending with the architectural of residential neighborhoods. In addition, they were believed by oil companies to attract customers by providing home-like comfort to motorists travelling in unfamiliar cities. Cottage style stations represented about one third of the stations built nationwide between 1920 and 1930.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

- Jakle, John A. "The American Gasoline Station, 1920 to 1970." Journal of American Culture, Fall, 1978.
- Lonberg-Holm L. "The Gasoline Filling and Service Station." The Architectural Record, June, 1930.
- Guth, Alexander G. "the Automobile Service Station." Architectural Forum, July, 1926.

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property .083 acres

Quadrangle name Canby, Minn.

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

A	1 4	7 1 5 8 8 0	4 9 5 3 8 8 0	B			
	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

Verbal boundary description and justification

Southwesterly 74 feet of Lots 1 and 2, Block 1, Original Townsite of Canby.

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

state	N/A	code	N/A	county	N/A	code	N/A
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Susan Granger/Contract Historian

organization State Historic Preservation Office
Minnesota Historical Society

date June 1985

street & number Fort Snelling History Center

telephone (612) 726-1171

city or town St. Paul

state Minnesota 55111

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 National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Russell W. Fridley

title Russell W. Fridley
State Historic Preservation Officer

date 5/16/86

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

for Delores Byer
National Register

date 6/20/86

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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Item #8 (Significance) continued:

In describing, among others, his recent English Cottage station built in Milwaukee, architect Alexander G. Guth wrote in the Architectural Forum in 1926: ". . . should not the fact be registered that the time is here when we can truthfully say that the service station should be appropriate to its environment? Local building materials and local architectural traditions, more than anything else, should determine the style of these buildings, and this couple, with good taste, proper scale and proportion is bound to produce pleasing results."¹ A few years later in 1930, as functionalism in station design was becoming desirable, K. Lonberg-Holm critiqued an English Cottage station in the Architectural Record by saying, "the steep roof, the heavy wood door, and the fenestration (which impairs the visibility from the operator's room) are unnecessary sacrifices to a false 'architectural styling'" and that, "some companies have adopted designs that are but slightly different from adjoining residential or ecclesiastical architecture. The mechanical equipment has been concealed for the benefit of plastic uniformity. The doubtful value of these structures is the purely negative quality that they don't offend. But they have lost their individual character. They have not been permitted to be what they are."²

The Lundryng Service Station was included in an eight month historic sites survey of Yellow Medicine County conducted recently by the State Historic Preservation Office. The survey staff determined that the station is the most architecturally significant service station found in Yellow Medicine County, and that, compared with service stations examined during similar surveys of nine surrounding counties, the Lundryng Station is far more distinctive and intact than nearly all other stations documented. The Lundryng Station is an interesting representative site which, as a building providing a strong link to the decline of railroads and the rise of automobiles as primary forms of transportation in western Minnesota, helps illustrate a portion of the "Agricultural Development and Railroad Construction" context unit of the Resource Protection Planning Process (RP3) developed recently by the State Historic Preservation Office to assist in the study and assessment of the state's historic sites.

¹Alexander G. Guth, "The Automobile Service Station," The Architectural Forum, July, 1926, p. 40.

²K. Lonberg-Holm, "The Gasoline Filling and Service Station," Architectural Record, June, 1930, pp. 564,582.

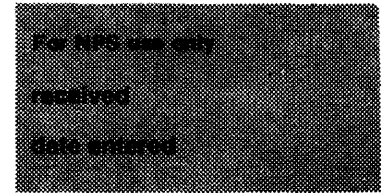
Item #9 (Bibliography) continued:

Meyer, John. Unpublished research on Lundryng Service Station. City of Canby, Canby, Minnesota.

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Resource Count

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The Lundring Service Station Nomination contains
1 contributing building.