

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: REMOVAL

PROPERTY NAME: Farmers Cooperative Mercantile Company of West Stanford

MULTIPLE NAME: Isanti County MRA

STATE & COUNTY: MINNESOTA, Isanti

DATE RECEIVED: 4/08/16 DATE OF PENDING LIST:  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 5/24/16  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 80002079

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N  
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N  
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT  RETURN  REJECT \_\_\_\_\_ DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

REMOVED  
from  
National Register

RECOM./CRITERIA Remove

REVIEWER Edson Beall

DISCIPLINE History

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE 5.23.16

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.

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National Park Service

Minnesota Historic Preservation Office

Request for Removal from the National Register of Historic Places

**Name of Property:** Farmers Cooperative Mercantile Company of West Stanford  
(NR 80002079)

**Address:** 26219 Variolite Street NW

**City/Township:** Crown [St. Francis]/Stanford Township

**County:** Isanti

**Reason for Removal:** The property has ceased to meet the criteria for listing because the qualities which caused it to be originally listed have been lost or destroyed (36 CFR 60.15 (a)).

**Dates and Nature of Change:** Burned, 24 September 2008.

**Comments:**

The Farmers Co-operative Mercantile Company of West Stanford was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1980 and was considered "significant primarily for its association with the cooperative movement in rural Minnesota."<sup>1</sup> In 1945, the building became a privately owned grocery store, and by 2004 it was a restaurant called the County Line Bar and Grill owned by John Newstrom. The small community of Crown, Minnesota where the building stood retains the integrity of *location* and *setting* but the property's integrity of *design*, *materials*, *workmanship*, *feeling*, and *association* were lost when the building was destroyed by a fire where arson was suspected.

After the 2008 fire, Newstrom rebuilt the restaurant and it re-opened in 2013. In November 2015, the name on the sign outside the restaurant was "Crown Bar."

**References:**

<sup>1</sup>Britta Bloomberg, "Farmers Cooperative Mercantile Company of West Stanford," National Register of Historic Places. Registration Form prepared for the Minnesota State Historic Preservation Office, 1979.

"County Line Bar Destroyed by Fire," *Star* (Cambridge, Minnesota), 27 September 2008, 1.

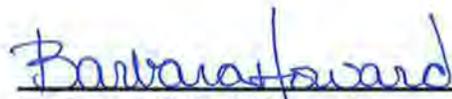
"County Line Restaurant and Bar Re-Opens in Crown," *Isanti County News*, 20 February 2013, isanticountynews.com. Accessed 14 December 2015.

<https://beaconbeta.schneidercorp.com/> [information on property, including sale dates]  
Accessed 15 December 2015.

**Field Check & Prepared By:** Emily Ganzel, 16 December 2015

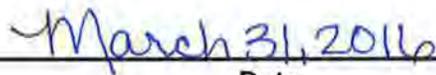
**Legal Description:**

Commence 45 rods north of the SW corner of the SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 9 T34 R25, thence east 10 rods, thence north 8 rods, thence west 10 rods, thence south 8 rods to beginning.



Barbara Mitchell Howard

Deputy Minnesota Historic Preservation Officer



Date



HERLINGERS GROCERY

DRINK

*Coca-Cola*



12317

Crown Bar

SUNDAYS FREE POOL  
CHICKEN QUESADILLA 7.50  
SOUL PROPRANE 8.99  
OLD ICE 3.00



HISTORIC NAME: Farmers Cooperative Mercantile Company of West Stanford COUNTY: Isanti  
 CURRENT NAME: Herlinger's Grocery CITY/TWP.: Stanford  
 LEGAL DESC.: Commence 45 rods north of the SW corner of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 9 T34R25, thence east 10 rods, thence north 8 rods, thence west 10 rods, thence south 8 rods to beginning. ADDRESS: Crown

CLASSIFICATION:	CONDITION:	SIGNIFICANCE:	THEME/S:
Building <u>X</u>	Excellent _____	Local <u>X</u>	Primary <u>Agriculture</u>
Structure _____	Good <u>X</u>	State _____	Secondary <u>Commerce</u>
Object _____	Fair _____	National _____	Others _____
District _____	Deteriorated _____		

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Restricted X PRESENT USE:  
 VISIBLE FROM THE ROAD: Yes X No \_\_\_ Store  
 OCCUPIED: Yes X No \_\_\_

DATE CONSTRUCTED: 1924 ORIGINAL USE: Store

ORIGINAL OWNER: Farmers Cooperative ARCHITECT/BUILDER:

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Donald D. & Mabel Anderson Rt. 1 Bethel, MN 55005	ACREAGE: Less than one acre <u>X</u>
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LOCAL CONTACT/ORG.:

UTM REFERENCE:

Crown Quad.

FORM PREPARED BY: Britta Bloomberg  
 DATE: December 1979

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DESCRIPTION:

The Farmers Cooperative Mercantile Co. of West Stanford is located in southwestern Isanti County on the east side of County Road 7 in the crossroads community of Crown, Stanford Township. The small settlement is comprised of modestly proportioned residential and commercial buildings.

The one story frame mercantile building was constructed in 1924 and features a false front, large glass windows across the front, and a recessed central doorway. A frame awning extends across the front. The building is sheathed in white clapboard, with small evenly-spaced windows located near the roof line on the sides. A small one room addition on the south side of the building is of similar construction, with a short false front extending above the roof. Concrete block steps lead up to a concrete block platform at the front, and the building is set on a concrete foundation.

The structure has undergone minimal exterior and interior alterations. It retains its identity as a rural utilitarian grocery-hardware store, and has continued to serve the surrounding agricultural community since it was built.

SIGNIFICANCE:

The Farmers Cooperative Mercantile Co. of West Stanford is significant primarily for its association with the cooperative movement in rural Minnesota. It is also significant as a good example of the kinds of commercial structures erected in rural Isanti County communities during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The cooperative movement, a major effort by farmers to band together to solve economic problems, was one of the most significant developments in the history of rural Minnesota. In Isanti County, a predominantly agricultural county, the cooperative movement has played a particularly prominent role. Cooperatives were the principal agencies through which Isanti farmers processed and marketed their produce. Listed among the cooperative enterprises of the county in the 1920s were creameries, elevators, stores, insurance companies, and produce and livestock shipping associations. The Farmers Cooperative Mercantile Co. of West Stanford was organized in 1920, during the peak period of cooperative development in the county. The organization's principal center was at the village of Crown, where their frame store building was constructed in 1924. The cooperative operated the Crown store until 1945. Since that time the building has been in private ownership, but has retained its rural store identity. The building is a well-preserved example of the small commercial structures constructed in rural Isanti communities, and its similarity with earlier

(see continuation sheet)

Farmers Cooperative Mercantile Co. of West Stanford

Isanti County  
Stanford

commercial buildings reflects the enduring nature of rural vernacular designs. Unlike the majority of other rural commercial structures, the Crown store has not fallen into disuse and disrepair or lost its identity to major alterations. The store retains its historic integrity and continues to serve the surrounding agricultural community.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

for Keeper Melvin Lynn  
11/19/89

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

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Note: These changes apply to  
Farmers Cooperative Mercantile  
Company of West Stanford in  
Isanti County, Minnesota.

REFERENCE NUMBER: 80002079

STATE: MINNESOTA

COUNTY: Isanti

RESOURCE NAME (HISTORIC):

CITY:

VICINITY OF: Isanti

ADDRESS: Co. Hwy. 7

CERTIFICATION DATE:

REMOVED DATE:

COMMENTS:

*Nina M. Archabal*

Nina M. Archabal  
State Historic Preservation Officer

JUN 17 1988

Date



Farmers Cooperative Mercantile Company  
of West Stanford  
Crown, Stanford Twp.; Isanti County, MN  
Britta Bloomberg  
1979

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Cedar Street, St. Paul, MN 55101  
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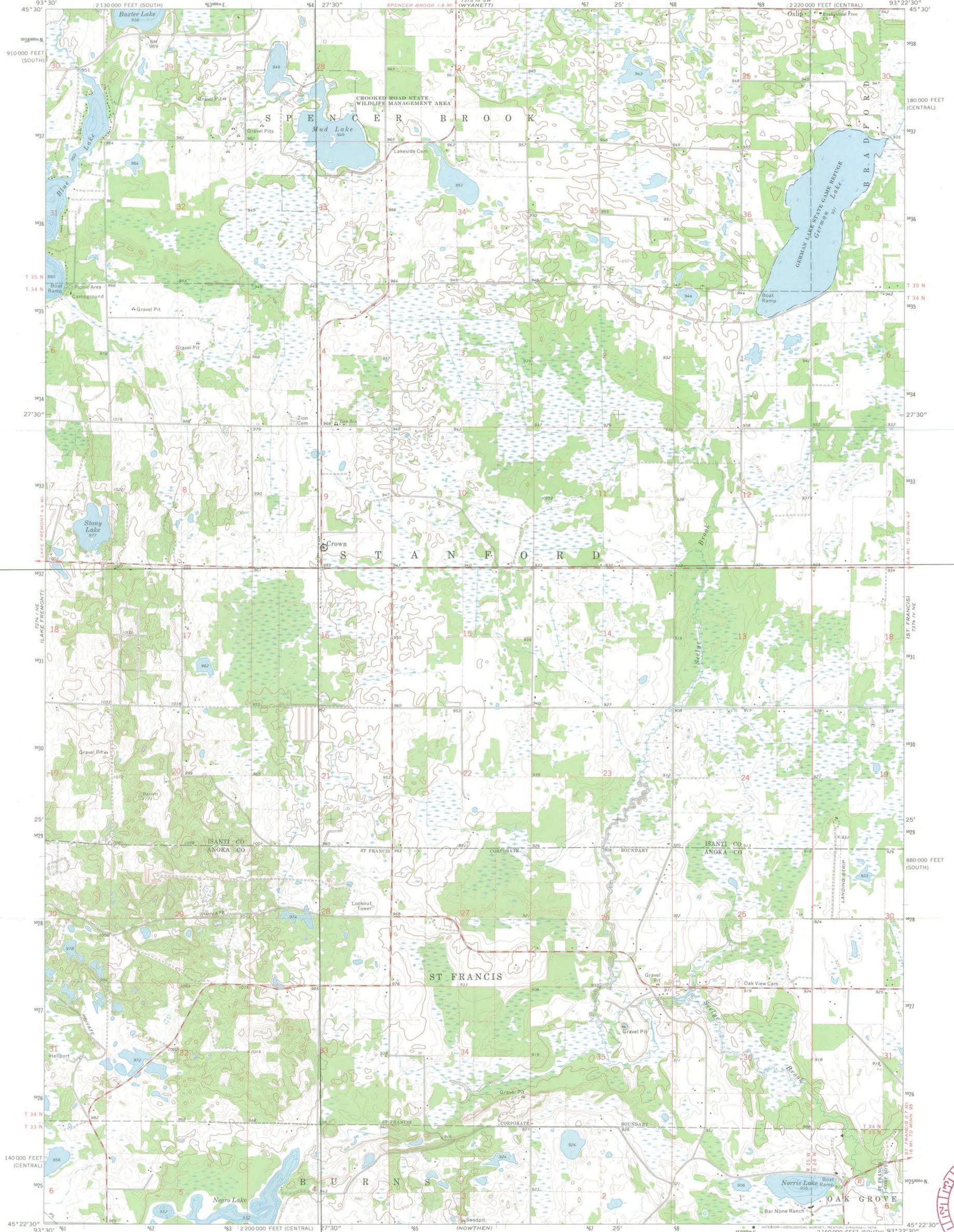
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*Isanti county Multiple  
Resource area (Partial Inventory)*

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1.5 MI. (APPROX.)



Farmers Cooperative Mercantile  
Company of West Stanford  
Crown, Stanford Twp., Isanti Co., MN  
DTM References  
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Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey

Control by USGS and NOS/NOAA

Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial  
photographs taken 1973. Field checked 1974

Hydrography compiled from information furnished by  
Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

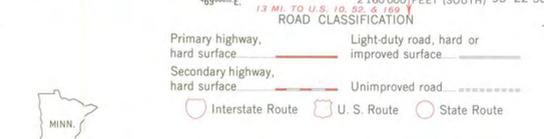
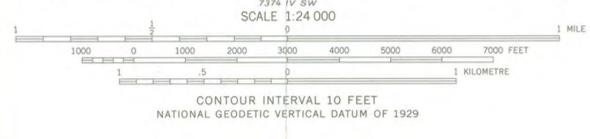
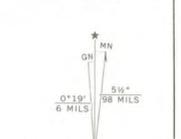
Projection: Minnesota coordinate system, central zone  
(Lambert conformal conic)

10,000-foot grid ticks based on Minnesota coordinate  
system, central and south zones

1000-metre Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,  
zone 15, shown in blue. 1927 North American datum

Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines  
where generally visible on aerial photographs

This information is unchecked



CROWN, MINN.  
NW 4 ST. FRANCIS 15' QUADRANGLE  
N4522.5-W9322.5/7.5



136B

AMS 7374 IV NW-SERIES V872

Property *Isanti County Multiple Resource Area 2nd Control*  
*(Partial Inventory)*

State *MA Isanti* Working Number *5.28.80.1427* *80002069 -*  
*80002079*

TECHNICAL *Need SHPO signature & date* CONTROL  
 Photos 15 *level significance plus acreage*  
 Maps 6/4

HISTORIAN

*Returned for SHPO signature & date - now complete* ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN  
*9 individual properties in rural county in east-central Minnesota, notable as area of most concentrated Swedish settlement in U.S. Resources include 1 prosperous, well-preserved farmstead from era of potato boom around turn of century, a round barn representing country's dairy industry and notable as a distinctive building type, two rural schools, two churches assoc. w/ Swedish & German settlement, the county courthouse, high-style residence of a leading citizen (in town), and a farmers' storefront cooperative. All properties clearly eligible & well-documented.* Accept  
*O'Connell*  
*7/23/80*

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OTHER

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Inventory \_\_\_\_\_  
 Review \_\_\_\_\_

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

National Register Write-up \_\_\_\_\_ Send-back \_\_\_\_\_ Entered JUL 24 1980  
 Federal Register Entry 2.3.81 Re-submit \_\_\_\_\_

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Farmers Cooperative Mercantile Company  
of West Stanford  
Isanti County  
MINNESOTA  
(Isanti County MRA)

Working No. 24 June, 1988  
Fed. Reg. Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Due: \_\_\_\_\_  
Action:  ACCEPT 1/9/89  
 RETURN  
 REJECT  
Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

*Approved*  
entered in the  
National Register

Substantive Review:  sample  request  appeal  NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

The National Register has accepted additional information submitted by the SHPO. This information clarifies name, address and geographic location information on the original documentation.

Recom./Criteria \_\_\_\_\_  
Reviewer \_\_\_\_\_  
Discipline \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: \_\_\_\_\_ technical corrections cited below  
\_\_\_\_\_ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_

2. Location \_\_\_\_\_

3. Classification

Category	Ownership Public Acquisition	Status Accessible	Present Use

4. Owner of Property \_\_\_\_\_

5. Location of Legal Description \_\_\_\_\_

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

7. Description

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

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

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**8. Significance**

Period \_\_\_\_\_ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates \_\_\_\_\_ Builder/Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*)

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- applicable criteria
- justification of areas checked
- relating significance to the resource
- context
- relationship of integrity to significance
- justification of exception
- other

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

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**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References \_\_\_\_\_

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Verbal boundary description and justification

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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**12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification**

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

\_\_\_\_ national      \_\_\_\_ state      \_\_\_\_ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title \_\_\_\_\_

date \_\_\_\_\_

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**13. Other**

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Nat. Register of Historic Places  
National Park Service

March 31, 2016

Ms. Stephanie Toothman  
Keeper, National Register of Historic Places  
Mail Stop 2280, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor  
1201 Eye Street NW  
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Ms. Toothman:

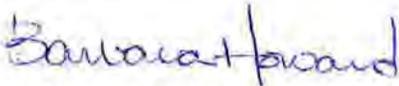
RE: Removal from the National Register: Hall, S. Edward, House (91000440), 996 Igenhart Avenue, St. Paul, Ramsey County, MN and Farmers Cooperative Mercantile Company of West Stanford (80002079) 26219 Variolite Street NW, Crown (St. Francis/Stanford Township, Isanti County, MN

The Minnesota Historic Preservation Office is requesting the removal of two (2) properties from the National Register of Historic Places. The enclosed sheet indicates the name and location of the property and the change in status which necessitates the removal request.

In accordance with 36 CFR 60.15, the legal owners and the applicable chief elected local official have been notified in accordance with the state's established notification procedures and were given the requisite time (30 days) to respond.

If you have any questions regarding this request for removal, please contact Denis Gardner, National Register Historian at 651-259-3451, [denis.gardner@mnhs.org](mailto:denis.gardner@mnhs.org), or the address listed.

Sincerely,



Barbara Mitchell Howard  
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

encl.

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State Historic Preservation Office  
345 Kellogg Blvd West, St. Paul, Minnesota 55102  
651-259-3451

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**TO:** Stephanie Toothman, Keeper  
National Register of Historic Places

**FROM:** Denis P. Gardner

**DATE:** March 31, 2016

**NAME OF PROPERTY:** Farmers Cooperative Mercantile Company of West Stanford

**COUNTY AND STATE:** Isanti County, Minnesota

**SUBJECT:** National Register:  
 Nomination  
 Multiple Property Documentation Form  
 Request for determination of eligibility  
 Request for removal (Reference No. 80002079)  
 Nomination resubmission  
 Boundary increase/decrease (Reference No. )  
 Additional documentation (Reference No. )

**DOCUMENTATION:**

- Original National Register of Historic Places Registration Form
- Multiple Property Documentation Form
- Continuation Sheets
- Removal Documentation
- Photographs
- CD w/ image files
- Original USGS Map
- Sketch map(s)
- Correspondence
  - Owner Objection
    - The enclosed owner objections
    - Do  Do not  constitute a majority of property owners

**STAFF COMMENTS:**