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United States Department of the Interior National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

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NATIONAL REGISTER

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Schwedes, Henry S. and Magdalena, House
other names/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number 230 East Main St.
city, town Wabasha
state Minnesota code MN county Wabasha code 157 zip code 55981

3. Classification

Ownership of Property: private (checked)
Category of Property: building(s) (checked)
Number of Resources within Property: Contributing 1, Noncontributing 1 buildings, 1 sites, 1 structures, 1 objects, Total 1

Name of related multiple property listing: Red Brick Houses in Wabasha, Minnesota Associated with Merchant-Tradesmen

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination (checked) request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets (checked) does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.
Signature of certifying official Nina M. Archabal
Minnesota State Historic Preservation Officer
State or Federal agency and bureau Minnesota Historical Society

In my opinion, the property meets (unchecked) does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.
Signature of commenting or other official
Date
State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:
Entered in the National Register. (checked)
determined eligible for the National Register.
determined not eligible for the National Register.
removed from the National Register.
other, (explain):
Signature of the Keeper
Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling**7. Description**Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)Italianate

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Cementwalls Brickroof Asphaltother Limestone watertableWooden brackets**Describe present and historic physical appearance.**

The Henry Schwedes House is a two-story Italianate solid brick dwelling located on a corner site. It is built on a cement-plastered native limestone foundation, with a symmetrical cube facing Main Street flanked to the rear by a one-and-a-half-story and one-story brick wing. Each section is capped with a matching hipped roof. The main wing, which is as large as the other two combined, is entered via a side hall.

A gabled entry canopy and enclosed kitchen porch on the rear replaced earlier full-length verandas at an unknown date. A wooden faceted dining room bay on the southeast side reflects a ca.1910 remodeling, as does the rear, one-story wing. Both are carefully matched to original construction, the latter going so far as to reproduce the wood false window hoods of the main wing.

The main wing to the front is set off by carved cornice brackets. Designed as double volutes, they are attached to wide, plain friezeboards, and are finished with acorn pendants. In a departure from usual Italianate practice, most of the brackets are centered over the windows rather than marking the wall piers.

Except for the enclosure of the porch and abbreviation of the front entry, the house looks very much the same today as it did shortly after construction of the ca.1910 bay window. The two main wings are unchanged in plan, fenestration, or cornice work from their 1882 design. The property also contains a modern garage separated to the rear of the historic building; it is noncontributing.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance

1882

Significant Dates

1882
ca. 1910

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The Henry Schwedes House exemplifies the Italianate style in its peak year in Wabasha. As the first Wabasha home of a young businessman whose parents had emigrated from Germany, it also initiated a second generation of brick residential construction for prominent local merchants.

The Schwedes House is an excellent example of the Italianate style as seen in its two-story height, and nearly square shape with smaller wings extending to the rear of the building. Additional hallmarks include the gently-sloping hipped roof and distinctive wide eaves with double brackets, as well as tall, double hung windows decorated with hood molds. Even the ca.1910 bay window, with its double hung sash and brackets, accentuates the Italianate design scheme.

Henry Schwedes played an important role in Wabasha's history during the period identified by the Agricultural Development and Railroad Construction historic context. Schwedes was born and trained as a bookkeeper in Wisconsin. In 1882, he married Lucas Kuehn's daughter, took charge of the Kuehn Mercantile Company's books, and moved into the new brick house across Main Street from Kuehn's residence. In a short time, he became secretary-treasurer of Kuehn's booming enterprise and rose to the position of general manager.

The Schwedes House has undergone few minor alterations since it was constructed in 1882, and thus retains excellent historic architectural integrity.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

Curtiss-Wedge, Franklin, et al. History of Wabasha County. Winona, MN.: H.C. Cooper, 1920.

Directory of Wabasha County, Minnesota, 1896-1897. Wabasha: Interstate Directory Co.

Personal Interview with Carla Schuth, Wabasha, MN., June 1987.

United States census records, Wabasha County, 1880.

Wabasha, 1891. New York: Sanborn Map Co.

Wabasha County Assessor's records for the City of Wabasha, 1878-1900.

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Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of property Less than one

UTM References

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Verbal Boundary Description

The nominated property occupies Lot 1 of Block 9, Milligan's Addition of the city of Wabasha.

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Boundary Justification

The boundary includes the entire city lot that has historically been associated with the property.

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