

Historic Name: Honnor-Hosken House

Common Name:

Owner's Name and Address: David J. and M. Parker  
To: Herman and D Scheer  
North Redwood, MN 56275

County: Redwood  
80002138  
Community: North Redwood

Address/Legal Desc.:  
North and Main Street

Classification:

Building  Structure \_\_\_\_\_ Object \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Acreage:  
Less than 1 acre

Condition:

Excellent \_\_\_\_\_ Good \_\_\_\_\_ Fair  Deteriorated \_\_\_\_\_

Verbal Boundary Desc.:  
See continuation sheet

Open to the Public:

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Visible from the road:

Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_

Occupied:

Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_

Present Use:

Residence

History:

Date Constructed: ca.1872

Original Owner: J.S.G. Honnor

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Original Use: Residence/  
Boarding House

UIM Reference:  
Redwood Falls Quad., 15 Min.  
Lat. Long.  
44° 33' 51" 95° 05' 41"

Description:

The Honnor-Hosken House is a one-and-one-half story frame structure located at the terminal point of the one-half block long Main Street in North Redwood. Its gable roof on the front section runs the length of the house and includes interior chimneys at either end. The higher ridge line of the rear section runs perpendicular to that of the front and leaves an exposed gablet with circular window. Windows of four panes each and doors on the ground level have pedimented frames. The structure is sheathed in clapboard and the roof is of cedar shingles.

The house's location is adjacent to the platted area of the town and in close proximity to the Minnesota River.

Level of Significance:

Local

State \_\_\_\_\_

Nation \_\_\_\_\_

Status:

Survey \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Local \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_  
Nat'l. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_  
Nat'l. Land. \_\_\_\_\_  
HABS/HAER \_\_\_\_\_

Significance:

The Honnor-Hosken House derives its significance from the settlement, political, and industrial activities of the two principal families which occupied the house from its date of construction until 1956.

New York native J.S.G. Honnor joined the McPhail party at the Redwood Falls stockade in 1864, the first year of county post-Sioux uprising settlement. In 1865, he was elected as one of the county's first two commissioners. By 1867, he had acquired land in the area of what was to become Honnor Township, and built the frame house not far from the river in 1872. When the Minneapolis and St. Louis reached the site in 1884, he and his wife Antionette platted the village of North Redwood immediately to the southeast of the house.

Honor served as the first county register of deeds (1865), state representative (1867, 1871), state senator (1873-74), and was the first president of the county agricultural society.

He began quarrying operations in section 19 of Honnor Township at an uncertain date (Webb estimates 1872) and workers in the quarry boarded at the house. In 1886, he hired stonemason Thomas Hosken, who had learned the trade of the family in England, and began (see continuation sheet)

Theme/s:

Primary Settlement

Secondary Industry

Other Government/Politics

Local Contact/Org.:

Prepared by and date:

Dennis A. Gimmetad  
September 1978

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## Description:

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## Significance:

production of stone monuments. Honnor died in 1888.

Hosken acquired the quarrying business from Honnor's son in 1897 and in 1902 he purchased the house and barn as well. The History of Redwood County of 1916 terms the Hosken Granite Works as the most important industry in the county after agriculture. Several monuments to mark the sites of the Indian Uprising were cut by Hosken for the Minnesota Valley Historical Society under the funding of C.O. Gilfillan. He was also known locally for his corn and poultry raising.

Hosken died in 1929. In the late 1930's, his son William also worked in the quarries under a WPA program to quarry stone for several structures in Redwood Falls, including the Ramsey Park Bridge. The house remained in possession of descendants of Hosken family until 1956.

The Honnor-Hosken House is significant as the home of one of Redwood County's most prominent first settlers and as the home of two successive proprietors of one of its most important, albeit small, industries.

## Verbal Boundary Description:

North Redwood Plat, Lots 1,2,3,4, Block 5 and the following parcel commencing at a point located at the SW corner of Lot 1 Block 5 original plat of North' Redwood, thence west distance of 112.5', thence at right angles North a distance of 100', thence at right angles East a distance of 112.5' to NW corner of said Lot 1, thence at right angles South and along westerly boundary of said Lot 1 a distance of 100' to POB.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

PROPERTY NAME: Honner-Hosken House

MULTIPLE NAME: Redwood County MRA

STATE & COUNTY: MINNESOTA, Redwood

DATE RECEIVED: 8/31/00 DATE OF PENDING LIST:  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 10/15/00  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 80002138

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 9/27/00 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

**Additional Documentation Accepted**

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept  
REVIEWER Edson Beall DISCIPLINE History  
TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE 9/27/00

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

**United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places  
Continuation Sheet**

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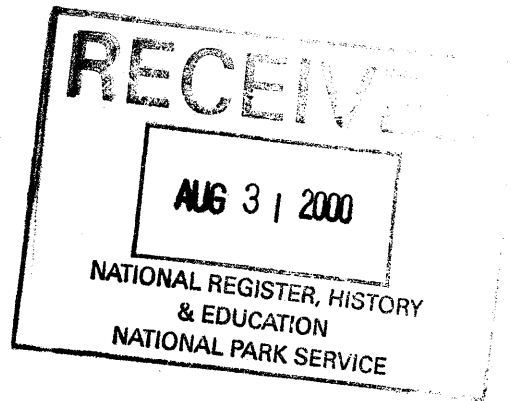
**State:** Minnesota


**County:** Redwood

**City:** North Redwood

**Resource Name (Historic):** Honner-Hoskin House

**Comments:** The first name of the house is spelled incorrectly. It should be Honner, not Honnor.



  
Britta M. Bloomberg  
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

25 Aug. 2000  
Date