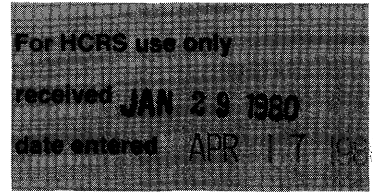


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**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

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



See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Bisson House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number County Road 57 ___ not for publication

city, town St. Lawrence Township Jordan vicinity of congressional district Second

state Minnesota code 22 county Scott code 139

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 type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Hyzer

street & number Route 1

city, town Jordan ___ vicinity of state Minnesota 55352

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Recorder's Office, Scott County Courthouse

street & number 428 South Holmes

city, town Shakopee state Minnesota 55379

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Statewide Survey of Historic Resources has this property been determined eligible? ___ yes ___ no

date 1979 ___ federal state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records Minnesota Historical Society -- 240 Summit Avenue-Hill House

city, town St. Paul state Minnesota 55102

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"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Bisson House is located in the northeast quarter of section 28, St. Lawrence township, just off County Road 57 one mile southwest of St. Lawrence wayside. Except for the four acres on which the house is located, most of the heavily wooded and sparsely populated area is owned by the state of Minnesota and is being used as a wildlife/game preserve and recreation area.

The house is a two story building of random ashlar St. Lawrence sandstone quarried on the site. A corner stone carries the date of 1884. The simple rectangular house has a gable roof, two interior end chimneys, and measures three bays across and two bays deep. The slightly arched windows are double hung, two over two lights. The exterior of the house has undergone only minor alteration: a porch was removed from the south facade, and an enclosed entry porch was added on the north facade. The interior has been remodeled.

Other structures on the property include a barn (ca.1920), a water pump, a windmill (moved to site by present owner), a frame granary (ca.1910) and a tin shed.

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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1884

Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Bisson House is significant both for its distinctive sandstone construction and as a rare surviving building associated with the abandoned town of St. Lawrence. Abraham Bisson settled on this location in 1857 and quarried stone on his property for buildings in nearby St. Lawrence and Jordan. He built the present house in 1884 as a replacement for an earlier structure. Located one mile from the St. Lawrence townsite and adjacent to the quarries, the Bisson place was well situated for supplying stone for buildings both in town and on neighboring farms. The Bisson House is one of few surviving buildings associated with St. Lawrence, which was platted in 1856 at the height of the county's early boom period. The last of the buildings located on the original town plat are gone, and the future of neighboring buildings is uncertain as the area is being converted to state park use. Recognition of the significance of the Bisson House may be important in insuring its preservation.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Anderson, Gail, ed. Jordan, Minn. A Newspaper Looks at a Town, Vol. 1, Jordan: 1975. Jordan Independent. April 8, 1976.
Neill, Rev. Edward D. History of the Minnesota Valley, Mpls.: North Star Publishing Co., 1882.

10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED

Acreeage of nominated property 4 acres **ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED**
Quadrangle name New Prague Quadrangle scale 15

UMT References

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Zone			Easting				Northing							

Verbal boundary description and justification

see continuation sheet - page 1

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

state code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Britta Bloomberg, Research Historian-Survey

organization Minnesota Historical Society-SHPO date July 1979

street & number 240 Summit Avenue-Hill House telephone (612) 296-0101

city or town St. Paul state Minnesota 55102

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Russell W. Fridley

Russell W. Fridley

title State Historic Preservation Officer date 1-9-80

For HCRS use only

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

date

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

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DATE ENTERED

APR 17 1980

Bisson House

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Verbal boundary description:

Commencing at the NE corner of Sec. 28 T114N, R24W from which the east $\frac{1}{4}$ corner bears S 00°00' E 2688.80 ft. Thence S 24°04'-48" W 681.56 ft. to a point on the center line of County Road 57 and the point of beginning.

Thence S 19° 48' - 06" W 300 ft.

Thence N 67° 57' - 47" W 591.98 ft.

Thence N 22° 28' - 12" E 300.00 ft.

Thence S 67° 56' - 29" E 578.01 ft to
the point of beginning.

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National Park Service

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**Note: These changes apply to
Bisson House in Scott County,
Minnesota.**

REFERENCE NUMBER: 80002164

STATE: MINNESOTA

COUNTY: Scott

RESOURCE NAME (HISTORIC): Bisson, Abraham, House

CITY:

VICINITY OF: Jordan

ADDRESS: Co. Rd. 57

CERTIFICATION DATE:

REMOVED DATE:

COMMENTS:

Nina M. Archabal

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State Historic Preservation Officer

JUN 17 1988

Date