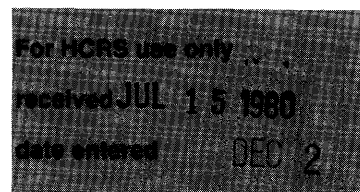


**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**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 Mitchell/Tappan House

and/or common Tappan House

2. Location

street & number 2125 4th Ave. E. _____ not for publication

city, town Hibbing _____ vicinity of _____ congressional district 8th District

state Minnesota code 22 county St. Louis code 137

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name John Chisholm

street & number 2125 4th Ave E

city, town Hibbing _____ vicinity of _____ state Minnesota

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Louis County Court House

street & number

city, town Duluth _____ state Minnesota

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title _____ has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date _____ federal _____ state _____ county _____ local

depository for survey records

city, town _____ state

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date 1920
Moved from North Hibbing to Central Addition
to avoid mine expansion.

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Situated on a well-landscaped corner lot in a residential neighborhood south of the central business district of Hibbing, the Mitchell/Tappan house is an example of the large residences constructed in the first decade of the twentieth century which exhibit carry-overs of Queen Anne design motifs. These elements are found in the presence of a polygonal corner tower with conical roof, soaring gables, bays and porches, and an irregular plan. An oriel with an arched window of intricate tracery occupies the second floor space immediately above the front door and within the central gable. The house is well maintained and survives in a good state of preservation. A two stall garage is also included with the property.

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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1905 **Builder/Architect**

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The building was built in North Hibbing by Oliver Mining Company and served as the residence for various Oliver Mining Company officials from 1905 through the 1960s. It is representative of the lavish style of the company officials' home and reflects the wide social and economic gulf between the mining corporation operatives and the rest of the population. Oliver, of course, was the mining subsidiary of the U.S. Steel Trust and later the U.S. Steel Corporation. Oliver, as supplier to the largest U.S. producer of iron and steel, was also the major producer of hematite iron ore on the Lake Superior Iron Mining Ranges. Pentecost Mitchell and W.M. Tappan were superintendents of the US Steel-Oliver operations and were assigned to the Iron Range. Mitchell was the first resident, having worked with Lake Superior, Sellers, and Pillsbury mines and appointed superintendent of the Oliver's Hibbing district in 1899. The company built the house for Mitchell in 1905. Tappan, a later superintendent of the Hibbing district and resident of the house, was very much involved in the relocation of the town of North Hibbing. He was responsible for the house's relocation in 1920 to its present site in Hibbing.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Lorraine De Millo, The Moving of North Hibbing (1977)

10. Geographical Data

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ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Quadrangle name Hibbing

Quadrangle scale 7.5

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

The house is presently located on Lot 14, Block 15, Central Addition, Hibbing, Minnesota.

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 Charles Skrief, Director, State Historic Preservation Office

organization Minnesota Historical Society date September 10, 1979

street & number 240 Summit Avenue telephone 612-296-9070

city or town St. Paul state Minnesota

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

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date 6/28/80

For HCRS use only

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

Keeper of the National Register

date 12/2/80

Attest:

Chief of Registration

date 8/20/80

12.2.80

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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

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Add to Description:

Several architectural elements were either removed or modified during the relocation. A semicircular ionic portico with a railing of curved lap siding and cut-out balusters was replaced by a more formal rectangular vestibule with doric pilasters and turned-spindlework balustrade. Spindlework was also added to the front entry stairway. An oval window in the front gable was replaced with a rectangular unit and the balustrade with urn-topped newells above the central oriel was removed. A one story frame wing (at the right on the pre-relocation photo) was removed and a one story sun porch with turned balustrade was added (at the left on the after-relocation photo). The residence has been sheathed with stucco at some indeterminate date, and presently exists in this condition.

Add to Significance:

Change date of construction from 1905 to 1897-98.

Subsequent research shows that the residence was constructed by the Oliver Mining Company for Pentecost Mitchell in 1897-98 when he was the first General Superintendent at Hibbing.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

for Keeper Melvin Lyman
1/19/89

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**Note: These changes apply to
Mitchell-Tappan House in St. Louis
County, Minnesota.**

REFERENCE NUMBER: 80004352

STATE: MINNESOTA

COUNTY: St. Louis

RESOURCE NAME (HISTORIC):

CITY:

VICINITY OF:

ADDRESS: 2125 4th Ave.

CERTIFICATION DATE:

REMOVED DATE:

COMMENTS: Address was incorrect on the computer print out.

Nina M. Archabal

**Nina M. Archabal
State Historic Preservation Officer**

JUN 17 1988

Date