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HISTORIC NAME: Terrace Historic District

COUNTY: Pope *Glenwood vic.*

CURRENT NAME:

CITY/TWP.: Chippewa Falls Township

LEGAL DESC.:

ADDRESS: off State Highway 104

See continuation sheet

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

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Yes X No X Restricted \_\_\_\_\_

PRESENT USE:

VISIBLE FROM THE ROAD: Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_

Various

OCCUPIED: Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_

DATE CONSTRUCTED: Various

ORIGINAL USE: Various

ORIGINAL OWNER: Various

ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Various

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Multiple  
(see continuation sheet)

ACREAGE: Less than one acre \_\_\_\_\_

Approx. 42 acres XLOCAL CONTACT/CRG.: Terrace Mill Foundation  
Terrace, MN 56383

UTM REFERENCE:

A. 15-318680-5042400

B. 15-319080-5042380

FORM PREPARED BY: Dennis Gimmetad

C. 15-319060-5041880

DATE: September 1980

D. 15-318670-5041900

## DESCRIPTION:

The Terrace Historic District includes most of the unincorporated hamlet of Terrace, located in Chippewa Falls Township in south central Pope County. The buildings of the district are situated on three sides of a mill pond on the Chippewa River, and comprise three somewhat distinct areas at the south, west-center, and north.

The southern area, above the mill pond on the level of the prairie land to the south, includes a grouping of mostly residential buildings along First Street, which runs on an east-west axis. This street is in close proximity to the mill pond but is visually isolated by the wooden land between the buildings on the north side of the street and the pond. The pivotal structures, dating from the 1870s and 1880s, in this section represent the homes of the three founders of the community (#S-1 built by George Wheeler, #S-2 built by John Wheeler and later purchased by William Moses), an early residence/hotel (#S-8), and two homes described in an early chronicle of the community as the homes "in which different people, the transient population, so to speak, lived from time to time" (#S-9, #S-12).

The western end of First Street intersects County Road 21, which descends at a cut in the hill to the central section of the community. This central area is on land sloping up from the western edge of the pond, and comprises what might be termed "downtown". The mill, store, and house in this area are arranged around the county road, which crosses the river just below the mill pond dam, and an open area to the west of the road. This community core area originally included two stores; the present one (#C-6) was moved a short distance from the southern area of town to replace the original Wheeler store when that structure burned about 1940. The 1903 milling operation (#C-2) is on the same site as the original 1870 mill; the miller's house was built by the last miller, who operated the facility from 1920 to 1949.

On the north of the river, the road divides and ascends the hillside in two forks. The fork which bends to the right, known as North Street, parallels the mill pond before turning north out of the community. The church (#N-1) and the school/town hall (#N-2) are situated on an elevated site on the north side of this street. Between the street and the pond are three houses of recent construction, partially hidden from view by the wooded hillside.

Although each section of the district includes several non-contributing buildings, many of these are partially screened (as in the north area), or temporary (the mobile homes). The layout, retention of most significant buildings, and lack of major intrusions all contribute to the integrity of the community as a whole.

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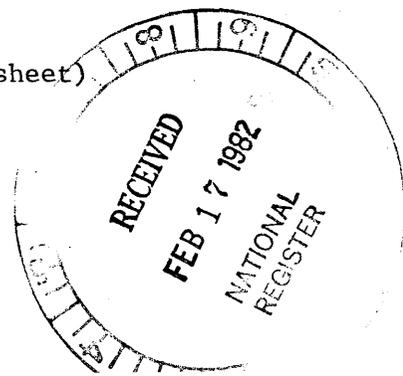
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Descriptions of the individual structures follow.

South Area

- S-1. George Wheeler House (1873 and later additions). Two stories, frame with clapboard siding, gable roof, pedimented window frames with double hung sash, screened front porch with columns. The original portion of this house appears to be the front area, with several additions, all believed to have been added by George Wheeler, to the rear.
- S-2. John Wheeler-William Moses House (c. 1873). Two stories, gable roof, frame with clapboard siding, pedimented window frames on second story, rear section possibly an early addition.
- S-3. Anton Hauge House (1960). One story frame rambler. NON-CONTRIBUTING.
- S-4. Garage (n.d.). Frame, gable roof. NON-CONTRIBUTING.
- S-5. Edwin Eskeldson House (n.d., moved from Brooten c. 1935). One and one half stories, frame with clapboard siding, gable roof with herkin at front, simple sawn wood ornamentation at roofline, full front porch. NON-CONTRIBUTING.
- S-6. Concrete Block Building (1968). One story, concrete block walls, gable roof. NON-CONTRIBUTING.
- S-7. Skarpness Ford Garage (c. 1920). One and two stories, frame with clapboard siding, west section with nearly flat roof, east section with gable roof, irregular fenestration with double hung rectangular windows. The building has been modified. NON-CONTRIBUTING.
- S-8. Coburn Hotel (c. late 1870s, western section added). One and one half stories, frame with clapboard siding, complex gable roof, two over two double hung windows, rectangular window bay on south facade.
- S-9. House (c. 1870s, western section added). One and one half stories; frame with clapboard siding, L-shaped, gable roof.
- S-10. Concrete Block Garage (1942). One story, gable roof with stepped gable parapet on front gable. NON-CONTRIBUTING.
- S-11. Mobile Home. NON-CONTRIBUTING.
- S-12. Foulds-Skinner House (c. 1880 with later additions). One and one half stories, frame construction with composition siding, intersecting gable roof, double hung two over two windows. The original portion is believed to be the first floor of the western section; the east section added at an early date by the builder, Jim Foulds, and the second story of the west section added, also at an early date, by the second owner, Dr. J.F. Skinner.
- S-13. Mobile Home. NON-CONTRIBUTING.

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Central Area

(for additional discussion of some structures in this area see the Terrace Flour Mill Historic District Nomination of 8 May 1979)

C-1. Miller's House/Takken, Peter, House (1930). One and one half stories; gable roof; bungalow styling detail with uncoursed stone rubble, exposed rafter ends and exposed timbering in gable.

C-2. Terrace Flour Mill (1903). Three story rectangular structure with south extension; timber frame construction with lap and cedar shake siding; gable roof; awning roof at first story level on east facade; original equipment including penstock turbine, drive shaft and belt system, and some spouting, four over four double hung windows. The steel pipe headrace runs southwest from the mill pond to the mill, and the tailrace continues in the same direction to join the river below.

C-3. Steel Beam Highway Bridge (1915, rem. 1940). Simple steel beam construction with asphalt roadway and simple pipe railing.

C-4. Mill Dam (c. 1882). Local fieldstone, maximum height of 22 feet and a crest width of 27 feet. The dam replaced the original c. 1870 mill dam.

C-5. Stone Arch Bridge (1903). Thirty foot span, 18 feet wide, keystone with inscriptions "1903", and "JMD". Appears to have been constructed by Jonas M. Danelz, who re-established milling operations in 1903. Replaced by steel beam bridge in 1915.

C-6. Skinner Drug Store (Terrace General Store) (c.1882). Two stories, frame construction with clapboard siding, false front facing the open central area of town, lean-to additions on north and south, storefront somewhat altered on first level. (Built by Dr. J.F. Skinner on lot 1, block 4, this store was moved to the present location about 1940, after the Wheeler Store, which had been erected on the site in 1871 by John Wheeler, had burned.)

C-7. House (c. 1940). One story, frame with composition siding, low-pitched gable roof. NON-CONTRIBUTING.

C-8. House (c. 1950). One story, frame with asbestos siding, gable roof. NON-CONTRIBUTING.

North Area

N-1. Chippewa Falls Lutheran Church (1886, 1924, 1949). Frame with composition siding, gable roof, regularly spaced gothic tripartate windows on east and west facades, gothic arched transom over central entrance, large arched window at top center and smaller arched windows at sides of south facade, tower with crenelated parapet at southeast corner, gable addition at rear. The original portion of the building was constructed in 1886; in 1924 the south 20 feet were added, the steeple modified, and the basement added; and in 1949 the one story classroom addition was made to the north (rear).

N-2. School/Chippewa Falls Town Hall (1906). One story, frame with clapboard siding, T-shape, gable returns, scalloped cut shingles in upper portion of gables, open bell tower with pyramid roof and flagpole, one over one rectangular windows, central entrance door with two light transom.

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N-3. Bratten House (1962). One story frame rambler. NON-CONTRIBUTING.

N-4. Bratten Cottage (n.d.). One story frame cottage of recent construction. NON-CONTRIBUTING.

N-5. Peterson House (1947). One story frame residence. NON-CONTRIBUTING.

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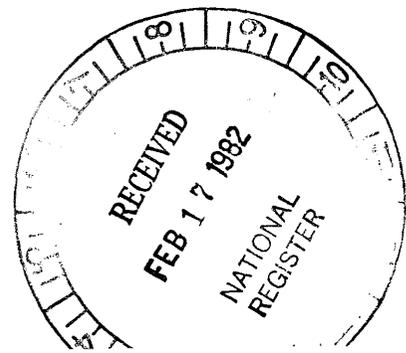
**SIGNIFICANCE:**

The Terrace Historic District is significant as a well-preserved example of the small rural communities which developed around local milling operations in many parts of Minnesota during the last half of the nineteenth century. Often, these communities were among the first to be established in newly settled areas; later, competition from townsites platted on the rail lines and the abandonment of small mill operations caused many to disappear completely. Indeed, the initial mill operation at Terrace, established c. 1870, was moved to the trackside town of Brooten about 1895. But operations were resumed in 1903, and the community has survived with good integrity in the almost exclusively rural southern half of Pope County. The physical layout of the community on the sloping land around the mill pond is a marked contrast to the usual track-focused grids of the vast majority of small western Minnesota communities. The town was established by George Wheeler, John Wheeler, and William Moses, who came to the area from eastern Canada, via Owatonna, to establish a frontier milling operation. (The original name of Chippewa Falls was soon changed to Terrace because of confusion with Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin.) The buildings of the hamlet represent the full range of industrial (#C02), commercial (#S-8, #C-6), educational (#N-2), social (#N-1, #N-2, #C-6), religious (#N-1), and residential (#S-1, #S-2, #S-8, #S-9, #S-12, #C-1) structures for a small community. The significance of the mill building, miller's house, and bridge and dam was recognized in 1969, when this group of buildings was placed on the National Register. This nomination expands that group to include the other community buildings, recognizing the significance of the hamlet as a whole. Inland ("railroadless") milling communities, centered around a mill building rather than a grain elevator, which have survived with a high degree of integrity are rare throughout the state. Their growth and survival is especially unique in western Minnesota, where railroad development closely followed initial settlement and development.

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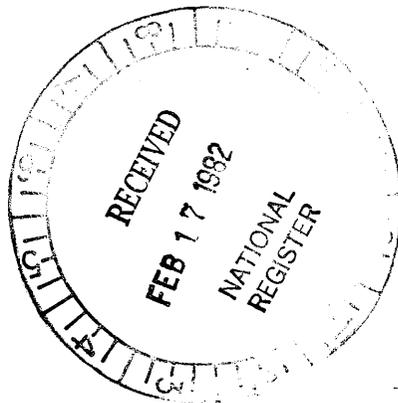
**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:**

Commencing at the NE corner of Section 33; thence west 71.5 rods along section line to a point; thence south 24.37 rods to a point; thence west approx. 8 rods to the west boundary of townsite; thence south along townsite boundary to the westerly extension of the north line of lot 13, block 3; thence easterly along the north line of lots 13, 12, and 7, block 3 and across highway to the NW corner of lot 5, block 4; thence southerly along the east edge of lots 5 and 6, block 4; thence easterly along the south lot line of lot 6, block 4 to the SW corner of lot 6; thence northerly along the easterly line of lot 6, block 4 to a point on the extension of the southerly line of lot 2, block 4; thence easterly along the line of the south lot line of lot 2, block 4, to the east edge of townsite; thence northerly along east edge of townsite to POB.



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Terrace Historic District - OWNERSHIP LIST

Pope County  
Chippewa Falls Township

(numbers refer to building numbers used in the nomination text.)

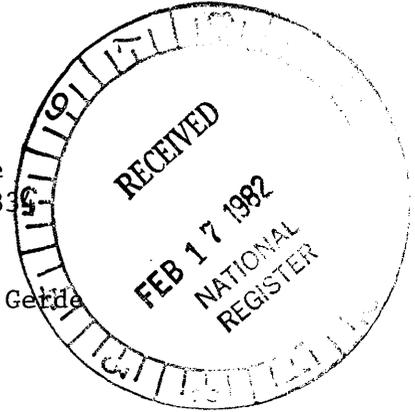
Block 1

S-1  
Wheeler, George, House  
Lots 1, 2, E $\frac{1}{2}$  3

Robert Conley  
220 SE Sacond Ave  
Glenwood, MN 56330

S-2  
Wheeler, John-  
Moses, Wm., House  
Lot 4, W 69' of 3

Fred P. and Opal Gettle  
RR 1, Box 45  
Sedan, MN 56380



Block 2

S-3  
Hauge, Anton, House  
Lot 1 except part comm  
SW cor lot 1, thence N  
40'; E 25'; S 40', &  
W to beginning

Elizabeth Hauge  
RR 1, Box T15  
Sedan, MN 56380

S-4  
Garage  
Comm SW cor lot 1; thence  
N 40'; E 25'; S 40'; &  
W to beginning

Lloyd and Josie Kittelson  
(M.O.H. Peterson)  
RR 1, Box T16  
Sedan, MN 56380

S-5  
Eskeldson, Edwin, House  
Lot 2

Cora Peterson  
RR 1, Box T16  
Sedan, MN 56380

(Vacant lot)  
Lot 3

Carl J. Branvold  
RR 2  
Bottineau, So. Dakota 58310

cc: Timothy & Bruce Boraas  
Sedan, MN 56380

S-6  
Concrete Block Building  
Lots 4, 5, 6,  
E $\frac{1}{2}$  of 7, 8, 9

Norman & Marlene Skarpness  
4619 Evans Street  
Columbus, Georgia 31907

S-7  
Skarpness Ford Garage  
W $\frac{1}{2}$  lots 7, 8, 9

Manley Aasen  
c/o Glenn & Gladys Freese  
Sedan, MN 56380

Block 3

Vacant lots  
Lots 1-6

Carl & Sandra Engeles  
RR 1, Box T18  
Sedan, MN 56380

Block 4

S-11  
Mobile Home  
Lots 1 & E 15' of 2  
ex. N 67'

Walter & Doris Alford  
RR 1, Box T11  
Sedan, MN 56380

S-10  
Concrete Block  
Garage  
N 67' of both lot 1 &  
of E 15' of lot 2

Stanley & Marion Bratten  
2656 Dakota Ave.  
St. Louis Park, MN 55416

S-9  
House  
Lots 10 & 2 except  
E 15' lot 2

Clara Peterson  
RR 1, Box T10  
Sedan, MN 56380

S-8  
Coburn Hotel  
Lots 3-7

Arthur E. Dickson  
RR 1, Box T9  
Sedan, MN 56380

Block 5

S-13  
Mobile Home  
Lots 1, 2, 3

Ricky & Barbara Brower  
Sedan, MN 56380

S-12  
Foulds-Skinner House  
Lot 4

Andrew & Alice Olson  
RR 1, Box T12  
Sedan, MN 56380

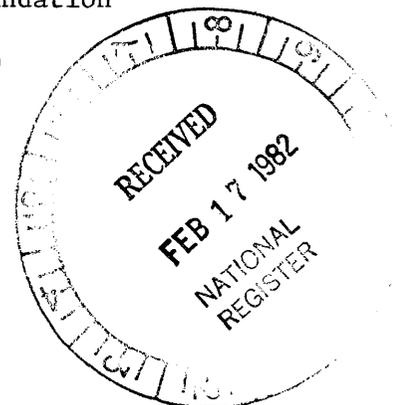
Outlot 1

C-1  
Takken, Peter, House  
Pt. bounded on N & W by Chippewa  
River, to the W. edge of townsite;  
thence S to Skarpness Road des in  
Book 2 of Deeds pg. 419; thence  
east along N side of said road to  
county road as laid out; thence N  
along west side of said county road  
to POB (Book 12, page 620)

Robert Greenfield  
620 Pine Lawn Ave.  
Copiague, New York 11726

C-2  
Terrace Flour Mill  
All of O.L. 1 except that des in  
book 12, page 620; book 58, page 605;  
book 89, page 128; and book 66,  
page 211

Terrace Mill Foundation  
% Bruce Boraas  
Sedan, MN 56380



C-8  
House  
Comm. NE cor Lot 1, Bl 3; thence  
N 6 rods; W 8 rods; S 6 rods;  
E 8 rds to POB (Book 58, page 605)

Robert Davidson  
RR 1  
Sedan, MN 56380

(Vacant lot)  
Comm. 6 rds N of NE cor of Lot 1,  
Bl. 3; thence N 8 rds; W 6 rds; S 8 rds;  
E 6 rds to POB except 20' x 40' in SW corner  
(Book 12, page 620)

Wesley & Alice Flanders  
Rt. 2  
Glenwood, MN 56334

(Vacant lot)  
Comm at point 6 rds N. of NE corner  
of Lot 1, Bl 3; thence N 20'; W 45';  
S 20'; & E 45' to POB

Ken Peterson  
Mid State Telephone Co.  
Box 115  
Kerkhoven, MN 56252

Outlet 2  
All of Outlet 2

Carl J. Branvold  
RR 2  
Bottineau, North Dakota 58318

cc: Timothy & Bruce Boraas  
Sedan, MN 56380

Outlet 3  
Pt. of O.L. 3, comm. NE cor Lot 1,  
Bl. 2; N to pond; W along S shore  
to pt. directly N of NW cor Lot 1;  
S to cor; E to POB

Anton & Elizabeth Hauge  
RR 1, Box T15  
Sedan, MN 56380

Outlet 4  
Pt. of O.L. 4, comm. at a pt. 168' E of  
N.W. cor Lot 4, Bl. 1; thence E to NE cor  
Lot 1, Bl. 1; thence north to S shore of pond  
thence southwest to a pt. directly N of  
POB; thence S to POB

Robert Conley  
220 SE Second Ave.  
Glenwood, MN 56334

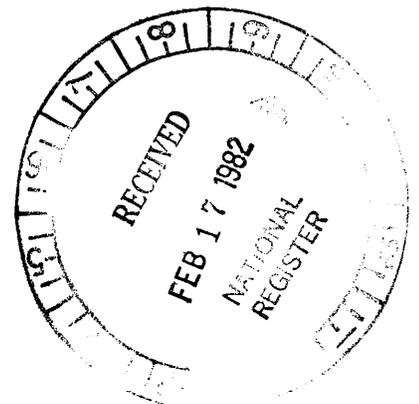
Pt. of O.L. 4, comm NW cor Lot 4,  
Bl. 1; thence E 168', N to pond;  
W along S shore to pt. directly N  
of NW cor lot 4; S to POB

Fred and Opal Gerde  
RR 1, Box 45  
Sedan, MN 56380

Outlet 5  
N-1  
C.F. Lutheran Church

Comm. at NE cor post of Sec. 33; running  
W 30 rds on N line of Sec. 33 to NE cor  
stake of school house lot; thence S along E  
line of school lot 18 rds; thence E 1  
N 14 rds; N 7 rds; E 3<sup>0</sup> N 16½ rds; N 5  
rds to POB

Chippewa Falls Lutheran Church  
Sedan, MN 56380



N-2  
School/C.F. Town Hall  
Part of NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, comm at a pt. on the N  
line of Sec. 33 which pt. is 30 rds W  
from the NE cor of said section; thence  
S 18 rds; thence W along N Street 8 8/9 rds;  
thence N to N line of said section, thence  
8 8/9 rds to POB

Chippewa Falls Township  
Sedan, MN 56380

Outlot 6  
All that part of townsite N of C.A. Road  
48 (North St.) & W of Sch. Dist. 27 prop.  
ex. property deeded in bk 56, page 498 and  
Book 16, page 158

Raymond Lanning  
9024 13th Ave. So.  
Minneapolis, MN 55420  
cc: Paul Gerde  
Sedan, Minnesota 55420

Outlot 7  
N-3  
Bratten House  
W 150 ft.

Gilman & Selma Bratten  
Sedan, MN 56380

N-4  
Bratten Cottage  
Pt. between N & S parallel lines  
being 150 ft. E of W line & 450 ft W of  
E line

Stanley & Marian Bratten  
2656 Dakota Avenue  
Minneapolis, MN 55416

N-5  
Peterson House  
E 450 ft.

Donna V. Sandquist  
Berthold, North Dakota 58718

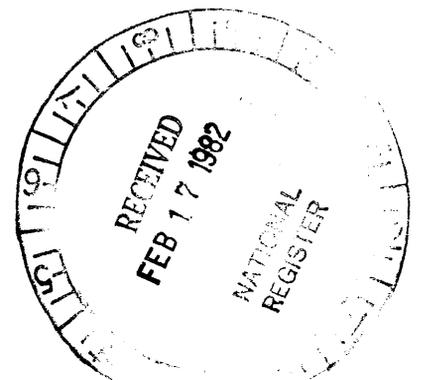
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Pt. lying east of T.H. 104 and S of  
North Street

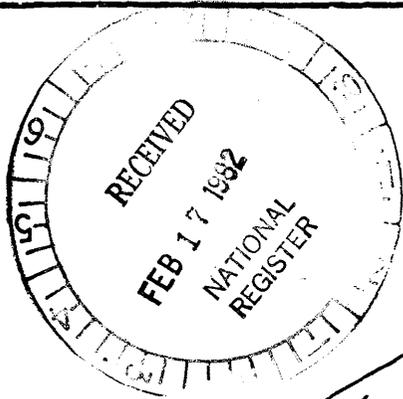
Gilman and Selma Bratten  
Sedan, MN 56380

Pt. lying N. of Chippewa River and  
West of TH 104

Arthur Takken  
10725 Magnolia  
Riverside, California 92505

cc: Terrace Mill Foundation  
% Bruce Boraas  
Sedan, Minnesota 56380





CHIPPEWA FALLS LUTHERAN CHURCH

CHIPPEWA FALLS TOWN HALL

N-1

N-2

(COUNTY ROAD 23)

NORTH STREET

N-5

N-3

N-4

KEYSTONE ARCH BRIDGE

C-4 DAM

C-3  
C-5

MILL POND

PETER TAKKEN HOUSE

C-1

C-2 MILL

SKINNER C-6 DRUG STORE (TERRACE GENERAL STORE)

C-7

C-8

COUNTY ROAD 21

S-3

JOHN WHEELER-MOSES HOUSE

GEORGE WHEELER HOUSE

S-7

S-6

S-5

S-4

S-2

S-1

FIRST STREET

TERRACE HISTORIC DISTRICT

CHIPPEWA FALLS TWP,  
POPE COUNTY,  
MINNESOTA

S-8 COBURN HOTEL

S-9 HOUSE

S-10

S-11

S-12 FOWLES-SKINNER HOUSE

S-13



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National Park Service

# National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

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Note: These changes apply to  
Terrace Historic District in  
Pope County, Minnesota.

REFERENCE NUMBER: 82002999

STATE: MINNESOTA

COUNTY: Pope

RESOURCE NAME (HISTORIC):

CITY:

VICINITY OF: Sedan

ADDRESS: off Mn. Hwy. 104

CERTIFICATION DATE:

REMOVED DATE:

COMMENTS:

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

JUN 17 1988  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date