

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Minnesota	
COUNTY: Cottonwood	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
70.10.27.0020	10/15/70

1. NAME

COMMON:
Jeffers Petroglyph Site 21003

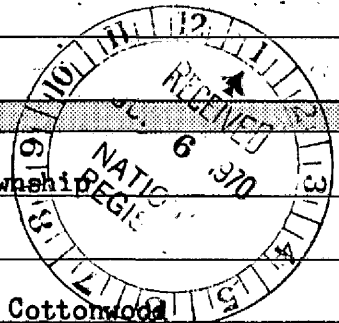
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
NW 1/4 Sec. 9, T 107 N, R 35 W, in Delton Township

CITY OR TOWN:
Jeffers vicinity

STATE: **Minnesota** CODE: **22** COUNTY: **Cottonwood** CODE: **033**



3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) State Historic Site

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Minnesota Historical Society

STREET AND NUMBER:
690 Cedar St.

CITY OR TOWN: **St. Paul** STATE: **Minnesota** CODE: **22**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Cottonwood County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: **Windom** STATE: **Minnesota** CODE: **22**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Minnesota State Register of Historic Sites

DATE OF SURVEY: **1969** Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Minnesota Historical Society

STREET AND NUMBER:
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CITY OR TOWN: **St. Paul** STATE: **Minnesota** CODE: **22**

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The site area is open grassland. The symbols were carved into an outcropping of Sioux Quartzite and remain in excellent condition. Most of the figures represent animals which lived in the area, including fish, birds, turtles, bison and rattlesnakes. Symbols of human figures and human footprints have also been found. The figures were carved in three ways. Some were carved with a round pointed tool and others with a chisel-like instrument. The third method was a combination of one of the above with subsequent polishing.

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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|---|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |

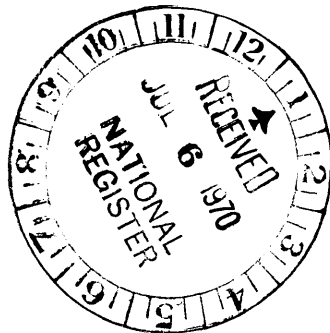
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Southern Minnesota contains many petroglyph sites. The Jeffers Petroglyph site is the state's finest example of these carvings. Most authorities agree that the carvings date from several thousand years to several hundred years old. The Indians apparently stopped making them at the Jeffers site by the arrival of the white man because there is no evidence of guns, horses, or other aspects of European culture.

The carvers of the Jeffers Petroglyphs were probably of the Dakota nation since many of the symbols have Dakota characteristics. However, one symbol indicates Algonkian influence. The symbols were probably used for religious purposes.

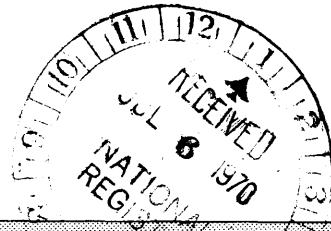
The Jeffers property was purchased by the Minnesota Historical Society and opened to the public in 1966.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Minnesota Archaeologist. Vol. 28, No. 3. 1966.



10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES							
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE			LATITUDE	LONGITUDE			
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	44°	05'	40"	95°	03'	7.5"						
NE	44°	05'	40"	95°	03'	52"						
SE	44°	05'	25"	95°	03'	7.5"						
SW	44°	05'	25"	95°	03'	52"						

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **80 acres**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Elden Johnson, State Archaeologist

ORGANIZATION: **University of Minnesota** DATE: **4/28/70**

STREET AND NUMBER:
200 Ford Hall

CITY OR TOWN: **Minneapolis** STATE: **Minnesota** CODE: **22**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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 National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name: *Russell W. Fridley*

Title: Director, Minn. Historical Society

Date _____

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

Ernest Allen Connolly
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

OCT 15 1970

Date _____

ATTEST:

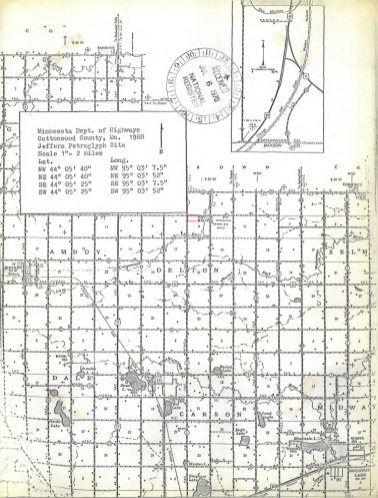
William J. Montague
Keeper of The National Register

OCT 6 1970

Date _____

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Minnesota Dept. of Highways
 Cottonwood County, Mn. 1968
 Jeffers Petroglyph Site
 Scale 1" = 2 miles

Lat.		Long.	
NW 44° 05' 40"	NE 95° 03' 7.5"	SW 44° 05' 40"	SE 95° 03' 52"
NE 44° 05' 40"	NE 95° 03' 52"	SE 44° 05' 25"	SE 95° 03' 7.5"
SE 44° 05' 25"	SE 95° 03' 7.5"	SW 44° 05' 25"	SW 95° 03' 52"

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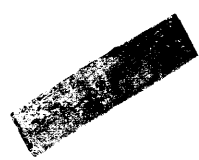
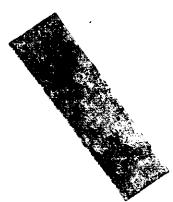
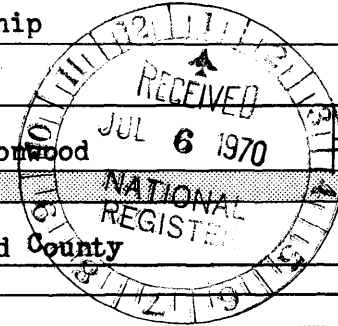
**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY MAP FORM**

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

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AND/OR HISTORIC:			
2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: N₂NW₄ Sec 9, T 107N, R 35W, in Delton Township			
CITY OR TOWN:			
STATE: Minnesota	CODE 22	COUNTY: Cottonwood	CODE 033
3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE: Minnesota Department of Highways, Cottonwood County			
SCALE: 1"=2 miles			
DATE: 1969			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Property boundaries where required.2. North arrow.3. Latitude and longitude reference.			



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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

for Keeper Melony Lynn
1/19/89

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**Note: These changes apply to
Jeffers Petroglyph site in
Cottonwood County, Minnesota.**

REFERENCE NUMBER: 70000291

STATE: MINNESOTA

COUNTY: Cottonwood

RESOURCE NAME (HISTORIC): Jeffers Petroglyphs Site

CITY:

VICINITY OF:

ADDRESS: off Co. Hwy.2

CERTIFICATION DATE:

REMOVED DATE:

COMMENTS: This site contains more than one petroglyph; hence petroglyphs.

Nina M. Archabal

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

JUN 17 1988

Date