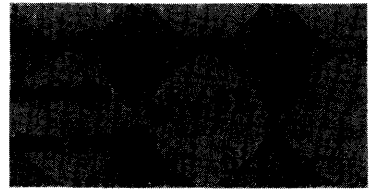


**United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**



**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 Freeman, R., House

and/or common Pehoski, W., House

**2. Location**

street & number 9091 Inver Grove Trail \_\_\_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Inver Grove Heights \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity of congressional district First

state Minnesota code 22 county Dakota code 037

**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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<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 William Pehoski

street & number 9091 Inver Grove Trail

city, town Inver Grove Heights \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity of state Minnesota 55075

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Dakota County Government Center

street & number 1560 West Highway 55

city, town Hastings \_\_\_\_\_ state Minnesota 55033

**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

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## 7. Description

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**Condition** excellent good fair deteriorated ruins unexposed**Check one** unaltered altered**Check one** original site moved date \_\_\_\_\_

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**Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance**

The Freeman House is a square  $1\frac{1}{2}$  story building constructed of coursed field-stone laid in wooden forms about 16 inches high and puddled with mortar. The stones are of various sizes and colors. A number of bottles were used in place of stone around the second story gable windows, probably for decorative effect. The sash windows have segmental arch heads. There is a double foundation of stone. The unique roof is a cross-gable form with four principal gables on the house's four sides. These gables do not rise from the corners but are set in by several feet. Halfway down each valley is a secondary gable with its ridgeline at a 45 degree angle to the main gables. A brick chimney is near the center of the roof. Originally a farmhouse, the Freeman House is now part of a semi-rural area of dispersed dwellings.

# 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"/> 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**    c.1875                      **Builder/Architect**    Reuben Freeman

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**

The Freeman House is significant both as a unique vernacular architectural design and as a rare example of coursed fieldstone construction in Minnesota. Little is known about Reuben Freeman, a farmer of German descent who built the house in about 1875, but he obviously was a man unfettered by convention. While many 19th century houses in Minnesota are builders catalog styles that rarely deviate from traditional forms, Freeman's eight-gabled structure shows imagination in both design and construction method. The walls of the square house are built of coursed fieldstone puddled with mortar, a masonry technique uncommon in the area. The principal gables do not rise from the corners but are inset by several feet, and smaller secondary gables rise at an angle over the corners of the house. This roof design has no discernible function except visual effect. The structure appears ready to soar from the earth on the wings of its curious roof.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

# 10. Geographical Data

**UTM NOT VERIFIED**

Acreage of nominated property less than 1

Quadrangle name Inver Grove Heights

Quadrangle scale 7.5

**UMT References**

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**Verbal boundary description and justification**

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

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Susan Pommering Reynolds, Survey Analyst

organization Minnesota Historical Society

Contact Dennis Gimnestad

date (612) 296-9545

June 1979

street & number 240 Summit Avenue-Hill House

telephone

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*

Russell W. Fridley

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date

11/1/79

**For HCRS use only**

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

*Carol D. Skell*

Keeper of the National Register

date

12-31-79

Attest:

*Kristin O'Connell*

date

12/26/79

Chief of Registration

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

for Keeper Melvin Lyman  
1/19/89

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**Note: These changes apply to  
Freeman, R., House in Dakota  
County, Minnesota.**

**REFERENCE NUMBER:** 79001231

**STATE:** MINNESOTA

**COUNTY:** Dakota

**RESOURCE NAME (HISTORIC):** Freeman, Reuben, House

**CITY:**

**VICINITY OF:**

**ADDRESS:**

**CERTIFICATION DATE:**

**REMOVED DATE:**

**COMMENTS:**

*Nina M. Archabal*

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

JUN 17 1988

**Date**