

DATA SHEET

Form 10-300
(Rev. 6-72)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Minnesota
COUNTY:	Ramsey
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY DATE	MAY 12 1975

1. NAME

COMMON: "The Manor"

AND/OR HISTORIC: Muench, Adolf, House *use this*

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: 653 East Fifth Street

CITY OR TOWN: Saint Paul CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 4th

STATE: Minnesota CODE: 27 COUNTY: Ramsey CODE: 123

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comment
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Mrs. Mary Wooley

STREET AND NUMBER: 653 East Fifth Street

CITY OR TOWN: Saint Paul STATE: Minnesota CODE: 27

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Ramsey County Courthouse - Register of Deeds

STREET AND NUMBER: 15 West Kellogg Boulevard

CITY OR TOWN: Saint Paul STATE: Minnesota CODE: 27

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

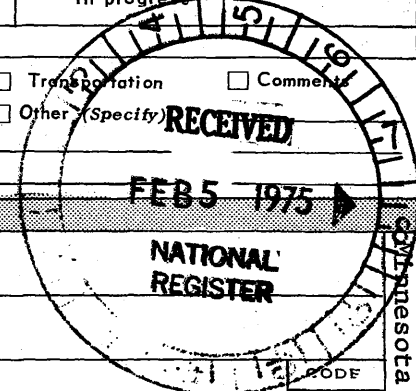
TITLE OF SURVEY: Statewide Historic Sites Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1974 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Minnesota Historical Society

STREET AND NUMBER: Building 25, Fort Snelling

CITY OR TOWN: Saint Paul STATE: Minnesota CODE: 27



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7. DESCRIPTION

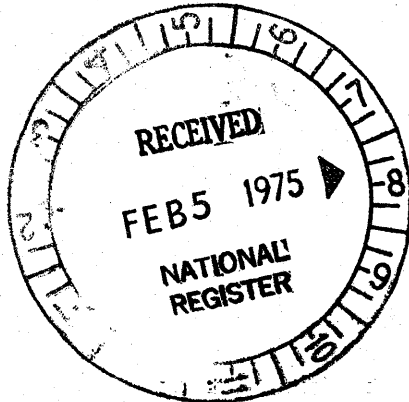
CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One) (exterior)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> 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 Adolf Muench House is a two and one half story frame dwelling constructed during the mid-1880s. Designed in the Queen Anne Style, the Victorian house remains well preserved with original window sash and trim, clapboard siding, and porch and gable detailing.

Located high on the Mississippi River bluff over the central business district of Saint Paul, the house's most prominent feature from that location is the finely detailed octagon corner tower. The tower, incidently, still sports its original, wrought-iron weather vane. The house's exterior features are typically Queen Anne, being asymmetrical on all four sides.

Although originally built as a single family home, the residence became duplexed as part of the housing shortage in Saint Paul during World War I and has remained so till today. Despite this change, the interior has undergone very minor alteration, still retaining most of its original woodwork. The house has been well maintained by its owner of the past sixty years and is in excellent structural condition.



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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian | 16th Century | 18th Century | 20th Century
 15th Century | 17th Century | 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Adolf Muench House was the home of one of Saint Paul's leading nineteenth century, German citizens and who was a member of a family which played a leading role in not only the development of the city but also the state from territorial days.

Adolf Muench came to Minnesota along with his three brothers, Emil, Gustav and Herman, in the 1850s from Saxony, Prussia. Spending his early days in Taylors Falls, Minnesota, an important early lumbering center, he moved to Saint Paul in 1871 to form the Muench Bros. Lumber Company. This company was a business offshoot of an earlier lumbering enterprise begun with the Minneapolis milling giant, W. D. Washburn.

In Saint Paul Adolf Muench also became the president and publisher of the old "Volkszeitung" newspaper. This was a consolidation of two former Saint Paul German papers, founded during territorial days. Under Muench's leadership it became the foremost voice of the German people in Saint Paul and a significant force in city and state politics.

The Adolf Muench House is a symbol of the Muench family which between the four brothers played a significant role in the political, economic and social development of the city and state. The family provided a territorial representative, a state treasurer, a leading physician, and a business enterprise which helped to develop the state's embryonic lumbering industry. The house further is a well preserved and maintained example of towered Queen Ann architecture, constructed of excellent materials and reflecting the owner's occupation.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

St. Paul City Directories, 1863-1913/14 inclusive.
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"Minnesota Journalism in the Territorial Period", Daniel S.B. Johnston, Collections of the Minnesota Historical Society, Vol. 10, part 1, Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul, Minnesota, 1905, pp. 286-9.

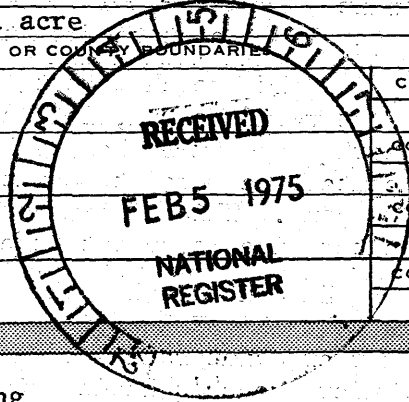
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	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
NW	° ' "	° ' "		°	'	"
NE	° ' "	° ' "		47	57	21
SE	° ' "	° ' "		°	'	"
SW	° ' "	° ' "		93	04	23

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than 1 acre

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Thomas Lutz - Historic Sites Survey and Planning

ORGANIZATION: Minnesota Historical Society DATE: 27 December 1974

STREET AND NUMBER:
Building 25, Fort Snelling

CITY OR TOWN: Saint Paul STATE: Minnesota CODE: 27

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
 Russell W. Fridley
 Title: State Historic Preservation Officer
 Date: 1/12/75

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

Ernest A. Connelley
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 5/12/75
 ATTEST:
Ronald M. Huebner
 Keeper of The National Register
 Date: 5/9/75