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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

Byron Howes House

AND/OR COMMON

Howes-Graus House

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

718 Vermillion Street

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Hastings VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Minnesota

CODE

22

COUNTY

Dakota

CODE

037

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Helen Graus Furber & Helen Furber Jacques

STREET & NUMBER

718 Vermillion Street

CITY, TOWN

Hastings VICINITY OF

STATE

Minnesota

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Dakota County Government Center

STREET & NUMBER

Highway 55

CITY, TOWN

Hastings

STATE

Minnesota

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Hastings Community Survey

DATE

March 1977

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Minnesota Historical Society - Building 25, Fort Snelling

CITY, TOWN

St. Paul

STATE

Minnesota

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Byron Howes House is an excellent example of the towered mode of the Italian Villa style of architecture popularized by Andrew Jackson Downing. The two story house is of wood frame construction with sheathed clapboard siding. It is constructed on an L shaped plan with a tower at the intersection of the L. The third story of the tower is defined by a secondary cornice and paired, round arched, double hung windows.

Decorative brackets appear on the bay windows, porches and roof eaves. The peaked gables are decorated with scroll sawed bargeboards. A porch with beveled columns fronts the residence.

An iron fence set on a low stone base defines the grounds and house. The landscaping of this large corner lot carries out the Downing philosophy of creating a total environment.

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<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 1868-1870-present

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Byron Howes House constructed from 1868-1870, is significant due to its association with one of Hastings earliest and most influential settlers and the architectural style that it represents.

Byron Howes was born in Putnams County, New York on March 9, 1833, He came to Hastings, Minnesota in 1856. He was a banker and established the Farmers and Trades Bank of Hastings in 1872. Howes then went on to become one of the founders and the largest stockholder in the German American Bank of St. Paul, Minnesota.

He held many public offices in the City of Hastings including City Alderman, City Treasurer, Deputy County Treasurer and School Board Treasurer. He died April 6, 1886 at the age of 53.

The home Byron Howes constructed is an excellent example of the Towered mode of the Italian Villa style of architecture popularized by Andrew Jackson Downing. For over a century the house and surrounding grounds have retained their original integrity.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Hastings Gazette newspaper files.
 Dakota County Historical Society.
 Neill, 1881 History of Dakota County.
 Dakota County Assessor's, Government Center, Highway 55, Hastings, Minnesota.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than 1
 UTM REFERENCES

A	1, 5	5, 1, 1, 6, 5, 0	4, 9, 5, 3, 5, 5, 0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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 / TITLE	
Michael Landis/Hazel Jacobsen	
ORGANIZATION	DATE
Minnesota Historical Society/Hastings resident	10 August 1977
STREET & NUMBER	TELEPHONE
Building 25, Fort Snelling/207½ East 2nd Street	612-726-1171
CITY OR TOWN	STATE
St. Paul/Hastings	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 National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE	<i>Russell W. Fridley</i>	DATE	<i>2-2-78</i>
TITLE	Russell W. Fridley		
	State Historic Preservation Officer		

FOR NPS USE ONLY	
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER	
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION	KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER
ATTEST: <i>Catherine H. Cole</i>	DATE: <i>6/15/78</i>
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER	DATE: <i>6-6-78</i>