

<b>Historic Name:</b> George Baslington Farmhouse		<b>County:</b> Goodhue
<b>Common Name:</b> Frank Wobig Farmhouse		<b>Community:</b> Pine Island <i>VIC</i> Township
<b>Owner's Name and Address:</b> Frank and Alice Wobig RFD Zumbrota, MN 55992		<b>Address/<del>Legal Desc.</del>:</b> 1 mile off of Highways 52 and 60, near Pine Island.
<b>Classification:</b>		<b>Acreage:</b>
Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure _____ Object _____ District _____		Less than one acre
<b>Condition:</b>		<b>Verbal Boundary Desc.:</b> Begin at a point 100 ft. west of the Northeast corner of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of sec. 16 T109N, R15W; commence south 150 ft. thence west 125 ft. thence north 150 ft. thence east 125 ft. to beginning.
Excellent _____ Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair _____ Deteriorated _____		
<b>Open to the Public:</b>	<b>Visible from the road:</b>	
Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____	
<b>Occupied:</b>	<b>Present Use:</b>	
Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____	Private residence	
<b>History:</b>		<b>UTM Reference:</b>
<b>Date Constructed:</b> 1850s	<b>Original Owner:</b> George Baslington	15/530240/4899780 Mazepa Quadrangle
<b>Architect/Builder:</b> Unknown	<b>Original Use:</b> Residential	
<b>Description:</b>		<b>Level of Significance:</b>
<p>The George Baslington Farmhouse is located in the east half of the northwest quarter of Section 16 of Pine Island Township, adjacent to the township road.</p> <p>Built around a log cabin of the 1850s, the George Baslington Farmhouse consists of three sections joined together: the original log structure, 1<math>\frac{1}{2}</math> stories tall and measuring 18 by 16 feet; a 1<math>\frac{1}{2}</math> story addition to the south, measuring 16 by 17 feet; and a one-story shed running along the west side, measuring 11 by 22 feet. Both the original section and the south addition have gable roofs that run perpendicular to each other, while the west addition has a shed roof. All three sections of the Farmhouse are sheathed in board-and-batten siding and are painted white. Fenestration of the Farmhouse is irregular, with the original section being two bays wide, while the south and west additions both have single bays (see continuation sheet)</p>		Local <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _____ State _____ Nation _____
<b>Significance:</b>		<b>Status:</b>
<p>The George Baslington Farmhouse is significant as an example of the primitive living conditions of the first generation of settlers in southeastern Minnesota.</p> <p>The George Baslington Farmhouse, with its cramped dimensions, irregular lay-out, and lack of adornment is typical of the first, crude houses that the pioneers erected on their claims. However, unlike most such structures, the Baslington Farmhouse was not replaced in a decade or two by a finer, more commodious building. Instead, its owners improved it slightly by tacking on two, equally-primitive additions over the years. The survival of the Baslington Farmhouse indicates the existence of a sub-strata of less-than-affluent farmers that emerged in the region, interspersed among their more prosperous neighbors. Such relative poverty was usually due either to having poor quality farmland, or to owning unprofitably small holdings, as was the case with the Baslington's 80 acre farm (less than half the average size in the county).</p>		<b>Survey</b> _____ <b>Date</b> _____ <b>Local</b> _____ <b>State</b> _____ <u>5/78</u> <b>Nat'l. Reg.</b> _____ <b>Nat'l. Land.</b> _____ <b>HABS/HAER</b> _____
		<b>Theme/s:</b>
		<b>Primary</b> <u>Agriculture</u> <b>Secondary</b> _____ <b>Other</b> _____
		<b>Local Contact/Org.:</b>
		Mr. and Mrs. W.P. Iwen Pine Island, MN 55963
		<b>Prepared by and date:</b>
		B. Michael Zuckerman July 1978

**Description:**

in each of their exterior walls. Entry to the Farmhouse is through three unadorned doors - two in the east and west sides of the original section, and one in the south wall of the shed.

**Significance:**



United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

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**Note: These changes apply to  
Baslington, George, Farmhouse in  
Goodhue County, Minnesota.**

**REFERENCE NUMBER:** 80002050

**STATE:** MINNESOTA

**COUNTY:** Goodhue

**RESOURCE NAME (HISTORIC):**

**CITY:**

**VICINITY OF:** Pine Island

**ADDRESS:** off U. S. Hwy. 52

**CERTIFICATION DATE:**

**REMOVED DATE:**

**COMMENTS:**

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

JUN 17 1988  
**Date**