

**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 Fawcett, Wilford H., House

and/or common Fawcett House at Breezy Point Resort

2. Location *SE of Pequot Lakes at*

street & number Breezy Point Resort ___ not for publication

city, town *Pequot Lakes via*
Breezy Point ___ vicinity of congressional district **7**

state Minnesota code 22 county Crow Wing code 035

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 type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: resort

4. Owner of Property

name Hopkins House Breezy Point Inc. Attn.: David Gravdahl

street & number

city, town Pequot Lakes ___ vicinity of state Minnesota 56472

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Crow Wing County Courthouse

street & number

city, town Brainerd state Minnesota

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

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Wilford H. ("Captain Billy") Fawcett House is located within Breezy Point Resort, east of Pequot Lakes in the municipality of Breezy Point. It is centrally situated on a point of land at Breezy Point Bay on Big Pelican Lake. The house is built in a "Y" or "butterfly" shape, with the main entrance located in the end facade of the northeast "Y" leg. A wing was added to the original south wing shortly after construction. The entire structure is one story with a fully finished basement level. It is constructed of trimmed and peeled Norway pine logs stained brown on the exterior. At the center of the "Y" is a circular staircase, readily apparent in the complex exterior log configuration, which leads to a "reading balcony" in the main hall. All sections of the house have gable roofs and there is a porch of massive logs at the main entrance. Fenestration consists of leaded glass casement windows in the original "Y" and 9/9 double-hung sash in the added wing. The interior of the original construction is varnished logs; the added wing is plastered and papered. With its log "reading balcony," large stone masonry fireplace, exposed log rafter beams, and wrought iron fixtures, the main hall is the most significant room in the house. The remainder of the house on both levels consists of guest bedrooms in a similar but plainer rustic finish containing many of the original fixtures but few original furnishings. Early in 1979 a fire gutted several rooms in the northwest wing, including Fawcett's original office and bedroom, but the thick log exterior remained untouched. The interior has been restored in a slightly modernized but sympathetic fashion. Otherwise the entire interior and exterior retain almost total integrity.

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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1922-28

Builder/Architect Magney and Tussler, Minneapolis

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Wilford H. ("Captain Billy") Fawcett House is significant both for its association with Captain Billy Fawcett and as a well-designed and crafted and well-preserved example of rustic lodge architecture. In 1918, Fawcett (c1885-1940) produced Captain Billy's Whiz Bang, a joke and story book for soldiers during World War I. Out of the publication of the Whiz Bang he formed Fawcett Publications, Inc., in 1919 at Robbinsdale, a community near Minneapolis. In the mid-1930s Fawcett moved his firm to Connecticut where it has become a major book and magazine publisher. In 1920 he purchased the present Breezy Point property and soon began building cottages and a large log lodge, which has since burned. In the mid-1920s he built the Fawcett House, a private residence within his resort property. It was designed by the prominent Minneapolis architectural firm of Magney and Tusler in a rustic log resort style, providing a seasonal hunting and fishing lodge for Fawcett and private guests. Fawcett himself reportedly participated in the design, being influenced by a Swiss Chateau. The rustic log style had only recently become fashionable, ironically after the demise of local logging. The house is a fine example of the style in a structure which is something of a hybrid version of private house and resort lodge, containing space for about 30 guests.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

for Keeper Melvin Lynn
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Note: These changes apply to
Fawcett, Wilford H., House in
Crow Wing County, Minnesota.

REFERENCE NUMBER: 80002036

STATE: MINNESOTA

COUNTY: Crow Wing

RESOURCE NAME (HISTORIC):

CITY: Breezy Point

VICINITY OF:

ADDRESS: off Co. Hwy. 4

CERTIFICATION DATE:

REMOVED DATE:

COMMENTS: Property is located within city limits of Breezy Point.

Nina M. Archabal

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State Historic Preservation Officer

JUN 17 1988

Date