

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Files of Brown County Historical Society: Early Business
 "History of the Minnesota Valley", p. 559
 Melges Family Correspondence
 "Brown County Journal", 1864-1870
 Brown County Historic Sites Survey, Leota Kellett, 1974

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

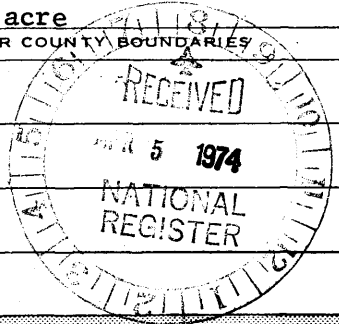
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SE	0 0 0	0 0 0				
SW	0 0 0	0 0 0				

UTM
 15/383770
 4907370
 CD

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **less than one 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:
Henry M. Harren, Survey Analyst

ORGANIZATION: **Minnesota Historical Society** DATE: **March 27, 1974**

STREET AND NUMBER:
Fort Snelling, Building 25

CITY OR TOWN: **St. Paul** STATE: **Minnesota** CODE: **22**

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, Director

Title Minnesota Historical Society

Date March 28, 1974

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

AR Mortenson
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 6/28/74

ATTEST:

Wm J. Hunter
 Keeper of the National Register

Date 6-28-74

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1865 -

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

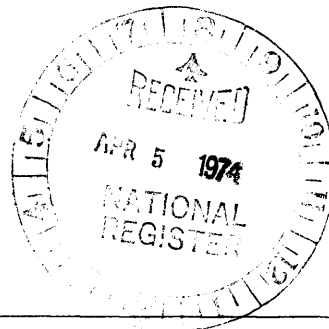
Nineteenth century commercial buildings in the active south-central Minnesota city of New Ulm have with rare exception lost there characteristics during two decades of urban re-development. One of the exceptions is the Melges Bakery Building at the edge of the business district. It is the last remaining 1800 structure on Minnesota Street retaining its integrity.

Prior to the Sioux War of 1862 most buildings in New Ulm were of frame construction. After two battles fought within the streets of the young community only a three block area remained. Henry Spoerhase and John Spenner in 1865 erected on south 63, lot 11, now 213 Minnesota Street to be used as a sausage and meat market. A few months after opening in December of 1965 they sold to Francis Erd and the market was renamed the "Chicago Meat Market". It survived less than a year for before the end of 1866 the property was sold to Frederick G. Melges.

Melges converted the use to a bakery, erected an addition to house his oven and baking equipment in 1871 and operated the business until 1891. The property remained in the family until 1919. His son Julius continued the business until 1894. William Eibner and Isadore Heinen operated the bakery from 1894 to 1903 and F.G. Heinze until it closed in 1919.

It was used as a residence by the August Pufahl family for 51 years and has been vacant for several years.

The Brown County Historical Society following res riation and stablization of the building is developing plans to restore the nineteenth century bakery operation of the Melges family. Period bakery items would be produced on occasion by the society and other organizations in the community.



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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)

Altered Unaltered

(Check One)

Moved Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Melges Bakery building is structurally unchanged from original design and configuration and is 35' wide and 30' deep. The south section was built in 1865 and the north addition in 1871. The whole is of the same brick manufactured from local clay by Otto Vill and is original. The mellowed brick has a soft pink-beige tone and is generally sound needing replacement in several small areas.

Identically designed curved brick arches over the center doorway and windows on either side of the original 1865 section constitute one of the structures prime architectural features.

Essentially the Melges Bakery Building is an original building in all details; of simple design, but representative of such structures once seen in communities everywhere. The brickwork details are offset in design and the cut sections of brick are varied which creates a very harmonious pleasing appearance.

A small frame lean-to was added to the rear of the building shortly after 1900.

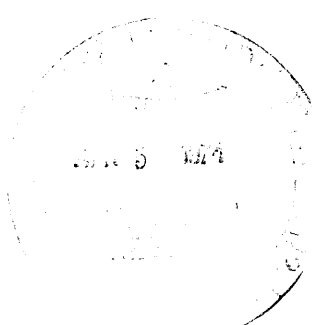
From the front, the building has a flat roof appearance as conveyed by a built up false front. Originally this was an unbroken line across the front facade but the cyclone of 1881 damaged the south half and it was repaired by a stepped-upped design to the roof ridge. It is not planned to restore the original line as historically the change is part of the building's past.

The interior has been divided into three small rooms in the addition and two in the original. A doorway through the north wall of the original connects the two. Research to date indicates the rooms were part of the original plan.

Windows flanking the front door were six over six paned. Some are still intact. Walls, woodwork and flooring are all original.

The Brown County Historical Society has acquired the building. The society plans to preserve the structure and have secured matching brick to replace where needed. The minor alterations that occurred through the years will be removed and restored to original. Window panes will be restored to match those remaining intact. The oven formerly housed in the north addition will be reconstructed with the assistance of the individual who directed its removal.

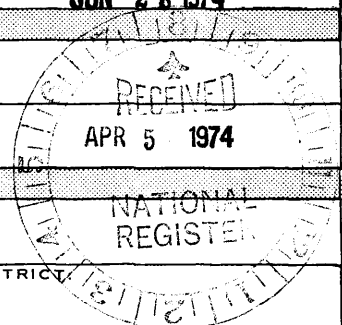
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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Minnesota
COUNTY:	Brown
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY DATE	JUN 28 1974



1. NAME

COMMON:
Melges Bakery

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
213 South Minnesota Street

CITY OR TOWN:
New Ulm

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
Second

STATE:
Minnesota

CODE:
22

COUNTY:
Brown

CODE:
015

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>vacant</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comments <u>to be restored and used by County Hist. Soc.</u>

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Brown County Historical Society

STREET AND NUMBER:
Historical Museum

CITY OR TOWN:
New Ulm

STATE:
Minnesota

CODE:
22

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER:
State and Center

CITY OR TOWN:
New Ulm

STATE:
Minnesota

CODE:
22

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Minnesota Historical Society

DATE OF SURVEY: February, 1974
 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Minnesota Historical Society

STREET AND NUMBER:
690 Cedar Street

CITY OR TOWN:
St. Paul

STATE:
Minnesota

CODE:
22

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