

DATA SHEET

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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:	Olmsted
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ENTRY DATE	MAY 12 1975

1. NAME

COMMON: Dodge Farm *use*

AND/OR HISTORIC: George Stoppel/Dodge Farm

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: *S of Rochester*
Section 4, Cascade Township

CITY OR TOWN: Rochester *mn.* CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: First

STATE: Minnesota CODE: 22 COUNTY: Olmsted CODE: 109

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>vacant</u>

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Dr. Henry W. Dodge, Jr.

STREET AND NUMBER: 9201 Sunset Blvd., Suite 809

CITY OR TOWN: Los Angeles STATE: California

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER: Second Street Southwest

CITY OR TOWN: Rochester STATE: Minnesota CODE: 22

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

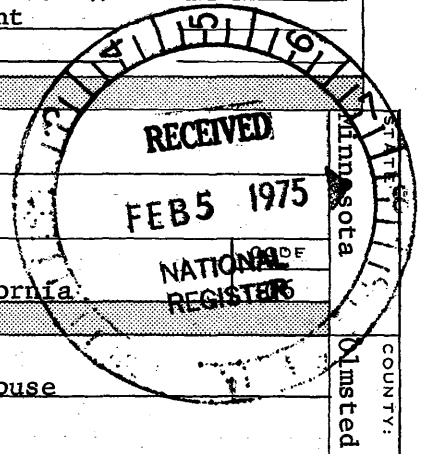
TITLE OF SURVEY: Olmsted County Historical Society Survey/Statewide Historic Sites Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1970/1971 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Minnesota Historical Society

STREET AND NUMBER: Building 25, Fort Snelling

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



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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(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 George Stoppel/Dodge Farm includes three buildings; a house, a utility shed, and a barn. The overall condition of these buildings varies from good to fair. There is some isolated deterioration from time and weathering in all three buildings. All buildings are on their original sites. The land on which the buildings stand is rolling and cleared of timber except for a small stand near the buildings.

The farm house (c. 1861) was originally a two and one half story coursed ashlar salt box or "lean-to" with an attached single story wing with gable roof. An 1874 Lithograph (A. T. Andreas' Illustrated Historical Atlas of Minnesota, 1874; p. 121.) suggests that this house was very plain; decorative trim was limited to an ashlar band course on the front facade, wide ashlar sills and headers for the windows and doors, and ornamental caps for the three end headers for the windows and doors, and ornamental caps for the three end chimneys. A comparison of this lithograph with the house's present appearance indicates four or five exterior alterations. Three of these involve porch changes, a fourth involves the elimination of the end chimneys, and the fifth -- of a major nature -- involves the raising of the west or lean-to roof.

The farm house dimensions are 31' by 50'. There is a full basement below the main portion of the house which measures 31' by 32'. On the exterior of the west side of the basement wall is an attached 8' by 12' vaulted room. An outside cellar door in the southeast corner and two windows on the east wall appear to be original. A supporting wall, running north-south, appears to be a later addition and it divides the basement into two rooms.

In all likelihood the first floor originally consisted of five rooms; two bedrooms, a parlor, and a dining room in the main portion and a kitchen in the attached wing to the south. Traditionally this style house had a central fireplace and staircase immediately off the front door. However, in the 19th century, the fireplace gave way to parlor stoves with end chimneys. Within this house it would appear that the central staircase idea was used originally but was replaced by a chimney when the furnace and central heating became popular.

This change, along with the raising of the lean-to roof, permitted the division of the original first floor rooms. There are now six rooms and an enclosed staircase in the main portion of the house; the kitchen is still in the attached wing. First level floors and trim were and remain wood. Walls and ceilings are still the original plaster and lathe.

The original second floor was divided into a north and south bedroom, and a central stair landing with steps to the attic or half story and steps to the first floor. Roof changes allowed the addition of one bedroom, one storeroom, and a hallway. The old central stair landing is now a badly cramped storage area with a chimney in the center. Like the first floor, the walls and ceilings are still plaster and lathe; trim and flooring are still wood.

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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) **1860-present**

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 type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | Immigration and Settlement. |
| <input checked="" 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 | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The significance of this proposed district lies in its building architecture, use and arrangement. The following must be considered factors in a determination of the district's significance: (1) the importance of farming and its role in the state's political, social, and economic history; (2) a lack of interpretation of this history in the form of a "farm unit" consisting of buildings, machinery, crops, stock, and live activities; (3) the use of such a farm unit in the program of the Olmsted County Historical Society; (4) the predicted urbanization of the township where this district is located -- as well as other townships in Olmsted County -- and the subsequent decline of farming in Olmsted County. site

First, this combination of three relatively unaltered farm buildings on original locations and of the same time period is a unique one in the county. Second, the farm house is a two and one half story native limestone lean-to salt box, a good example of a particular design and material that is unique for this period in Minnesota. Published documentation on surviving houses of architectural significance in Minnesota have not recorded similar homes; most are Greek Revival, Victorian Gothic, Bracketed Italian or combinations and transitions of these three. was (dj)

The two story utility shed with its double smokehouse and cupola stands perhaps as a surviving example, if not an oddity, of architectural significance. Nothing has been found in Olmsted County that matches this structure; it is unlikely that another will be found in southern Minnesota.

In regard to the history of farming, this district exemplifies a story repeated time and again in Minnesota. The story is of land being preempted in the mid-1850s by a young immigrant who, although trained as a skilled craftsman in the old country, (in this case coopering) decides to chance farming based on the availability of land. It is a story of an immigrant who cannot speak the English language fluently or write it, yet manages to contribute to the growth of the county and state. It is the story of an immigrant who had, by 1874, put his land under "a high state of cultivation and erected excellent buildings of all kinds." This district is significant because here we have a good portion of the visual aspect of this story in its natural and original setting. In Minnesota we have seen efforts for pieces of this type of farm preservation but mostly we have seen concentration on single

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Andreas, Illustrated 1874 Atlas of Minnesota.

Leonard, Joseph, History of Olmsted County, (Chicago:1910).

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Mrs. Ralph Stoppel; Family history.

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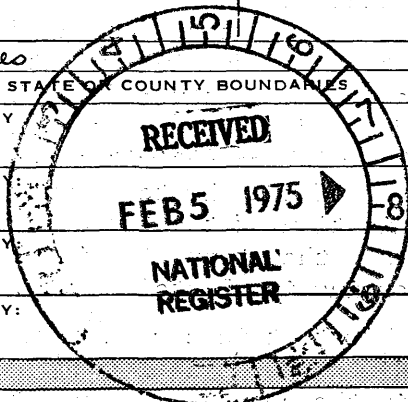
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 42 acres

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

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: George Tyrrell, Jr.; Olmsted County Historical Society/Lynne VanBrocklin,

ORGANIZATION: Minnesota Historical Society DATE: 1970/

Olmsted County Historical Society/Minnesota Historical November 1974

STREET AND NUMBER: Society

214 Third Ave. S.W. Box. 976/Building 25, Fort Snelling

CITY OR TOWN: Rochester/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
 Title: State Historic Preservation Officer
 Date: 1/12/75

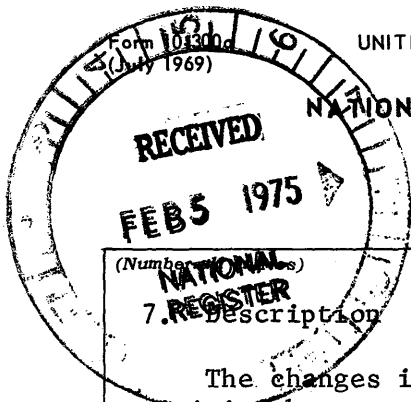
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

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

Date: 5/12/75

ATTEST:
Ronald M. Hunberg
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: 5/19/75



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The changes in the west roof line have created more attic space. The division between the old room and the newer portion is marked by old rafters complete with wood shingles. An opening has been cut between the old rafters which serves as a door between the two sections. In the old area portions of the ceiling and walls are finished off with plaster or lathe and plaster. The new area is not finished and it has exposed studs, plates, and rafters. Joists of the attic flooring are still laid directly into the ashlar walls as they are for other house flooring. Small windows on the north and south ends of the older half story provide light.

Located 32' straight west of the farm house is a two story ashlar and frame utility shed. Overall dimensions are 18' by 48'. This shed is built into the side of a hill and the pin frame construction is covered with vertical board and batten siding.

It appears unlikely that this unique building has been altered a great deal. Beginning with the south end of the lower level there is an 8' by 8' attached privy. Next to the privy, and in the middle of the shed, there is a large dirt floor storage area. This room's double doorway suggests that it could have been used for vehicles or machinery.

The second level of the utility shed is divided into two rooms. The frame construction rests on plates and joists laid directly into the ashlar foundation walls. The larger of the two rooms has two doors that open on the elevation of the hill's side. Also within this room is an open staircase to the cupola tower and a door to a smaller north room.

The north room of the second level is finished off with plaster and lathe. Since there is an access off this room, leading to the large smokehouse chimney, it is likely that it was used for processing meats.

The utility shed's gable roof is covered with wood shingles and crowned with a towering cupola that seems out of place with the austere farm house and shed. Projecting slightly above this roof, and on the north end, is the acute hipped roof of the smokehouse chimney.

Sixty-five feet north of the house is a 50' by 100' ashlar and pin frame barn. Preliminary evidence indicates that about 30' has been added to the length of the barn. Aside from this addition, and the removal of lightning rods, wind vane, and cupola, the barn appears identical to the one pictured in the 1874 lithograph.

Doors on the ground level, both the east side and the west side, provide entrance to the barn's basement or lower floor. This level is divided into stalls and pens for livestock. The basement concept is not unusual but something generally accepted where the terrain would allow this type of barn construction.

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The west portion of the upper floor is divided into granaries with the remaining space on the east end used for hay and straw. There are two large sliding doors on both ends providing easy access for vehicles and implements. Both doors have small double skylights above them. The 1874 lithograph indicates board and batten siding and a gable roof with wood shingles which this barn still has. Construction or design of the pin frame bents appear original for the gable roof.

8. Significance

family dwellings and/or fortifications.

In considering the significance of this proposed district it should not be overlooked that the growth of Rochester will tend to urbanize many of our townships. In this process we will lose many of the existing farms and farm buildings in Olmsted County. The probabilities of a good portion of Olmsted County becoming housing and industrial developments is good. In this sense, one of long range planning, the district with its buildings and open space becomes significant to insure preservation and open space. In fact, much of the neighboring land of this proposed historical district is already pocketed with suburban homes.

