

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Minnesota	
COUNTY: Lake of the Woods	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER FEB 23 1973	DATE



1. NAME

COMMON:
Northwest Point

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Northwest Angle

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Section 15, T 168 N, R 35 W

CITY OR TOWN:
Northwest of Angle Inlet

STATE: **Minnesota** CODE: **23** COUNTY: **Lake of the Woods** CODE: **077**

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
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) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not in use

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:
Mr. Jeffrey M. Baldwin

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: **Swift** STATE: **Minnesota** CODE: **23**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Lake of the Woods County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: **Baudette** STATE: **Minnesota** CODE: **23**

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **122**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
None

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)				
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)	
	Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/>	
			Moved <input type="checkbox"/>		Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Northwest Point consists of Government lots 1, 2, 3, and 6; Section 15, T 168 N, R 35 W, Lake of the Woods County. The boundary of the tract is as follows:

Beginning at a point where the International boundary between the United States and Canada intersects with the north bank of Harrison Creek; thence north along said international boundary 4,410.12 feet to the shore of Lake of the Woods (49° 23' 04" N.L.); thence along said shoreline to the mouth of Harrison Creek; thence southwesterly along the north bank of said creek to the point of beginning containing 122.30 acres more or less.

Historically the area of the Northwest angle and northwest point has been lowland and swamp. The bedrock of the area at the angle is granite, and is thinly overlain by glacial and lacustrine deposits. The original township survey map (1892-1903) shows the entire area of the point as swamp.

In the early twentieth century the construction of a dam at Kenora at the inlet of Lake of the Woods caused the rising of the water level and flooded land which once was not originally under water.

Northwest point is presently marsh and submerged marsh with a small portion of deciduous woods and brushwood at the south along Harrison Creek. At least fourteen cellar depressions of buildings that must have comprised the heart of the settlement of Nor'west Angle exist on the level creek side. The ruts of the Dawson Road are still discernible along Harrison Creek, the road grade becoming more and more clearly defined as the trail passes from field to forest.



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8. SIGNIFICANCE

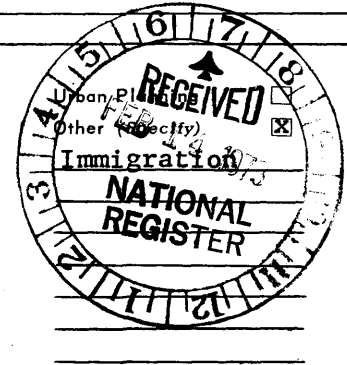
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|----------------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| Aboriginal | Education | <input type="checkbox"/> | Political | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/> | Engineering | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Religion/Phi- | |
| Historic <input type="checkbox"/> | Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> | losophy | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> | Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> | Science | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| Commerce <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> | Social/Human- | |
| Communications <input type="checkbox"/> | Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> | itarian | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Conservation <input type="checkbox"/> | Military | <input type="checkbox"/> | Theater | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Music | <input type="checkbox"/> | Transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> |



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

Following the War of 1812, the Treaty of Ghent called for a commis-
 sion to reconcile the conflicting British and American land claims in
 the area between Lake Huron and Lake Superior, to the most "northwestern
point of Lake of the Woods". In 1818 diplomats settled this western
 line, adopting the 49th parallel, then the southern boundary claimed
 by the Hudson's Bay Company, as the boundary as far west as the Rockies.
 The Treaty of Paris, 1783, drew the line due west from Lake of the
 Woods to the Mississippi River. Since this was geographically
 impossible, the convention of 1818 decided upon a simple solution (one
 that had been discussed in earlier negotiations) namely, to run a
 line due south from the northwest point of Lake of the Woods to the
 49th parallel.

This action was decisive. Apart from the important matter of
 fixing the long line westward, the agreement of 1818 gave to the
 United States that curious projection of land known as the Northwest
 Angle -- American territory separated from the rest of the land area
 of the United States by Buffalo Bay, a southwestern arm of the Lake
 of the Woods. Agents of both governments were sent out to mark and
 map this line and finally completed their work and submitted finished
 maps in 1824. The Treaty of Ghent also required that the reports of
 these commissioners be referred to some friendly sovereign or state as
 a final umpire, but this was never done.

In 1870 a corps of surveying engineers at Pembina discovered that
 the supposed line was really more than 4600 feet south of the true
 line. Some believe that the reason for this was that the boundary
 was never marked in 1824 at all. In 1872 a new commission was set up
 to mark the international boundary. At this time it was discovered
 by the Canadian commissioner that the landing stage for the boats
 running on Lake of the Woods, a Hudson's Bay Post, and a half a mile
 of the Dawson Road lay within the boundaries of the United States.
 Also located within the area under question was the Canadian village
 of Nor'west Angle. This village was born of the fear by the Canadian
 government that the isolation of the Red River Colony would lead to
 its annexation by the Unites States. The colony was being forced to
 look to United States territories for its needs and commerce. Out
 of this concern developed the Dawson Road (1870) which ran from Fort
 William on Lake Superior to Fort Garry. This route soon became the
 most heavily used into the expanding Canadian West. From Lake Superior
 to the Northwest Angle this passage was primarily a water route. At

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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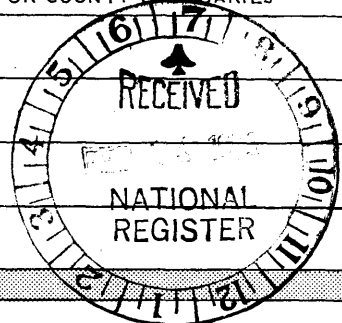
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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	49° 23' 04"	95° 08' 33"		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	49° 23' 04"	95° 08' 03"				
SE	49° 22' 09"	95° 08' 33"				
SW	49° 22' 09"	95° 08' 03"				

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:
Diana Mitchell, Survey & Planning

ORGANIZATION: **Minnesota Historical Society** DATE: **January 29, 1973**

STREET AND NUMBER:
Building 25, Fort Snelling

CITY OR TOWN: **St. Paul** STATE: **Minnesota 55111** CODE: **023**

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 Director, Minnesota Historical Society

Date Feb 8, 1973

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

Robert M. Utley
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 2/23/73

ATTEST:
J. Bradford
Keeper of The National Register

Date 2/23/73

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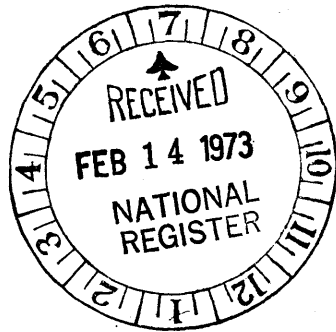
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8. Significance

the Northwest Point, the water-borne freight, mail and passengers were loaded into carts and stage for the last lap over the Dawson Road to Ste. Anne des Chenes. It was at this focal transfer point at the mouth of Harrison Creek, that the town of Nor'west Angle grew up. Tradition says that at the height of its brief and uncertain glory, Nor'west Angle had a population of around five hundred people, including personnel connected with traffic along the Dawson Road, Hudson's Bay Company men associated with the fur trade, mixed-breeds, and Indians.

But despite the efforts of Canadian commissioners to secure this point where their interests had already a great foothold, the 1818 boundary was officially adapted in 1874, and what some Canadians call the "incredible bungle" on the international boundary remains.



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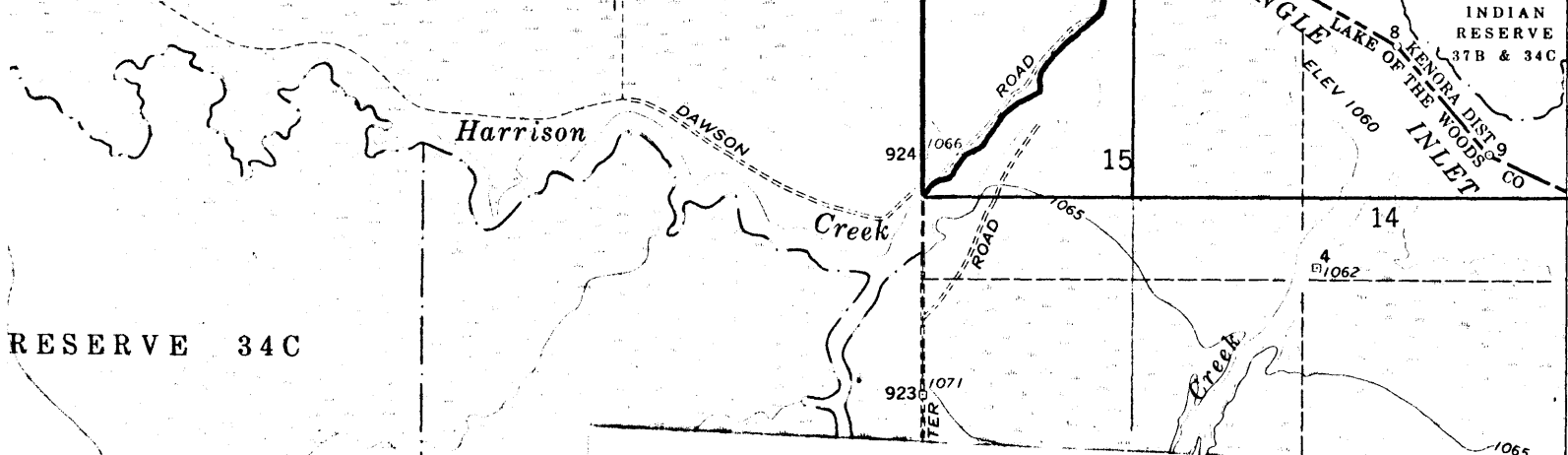
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ANGLE INLET SW QUADRANGLE
MINNESOTA-MANITOBA-ONTARIO
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STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

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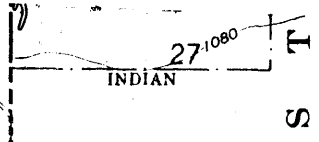
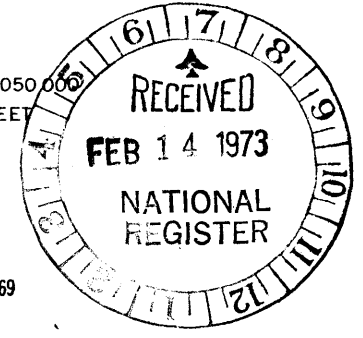


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INDIAN

USGS 7.5 Quadrangle
Angle Inlet SW, Minn.-Man.-Ont. (1967)
Northwest Point

Latitude	Longitude
NW 49° 23' 04"	95° 08' 33"
NE 49° 23' 04"	95° 08' 03"
SE 49° 22' 09"	95° 08' 33"
SW 49° 22' 09"	95° 08' 03"



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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY MAP FORM**

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1. NAME			
COMMON: Northwest Point			
AND/OR HISTORIC: Northwest Angle			
2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: Section 15, T 168 N, R 35 W			
CITY OR TOWN: Northwest of Angle Inlet			
STATE: Minnesota	CODE 23	COUNTY Lake of the Woods	CODE 077
3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE: U.S.G.S. 7.5 Quadrangle Angle Inlet SW, Minn.-Man.-Ont.			
SCALE: 1:24000			
DATE: 1967			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			

