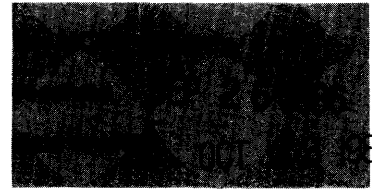


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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Hemmelberg, William, House

and/or common Stone House

2. Location

street & number County Highways 26 and 37 N/A not for publication

city, town Elba Township N/A vicinity of Elba congressional district N/A

state Minnesota code 22 county Winona code 169

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	N/A being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name State of Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

street & number 500 Lafayette Road Attn: Commissioner Joseph N. Alexander

city, town St. Paul N/A vicinity of state Minnesota 55146

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Winona County Courthouse - Recorder's Office

street & number West 3rd Street

city, town Winona state Minnesota

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Statewide Survey of Historic Resources has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1974-1975; August 1981 federal state county local

depository for survey records Minnesota Historical Society - Fort Snelling History Center

city, town St. Paul state Minnesota

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date <u>N/A</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The William Hemmelberg House lies cradled in the valley of the Whitewater Recreation Area, at the junction of County Roads 26 and 37, in Elba Township.

The two storey house is constructed of native limestone. The ell shape plan was formed when an addition was made to the original building. The northerly portion was constructed about 1858, and an addition, about twelve years later, was made to the south. The earlier section rests upon a cellar with a mortar floor, while the addition sits directly upon a shallow rubble stone foundation. A one storey frame porch, added well after the turn of the century, is located where the two sections join. Both entries into the house (one from each section) converge unto the porch. Window openings are rectangular with very substantial stone lintels and sills. Sashes vary; two over two and six over six, all set into wooden frames. None of the sashes appear original. The house is capped by an intersecting gable roof.

The interior space is composed of six rooms. The earlier portion features four rooms, with original access to the two upper rooms via a ladder. The 1870s addition features a kitchen with a large single chamber above. It is not known how this chamber was originally divided. A stairway to the upper floor is accessed from the kitchen. All of the original plaster has been replaced with wallboard but much of the original woodwork is intact. The woodwork in the kitchen has a low moulded profile, typical of the style used in the 1870s. Original flooring is wide pine, covered on the main floor by narrow maple boards. The house is electrified but has yet to receive modern plumbing.

Alterations to the exterior include the infilling or altering of windows: one window overlooking the porch is infilled with wood; a doorway on the south facade, which originally was a window, has been reconverted but the modern sash is inappropriate; areas on the north and west facades show shadowings which may indicate earlier openings. These openings are infilled with limestone. A door on the west facade of the earlier portion has been infilled with limestone, leaving only the stone lintel.

The building is in fair condition. Some areas of the stone need tuckpointing. The southwest corner has experienced serious settling caused by a weakening of the foundation during an attempt to dig a cistern about 1930.

Outbuildings on the property include a cement block garage, c. 1930, in very poor condition and a frame outhouse.

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates c. 1858, c. 1870 **Builder/Architect** Attributed: Wm. Hemmelberg

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The William Hemmelberg House is significant as a surviving architectural artifact associated with settlement of the Whitewater area in Winona County. William Hemmelberg was one of the first to settle in Elba Township. Arriving in May, 1855 with his wife Catherine Klein Hemmelberg whom he had married one month earlier, Hemmelberg immediately made claim to 160 acres of government land lying in portions of sections 10 and 11. Born in Wesel, Prussia in 1830 to agrarian parents, Hemmelberg spent his formative years working the family farm. He emigrated to the United States when he was 21 years old, settling in Erie County, New York. Hemmelberg apparently traveled to Winona County prior to his marriage and selected the site for their future home. After their arrival, Catherine, a native of Buffalo, New York, found the life of a pioneer wife very lonely and returned after three months to her home in the east. She returned one year later bringing with her several members of her family who immediately settled nearby. The newlyweds originally lived in a log cabin but, about 1858, Hemmelberg built his stone house. An addition almost equal in size to the original house was made about twelve years later. The Hemmelbergs farmed their land until about 1900 when they retired to a home in nearby Elba. William Hemmelberg constructed his stone house from materials readily at hand. Apparently others did also, for according to an article in the Winona Daily News, stone was used to build about a dozen houses in the Whitewater area. The Hemmelberg House is the only stone house to survive intact. The William Hemmelberg House represents a physical remnant of the spirit of the pioneers who carved their existence out of what was available and learned to live in harmony with their environment.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Curtiss-Wedge, Franklyn, ed. The History of Winona County, Minnesota. Chicago: H. C. Cooper & Co., 1913.
History of Winona County. Chicago: H. H. Hill & Co., 1883.
 "State to Preserve Old Stone House," Winona Daily News, March 13, 1959.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 2.8 acres

Quadrangle name Altura

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

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List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N/A code N/A county N/A code N/A

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date March 1984

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state Minnesota

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Russell W. Fridley

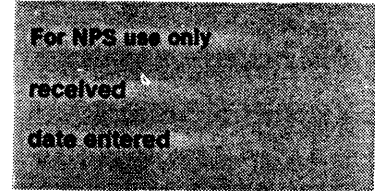
title Russell W. Fridley, State Historic Preservation Officer date 9/19/86

For HCRS use only	
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register	entered in the National Register
<u>[Signature]</u>	date <u>10-23-86</u>
Keeper of the National Register	
Attest:	date
Chief of Registration	

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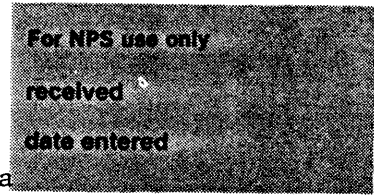
The William Hemmelberg House Nomination contains 1 contributing building: House.

The nomination contains 2 non-contributing buildings: garage and outhouse.

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Beginning at a point 400 feet west of the southwest corner of the intersection of County Highways 26 and 37; thence proceeding due south along a straight line a distance of 300 feet; thence proceeding due west along a straight line a distance of 400 feet; thence proceeding due north along a straight line a distance of 325 feet; thence proceeding due east along the southern edge of County Highway 26 a distance of 400 feet to the point of beginning.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

for Keeper Melony Lynn
11/19/89

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**Note: These changes apply to
Hemmelberg, William, House in
Winona County, Minnesota.**

REFERENCE NUMBER: 86002916

STATE: MINNESOTA

COUNTY: Winona

RESOURCE NAME (HISTORIC):

CITY:

VICINITY OF:

ADDRESS: Co. Hwys. 26 and 37

CERTIFICATION DATE:

REMOVED DATE:

COMMENTS:

Nina M. Archabal

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

JUN 17 1988

Date