

HISTORIC NAME: Needham-Hayes House

COUNTY: LeSueur

CURRENT NAME:

CITY/TWP.: Ottawa LeSueur vic

LEGAL DESC.: The west 170 feet of lot 20, Auditors'
Subdivision, OttawaADDRESS:
Ottawa

CLASSIFICATION:	CONDITION:	SIGNIFICANCE:	THEME/S:
Building <u>X</u>	Excellent _____	Local <u>X</u>	Primary <u>Settlement</u>
Structure _____	Good <u>X</u>	State _____	Secondary <u>Architecture</u>
Object _____	Fair _____	National _____	Others <u>Agriculture</u>
District _____	Deteriorated _____		

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Yes _____ No X Restricted _____
 VISIBLE FROM THE ROAD: Yes X No _____
 OCCUPIED: Yes X No _____

PRESENT USE:
Residence

DATE CONSTRUCTED: c.1880

ORIGINAL USE: Residence

ORIGINAL OWNER: Charles Needham

ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: James N. Hayes
Rt. 1
LeSueur, MN 56058ACREAGE: Less than one acre XLOCAL CONTACT/ORG.: LeSueur County Historical Society
Elysian, MN 56028

UTM REFERENCE:

LeSueur Quad.

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DESCRIPTION:

The Needham-Hayes House is located east of the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad and off of County Road 23 on the eastern side of the unincorporated village of Ottawa. The house sits back from the road in the midst of cultivated fields and faces the railroad tracks.

The two story c. 1870 house is constructed of locally quarried Ottawa stone and veneered with red brick. Heavy stone corner quoins and sills and lintels contrast with the red brick. The house is basically T-shaped with a one bay central pavilion facing the tracks. The front entry occupies the first floor of the pavilion and is framed by side and transom lights. A pair of tall narrow double hung windows are located above the doorway. The remaining windows in the house are similar but arranged singly. A truncated hip roof with overhanging eaves caps the building. Interior end chimneys are located on the north, south, and east ends of the building. A covered entry porch with sawn woodwork is located on the south side of the rear (east) part of the house. An additional doorway is located on the east end of the house.

A two-room brick smokehouse/storage shed (c. 1870) is located immediately to the east of the house.

The house is in an excellent state of preservation. Exterior alterations are limited to window sash replacement. The interior has been remodeled, but the basic floorplan remains intact.

SIGNIFICANCE:

The Needham-Hayes House is significant for its distinctive scale and design among the domestic building stock of LeSueur County. The house utilizes local stone and brick in a highly Eclectic design incorporating classical design features. It was constructed c. 1870 by Charles Needham, who settled in Ottawa shortly after the town had been platted, opened a general store in 1860, and carried on a prosperous business for thirty years. In addition to being a prominent local merchant, Needham was a large land holder and post master for the village. In 1907 James N. Hayes, the son of another early settler, purchased the property and engaged in farming there. Hayes family descendents continue to reside in the house.

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United States Department of the Interior
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**Note: These changes apply to
Needham-Hayes House in LeSueur
County, Minnesota.**

REFERENCE NUMBER: 82004698

STATE: MINNESOTA

COUNTY: LeSueur

RESOURCE NAME (HISTORIC):

CITY:

VICINITY OF: LeSueur

ADDRESS: off Railroad St.

CERTIFICATION DATE:

REMOVED DATE:

COMMENTS:

Nina M. Archabal

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State Historic Preservation Officer

JUN 17 1988

Date