

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC  
Pest House  
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

*N of Stillwater at*  
STREET & NUMBER  
9033 Fairy Falls Road  
CITY, TOWN  
Stillwater *Mc.* VICINITY OF First  
STATE Minnesota CODE 22 COUNTY Washington CODE 163

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" 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	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME  
Rex & Wendy Perry  
STREET & NUMBER  
9033 Fairy Falls Road  
CITY, TOWN  
Stillwater VICINITY OF Minnesota

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.  
Washington County Courthouse  
STREET & NUMBER  
14900 North 61st Street  
CITY, TOWN  
Stillwater STATE  
Minnesota

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE  
St. Croix National Scenic Riverway Survey of Historic Structures  
DATE  
June 1976  FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL  
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS  
Minnesota Historical Society/Bldg. 25 Fort Snelling  
CITY, TOWN  
St. Paul STATE  
Minnesota

# 7 DESCRIPTION

## CONDITION

EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR  
 DETERIORATED  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Pest House is located in what is now a residential neighborhood just north of the Stillwater city limits. It is a wood frame building, one storey in height with clapboard siding and a gable roof. The original Pest House, built in 1872, had a rectangular plan with three rooms. After it became a private residence, additions were made to the north end of the house so that it now has an L-shaped plan. An enclosed porch was also added to the east side of the house. The original portion of the house has a stone foundation. The additions have cement block as a foundation material. The north-south axis of the building is roofed in tin, and the east-west axis is shingled.

Not included in the nomination are a barn and shed located to the east of the house.

# 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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Health Care

SPECIFIC DATES ca. 1872

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Pest House is significant as a community institution used in the late 19th and early 20th centuries to control the spread of communicable diseases.

In 1871 a Board of Health was appointed by the city council of Stillwater. Among its duties was the taking of necessary measures to prevent the introduction and spread of infectious or contagious diseases and to provide for and enforce the removal of persons afflicted with any contagious disease to such place as they may think necessary and to establish at public expense a pest house. Every such case was to be reported to the city council at the next regular meeting with a statement of expenses.

The city of Stillwater bought property for the Pest House in 1872 outside the city limits on a hill which was later to be called Pest House Hill. The Pest House was used mostly to control smallpox but was also used for epidemics of scarlet fever, typhoid, and diphtheria.

The Pest House was owned and maintained by the city until 1910. At this time contagious diseases were generally treated in the hospital. The Pest House was sold and subsequently used as a residence with additions being made to the original rectangular plan. At present it is a private residence, having been purchased by its owners in 1967.

