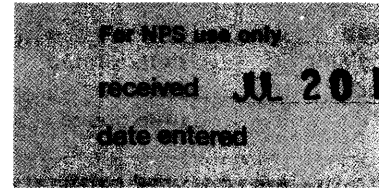


United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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 W.R. Wolf House

and/or common N/A

2. Location

street & number 522 2nd Avenue NE N/A not for publication

city, town Waseca N/A vicinity of ~~congressional district~~ N/A

state Minnesota code 22 county Waseca code 161

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private | <input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied | <input type="checkbox"/> commercial |
| <input type="checkbox"/> structure | <input type="checkbox"/> both | <input type="checkbox"/> work in progress | <input type="checkbox"/> educational |
| <input type="checkbox"/> site | Public Acquisition | Accessible | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object | <u>N/A</u> in process | <input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted | <input type="checkbox"/> government |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> being considered | <input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted | <input type="checkbox"/> industrial |
| | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no | <input type="checkbox"/> military |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> museum |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> park |
| | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> religious |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> scientific |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> other: |

4. Owner of Property

name Allen E. Wolf

street & number 522 2nd Avenue NE

city, town Waseca N/A vicinity of state Minnesota

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Registry of Deeds -- Waseca County Courthouse

street & number 307 North State Street

city, town Waseca state Minnesota

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Minnesota Historic Sites Survey has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 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 excellent good fair deteriorated ruins unexposed**Check one** unaltered altered**Check one** original site moved

date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The W.R. Wolf House is located at 522 Second Avenue N.E. in Waseca, Minnesota. It is typical of houses built by Waseca merchants around the turn of the century.

The two and one-half story clapboard sheathed house is a relatively simplified Queen Anne style. It is asymmetrical in composition with a square tower on the northwest corner. The foundation is stone.

There is a front porch with a pediment over the steps, round columns with Ionic capitals, and turned balusters. A transom is over the front entry.

The roofline has four gables, one on each side; the gables on the east, north and west sides each have an eyebrow window with bead-like detailing. Modillions and dentils are under the roofline of the porch and above the first floor tower window.

The tower has a carved band in a leaf motif above the second floor, and modillions under the roofline, capped by a pyramidal roof and spire. The windows are simple double hung sash with single upper and lower lights. A porch on the east facade, originally open, has been screened in. The front porch originally wrapped around to the east side, however that part has been removed.

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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 | | |

Specific dates ca. 1895 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

As in the other larger towns in south central Minnesota, the presence of significant commercial and industrial activity in Waseca produced several larger residences around the turn of the century. In Waseca, these residences are scattered throughout the northeast quarter of the town; bounded on the south by the Winona and St. Peter Railroad tracks (now Chicago & Northwestern) and on the west by the Minneapolis & St. Louis Railway tracks (now Chicago & Northwestern). This location allowed the residents of this part of town to reach the commercial sector without crossing railroad tracks, an important factor in a busy railroad town without a viaduct.

Of the homes in this sector, the W.R. Wolf House is the best preserved and the foremost example of the type of residence erected by a mercantile family. It is also the best example of Queen Anne architecture in the city.

W.R. Wolf had served as president of the Minnesota Retail Grocers Association, city alderman, member of the Park Board and director of Farmer's National Bank. He entered partnership with his brother-in-law, Henry Habein, in 1892, opening their first store in Waseca. Starting with groceries, they eventually added shoes, dry goods and "ready-to-wear" items. Their innovative and ambitious marketing techniques were successful and soon compelled Wolf & Habein to open other family operated stores in Fairmont, Blue Earth, and Bricelyn. Wolf was a 60-year veteran of Main Street and all his children participated in the family-owned business.

In 1982, the house is occupied by Allen Wolf, W.R.'s son, who conscientiously maintains the integrity of the interior and exterior of the structure.

9. Major Bibliographical References

William R. Wolf Obituary, Waseca Journal-Herald, Nov. 2, 1956.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than 1 acre

Quadrangle name Waseca Quad. Minn.-Waseca Co.

Quadrangle scale 7.5

UMT References

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| A | <u>115</u> | <u>459940</u> | <u>4880460</u> |
| Zone | Easting | Northing | |

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| B | | | |
| Zone | Easting | Northing | |

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| G | | | |
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| H | | | |
| Zone | Easting | Northing | |

Verbal boundary description and justification

The east half of lot 5 and all of lot 6, block 3, First Addition
To Waseca.

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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| state | N/A | code | N/A | county | N/A | code | N/A |
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Peggy Korsmo-Kennon, Director; Jan Brown, Curator

organization Waseca County Historical Society

date May 1, 1982

street & number P.O. Box 314

telephone 507-835-7700

city or town Waseca

state Minnesota 56093

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 National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Russell W. Fridley

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date

7/9/82

For NPS use only

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

Ann M. Dwyer

date

8-21-82

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

Emma Jean Saxe

date

8-23-82

Chief of Registration

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

for Keeper Melony Lynn
1/19/89

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**Note: These changes apply to
Wolf, W. R., House in Waseca
County, Minnesota.**

REFERENCE NUMBER: 82003071

STATE: MINNESOTA

COUNTY: Waseca

RESOURCE NAME (HISTORIC): Wolf, William R., House

CITY:

VICINITY OF:

ADDRESS:

CERTIFICATION DATE:

REMOVED DATE:

COMMENTS:

Nina M. Archabal

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State Historic Preservation Officer**

JUN 17 1988

Date