

HISTORIC NAME: Nuffer Farmstead COUNTY: Rock Hills vic.  
 CURRENT NAME: Nuffer Farmstead CITY/TWP.: Martin Township  
 LEGAL DESC.: Section 11, Township 101, Range 46. ADDRESS: County Road 57  
 SW $\frac{1}{2}$  of the SE $\frac{1}{2}$  of the SE $\frac{1}{2}$ . NE of Hills

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

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Yes \_\_\_ No X Restricted \_\_\_ PRESENT USE: Farmstead  
 VISIBLE FROM THE ROAD: Yes X No \_\_\_  
 OCCUPIED: Yes X No \_\_\_

DATE CONSTRUCTED: 1880-1900 ORIGINAL USE: Farmstead  
 ORIGINAL OWNER: Jacob Frederick Nuffer ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Jacob Nuffer

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Lucille N. Smith Hills, MN 56138	ACREAGE: Less than one acre _____ 9 acres <u>X</u>
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LOCAL CONTACT/ORG.:	UTM REFERENCE: 14 / 716880 / 4826210 Hills, Minn.-Iowa; 1:24,000
FORM PREPARED BY: Thomas Harvey	
DATE: November 1978	

**DESCRIPTION:**

The Nuffer farmstead is located in the southeast corner of Section 11, Martin Township. Dense windbreaks shelter the farmstead on the north and west sides. A scattering of evergreens partially obscures the house from the township road in front. The farm appears on a 1914 county atlas as "Evergreen Lawn Farm."

Approximately thirty buildings and associated structures make up the farmstead. The following list shows number-keys to the sketch map, type of building, approximate construction date, and a short description when appropriate.

Five structures are of primary importance:

1. House, 1890: Brick, T-plan with one-story ell to the rear. The front porch has been added. Double-hung sash windows are set within a relieving arch of brick. This is a conservative house, with a plan common in the county but rarely found in brick.
2. Barn, 1880s: Large barn with a gambrel roof with shed-like extensions. Built by the original homesteader. Metal siding was added in 1935.
3. Tool shed, 1880s: Small, frame, clapboard siding. Also built by Jacob Nuffer, the original homesteader.
4. Pump. Hand pump just behind the house. c.1900.
5. Outhouse. Simple, frame construction. 1890s.

Four other structures are of less significance, but through style are of historic interest as representative examples of particular structures:

6. Hog house, 1920: Frame, semi-monitor roof.
7. Granary, 1920: Roof loading, drive-in equipment storage.
8. Garage, 1914: Frame, one-car structure.
9. Windmill: Pump equipment has been removed. 1921.

The other farmstead structures were built from 1915-1977. Together with the above listed buildings, they form an excellent visual record of the evolution of one farm over the last 100 years. While they are not of significance for the Register, they are not intrusive:

10. Chicken House, 1915: No longer used.
11. Sheep shed, 1930s: Now used for cattle.
12. Milk cooler. 1930s.
13. Equipment shed, 1933.
14. Equipment shed addition, 1955.
15. Machine shed, 1977.
16. Oil shed, moved onto property in 1970s.

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17. Grain storage shed, moved onto property in 1970s.
18. Five silos, built since 1950.
19. Silage feeding room.
20. Two pole-and-metal cattle sheds.
21. Garage, 1975.
22. Five metal grain bins.

Only the first five buildings are nominated. The other buildings contribute to the significance of the farmstead as a changing landscape, and form the context for the nominated structures, but are not considered for preservation.

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SIGNIFICANCE:

The Nuffer farm, one of several Century Farms in Martin Township, represents the history of settlement and agriculture in Rock county. The brick residence is one of the finest rural houses in the county. The barn and a tool shed are original structures and represent the carpentry skills of the pioneer homesteader. The pump and outhouse are functionally tied to the farmhouse.

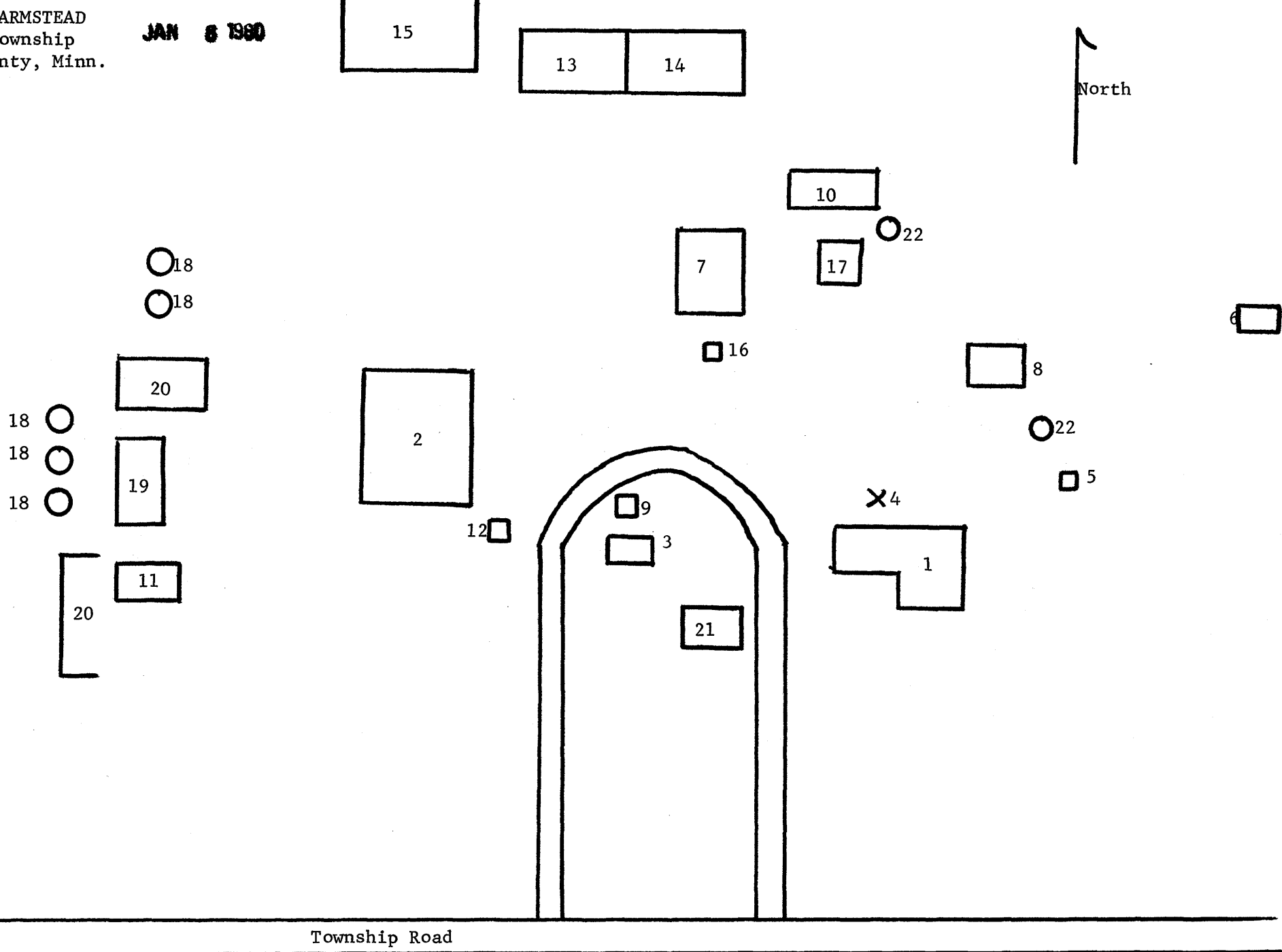
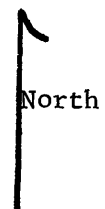
Jacob Frederick Nuffer homesteaded the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 11, Martin Township, in 1872, and built a small shanty just south of the present farmhouse. To supplement his farm work, Nuffer did carpentry work on neighboring farms. On his own farm he built the existing barn and tool shed. It is not known if he built the brick house as well.

Today's farmstead is the result of many changes and additions reflecting the history of farming in the area. The farm has not frozen in time. Most individual buildings maintain a high degree of integrity. The most obvious change aside from growth of the complex, has been the metal siding added to the barn in 1935. The granary and a hog-house were rebuilt from older buildings in the 1920s. Few buildings have been demolished, though a few have been moved within the farmstead. A number of the more recent additions are evidence of the growth in acreage farmed by the current owners. Mr. Smith and his son farm 920 acres on several farm sites and feed cattle at this farmstead.

The farm is owned by a direct descendent of Jacob Nuffer. Pride in ownership and the history of the farm is strong.

NUFFER FARMSTEAD  
Martin Township  
Rock County, Minn.

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Numbers are keyed to inventory form.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

for Keeper Melvin Lynn  
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**Note: These changes apply to  
Nuffer Farmstead in Rock County,  
Minnesota.**

**REFERENCE NUMBER:** 80002149

**STATE:** MINNESOTA

**COUNTY:** Rock

**RESOURCE NAME (HISTORIC):** Nuffer, Jacob, Farmstead

**CITY:**

**VICINITY OF:**

**ADDRESS:** Co. Rds. 53 and 57

**CERTIFICATION DATE:**

**REMOVED DATE:**

**COMMENTS:**

*Nina M. Archabal*

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State Historic Preservation Officer**

**JUN 17 1988**  
**Date**