United States Department of the Interior National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property			
	William H. and Alma	Downer, House	
other names/site number N/A			
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2. Location			
	Second St.		not for publication N/A
city, town Wabasha			vicinity N/A
state Minnesota code MN	county Wabash	a code 157	zip code 55981
3. Classification			
	ategory of Property	Number of Reso	urces within Property
	building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
public-local	district	1	1 buildings
public-State	site		sites
public-Federal] structure		structures
	object		objects
L	_ objec:	1	1 Total
Name of related multiple property listing:		Number of centri	
Name of related multiple property listing: Red Brick Houses in Wabasha, 1	N Associated with	listed in the Nati	buting resources previously
Merchant-Tradesmen	III III III WILLI	iisted in the Nati	onal Register
4. State/Federal Agency Certificatio	n		
Signature of certifying official Nina M. Minnesota State Historic I	Preservation Officer nnesota Historical So		Date Date Date
State or Federal agency and bureau			
5. National Park Service Certification			
hereby, certify that this property is:			
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entered in the National Register. See continuation sheet. determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet. determined not eligible for the National Register.	Beth Boland		5/15/89
removed from the National Register. other, (explain:)			
	Signature	of the Keeper	Date of Action

6. Function or Use	
Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)	Current Functions (enter categories from instruction DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling
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7. Description	
Architectural Classification (enter categories from instructions)	Materials (enter categories from instructions)
	foundation Limestone
No Style	walls Brick
	roof Asphalt
	other Wooden Porches

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Campbell House is a detached two-story frame dwelling veneered in red brick and resting on a native limestone foundation. It has an irregular cruciform plan built up of three main wings, all gabled, and a one-story flat-roofed wing.

A veranda, now screened in, is appended to the front of the forward projecting entry wing, while an enclosed wooden kitchen porch fills the in the west entrant angle at the rear of the house. All of the 2/2 double hung windows are unmolded and segmental—arched. The front windows carry shutters with bowed and canted upper rails. An attic light of the same form as the other windows pierces the front wall just beneath the peak. These last details suggest late Federal design, an effect which is enhanced by a fanlight above the double entrance doors. However, the window placement, roof profiles, and wide, molded frieze boards also recall the Greek Revival Thoirs House built a few years earlier a block—and—a—half away (included in this Multiple Property Document Form).

The present interior arrangement and much of the northeast and southeast elevations are largely the result of a major remodeling undertaken around 1900. The northwest wing was originally one story, as an 1800 birds-eye view of the city shows, and the kitchen wing was made of wood. Both were raised to two stories, the new brick veneering matching the old perfectly. A grand staircase off of the main entry hall was installed during this early remodeling, and with it came a complete retrimming of the interior in oak. All of these changes were carefully integrated into the 1874 building, using identical roof profiles and window detailing as well as facing and trimming materials.

A detached garage recently added to the extreme rear of the property is considered a noncontributing building.

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8. Statement of Significance		***************************************
Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in	n relation to other properties: ewide x locally	
Applicable National Register Criteria A B x C I		
Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)	D E F G	
Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions) Architecture	Period of Significance	Significant Dates
ATCHTEGGET 0		ca.1900
	Cultural Affiliation N/A	
Significant Person N/A	Architect/Builder Unknown	

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The William and Alma Campbell House was one of the largest and most impressively situated residences in the city of Wabasha on its erection in 1874. An 1880 birds-eye view of the city shows the house proudly addressing the downtown that its owner and his father-in-law helped to establish. Backed by his wife's father, William Campbell had a brick residence constructed that combined Greek Revival proportions and the mid-century sidehall plan with detailing expressive of both his and his wife's heritage.

Although the railroad had come through Wabasha by the time the house was constructed, its style and veneered manner of construction place it in the state historic context of Early Agriculture and River Settlement. Campbell arrived in Wabasha in 1857, and after a stint in the Civil War set up in the city as a general merchant, while intitiating an extensive agricultural operation as well. He was unusual among his fellow merchants in actively pursuing both agricultural and mercantile interests. In 1872, just before building his brick house, Campbell began a long tenure as county auditor, at the same time serving as master of the new established Bear Valley Grange Hall.

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9. Major Bibliographical References	
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Personal interview with Mrs. Alma Waterbur	y, May 1987.
Rochester Post-Bulletin. April 8, 1974.	
Wabasha, 1885. New York: Sanborn Map Co.	
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Wabasha County Assessor's records for the	
Wabasha, Minnesota, 1880, (birds-eye view) October 9, 1980.	reprinted in the <u>The Wabasha Herald</u> ,
D	See continuation sheet
Previous documentation on file (NPS): preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67)	Primary location of additional data:
has been requested	State historic preservation office
previously listed in the National Register	Other State agency
previously determined eligible by the National Register	Federal agency
designated a National Historic Landmark	Local government
recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey #	University S Other
recorded by Historic American Engineering	Specify repository:
Record #	owner: Alma D. Waterbury, Wabasha
10. Geographical Data	
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UTM References	
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	See continuation sheet
Verbal Boundary Description	
The nominated property occupies the Easterl	v 20.3 feet of Lot 3 and the North 72
feet of the West 45.15 feet of Lot 2 and th	ne South 71 feet of the Westerly 30.15
feet of Lot 2 Block 20, City of Wabasha.	
	See continuation sheet
Boundary Justification	
The boundary includes the entire city lots with the property.	that have historically been associated
	See continuation sheet
11. Form Prepared By	
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