

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation 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 Richardson Barn

and/or common Richardson Log Barn

2. Location

street & number 22814 Sunrise Road, N.E. not for publication

city, town Martin Lake vic
Linwood Township vicinity of congressional district 8th

state Minnesota code 22 county Anoka code 003

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"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input checked="" 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	<input type="checkbox"/> 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 type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input 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 Mrs. Myrtle Richardson

street & number 22814 Sunrise Road, N.E.

city, town Stacy vicinity of state Minnesota

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Anoka County Courthouse

street & number

city, town Anoka state Minnesota

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Statewide Survey of Historic Resources has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1978, 1979 federal state county local

depository for survey records Minnesota Historical Society - 240 Summit Avenue - J.J. Hill House

city, town St. Paul state Minnesota

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Richardson Log Barn, a picturesque structure situated in a wooded setting, is located on Highway 75 in northeastern Anoka County.

This rectangular shaped barn is constructed on a rubble stone foundation of extremely well-preserved tamarack logs, which are horizontally laid. The logs are chinked with a crude mortar and slabs of wood (the mortar has largely disappeared). The loft joists are wedged between the logs. The method of corner-timbering, known as double saddle notching, has been documented as the oldest and simplest form of corner-timbering. The construction of the barn resulted in an irregular projection of logs beyond the corners. Fred Kniffen, in his study, "On Corner Timbering," states that ". . . these projections were originally quite likely the result of cutting logs approximately to desired length in the woods and leaving them so, where axes rather than saws were exclusively used and utility was more important than neatness of appearance."¹ Kniffen's statement applies to this barn due to the availability of a great supply of logs when the barn was being constructed and because the barn was constructed before sawmills operated in this area of Anoka County.

The steeply pitched gable roof, which provided an expansive area for hay storage, is constructed of wood slabs, which are covered with wood shakes and metal. The interior support system for the roof is constructed of logs. The gable ends, constructed of vertical wood slabs, contain triangular shaped vents and loft doors. The gable end on the north facade contains a lean-to storage shed. Each of the longitudinal facades contains wood slab doors.

The barn is in a very good state of preservation and continues to be used for the storage of hay in the loft area and agricultural implements below.

¹Kniffen, Fred, "On Corner Timbering," Pioneer America, Vol 1, #1, January 1969.

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 checked="" 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 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.1870 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Richardson Log Barn, one of four historic log structures identified during the Standing Structure Survey of Anoka County, is the best preserved structure that represents the county's earliest and most elementary form of construction. This ca.1870 barn, which is in a very good state of preservation, is additionally significant due to its association with the bounty's major agricultural products from 1860 to 1940 -- wild and cultivated hay.

The Richardson Log Barn, located in an area classified as a tamarack swamp by the U.S. Land Survey of 1849, is constructed of horizontally laid tamarack logs. The durability of tamarack logs, the method of corner timbering, known as double saddle notching, and the loft joists, have aided in the stabilization and preservation of this barn. The marshy area in which this barn was constructed (the area has since been extensively ditched and drained) was ideally suited for growing hay. The barn was constructed to provide a large, well-ventilated space for the storage of hay -- the steeply pitched gable roof provides such a space.

PLEASE NOTE: The manuscript for this nomination was prepared before the one paragraph limit for significance statements was stipulated.

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED

Acreage of nominated property Less than one acre

Quadrangle name Typo Lake

Quadrangle scale 7.5

UMT References

A

1	2	4	9	6	3	2	0	5	0	2	5	2	4	0
Zone			Easting				Northing							

B

Zone			Easting				Northing							

C

Zone			Easting				Northing							

D

Zone			Easting				Northing							

E

Zone			Easting				Northing							

F

Zone			Easting				Northing							

G

Zone			Easting				Northing							

H

Zone			Easting				Northing							

Verbal boundary description and justification T33N, R22W, Section 2, From the SE corner of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$, T33N, R22W, Thence West 330 feet, thence North 330 feet, thence East 330 feet more or less, thence South along West edge of road to POB

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state code county code

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11. Form Prepared By

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organization Minnesota Historical Society date May 1979

street & number 240 Summit Avenue-Hill House contact Dennis Gimmestad
telephone (612) 296-9545

city or town St. Paul state Minnesota

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Russell W. Fridley

Russell W. Fridley

title State Historic Preservation Officer date 11/1/79

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

act: Sally J. Alden date 12/26/79
Keeper of the National Register

Attest: Kristin O'Connell date 12/26/79

Chief of Registration

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

for Keeper *Helena Lynn*
1/19/89

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**Note: These changes apply to
Richardson Barn in Anoka County,
Minnesota.**

REFERENCE NUMBER: 79001191

STATE: MINNESOTA

COUNTY: Anoka

RESOURCE NAME (HISTORIC):

CITY:

VICINITY OF: East Bethel

ADDRESS:

CERTIFICATION DATE:

REMOVED DATE:

COMMENTS:

Nina M. Archabal

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State Historic Preservation Officer**

JUN 17 1988

Date