

<b>Historic Name:</b> Opera House Block		<b>County:</b> Goodhue
<b>Common Name:</b> Opera House Block		<b>Community:</b> Pine Island City
<b>Owner's Name and Address:</b> Ralph Carter P.O. Box 206 Pine Island, Minnesota 55963		<b>Address/<del>Legal Desc.</del>:</b> Main St., Pine Island City
<b>Classification:</b>		<b>Acres:</b>
Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure _____ Object _____ District _____		less than one acre
<b>Condition:</b>		<b>Verbal Boundary Desc.:</b> Part of lot 9, block 2 of Auditors' Subdivision of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of sec. 32, T109, R15; beginning at a point 594 ft. south and 61 west of the northeast corner of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 32, thence south 24 ft. thence west 40 ft. then north 24 ft., thence east 40 ft. to the beginning.
Excellent _____ Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair _____ Deteriorated _____		
<b>Open to the Public:</b>	<b>Visible from the road:</b>	
Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____	
<b>Occupied:</b>	<b>Present Use:</b>	<b>UIM Reference?</b> Pine Island Quadrangle 15 / 528280 / 4894060
Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____	Offices/Apartments	
<b>History:</b>		
<b>Date Constructed:</b> 1895	<b>Original Owner:</b> Loomis F. Irish	
<b>Architect/Builder:</b> unknown	<b>Original Use:</b> bank/opera house	
<b>Description:</b>		<b>Level of Significance:</b>
The Opera House Block is located on the west side of Main St., in the middle of the block between 2nd st. SW and 3rd St. SW, in Pine Island City.		<b>Local</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _____
The Opera House Block is a brick building measuring 24 by 40 feet that is three stories tall for its front three bays but only two stories tall for its rear three bays. It has an ornate facade with different fenestration and decorative trim on each floor. The first floor has two bays that are clearly outlined by stone pilasters and lintels. The bay to the south is nearly filled with a large, round-arched entryway, with sidelights and a fan light surrounding the doorway, while the bay to the north is equally filled by a large, round-arched window opening whose arched section has been filled in. Both the arches of the doorway and window are delineated in stone and have decorative keystones. A bracketed stone cornice separates (cont.)		<b>State</b> _____
		<b>Nation</b> _____
		<b>Status:</b>
		<b>Survey</b> _____ <b>Date</b> _____
		<b>Local</b> _____
		<b>State</b> _____ <b>5/78</b>
		<b>Nat'l. Reg.</b> _____
		<b>Nat'l. Land.</b> _____
		<b>HABS/HAER</b> _____
<b>Significance:</b>		<b>Theme/s:</b>
Pine Island's Opera House Block is significant as an outstanding example of the type of commercial and recreational facilities that appeared in the booming towns of southeastern Minnesota by the end of the 19th century.		<b>Primary</b> <u>Banking</u>
The Opera House Block was built in 1895 by one of Pine Island's leading entrepreneurs, Loomis F. Irish. From the start, it served two purposes: the first floor provided spacious, elegant quarters for the private bank (later the State Bank of Pine Island) that Loomis had founded in 1882, while the upper floors housed the opera house that gave the building its name. All segments of the community farmers, merchants, and manufacturers - had a great need for credit, with the result that banks sprang up at an early date throughout the region. It was only later, once all the essential commercial and manufacturing facilities needed to service the agricultural hinterland were provided for, that communities such as Pine Island could indulge in structures of a cultural or recreational nature. Thus		<b>Secondary</b> <u>The Arts</u>
		<b>Other</b> _____
		<b>Local Contact/Org.:</b>
		Mr. and Mrs. W.P. Iwen Pine Island, Minnesota 55963
		<b>Prepared by and date:</b>
		B. Michael Zuckerman August 1978

(continued)

**Description:**

the first floor from the second. The second floor contains two window bays within brick pilasters running up to the third story cornice line. Each of the second floor windows is tall, narrow, double-hung, and has narrow side lights on each side. Each is crowned with a stone segmental pediment linked with stone moldings that cap the side lights. Separating the second floor from the third is a decorative brick border topped by a continuous stone band forming the sill of the five windows on the third floor. These windows are in the Palladian style, with a large round-arched window in the center flanked by pairs of shorter, narrower, flat-topped windows. The central arch is delineated in stone and is connected with continuous stone bands that form lintels for the windows on either side. Sitting on top of each lintel is a smaller stone arch with a glass panel. Above these arches, a decorative brick border rises to a false front capping the facade. Made of pressed metal, this front is in the Italianate Commercial Style, with a bracketed cornice, a raised central panel inscribed with the words "L.F. Irish - 1895," and a round-arched pediment crowning the whole affair.

**Significance:**

Irish's erection of such a magnificent building as the Opera House Block to house both a bank and an opera house signified Pine Island's emergence as a mature community, offering a full range of services to both its own inhabitants and the surrounding countryside.



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Opera House Block  
Pine Island; Goodhue County, MN  
B. Michael Zuckerman  
1978  
Minnesota Historical Society, 690  
Cedar Street, St. Paul, MN 55101  
Perspective View Facing North-West  
#02481

JAN 15 1979

FEB 12 1980

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FROM THE COLLECTIONS OF THE  
MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Rural Goodhue County Multiple Resource  
Area

Please refer to the map in the  
Multiple Property Cover Sheet  
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000375

# National Register of Historic Places

## Note to the record

Additional Documentation: 2014

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

PROPERTY NAME: Bank of Pine Island, Opera House Block

MULTIPLE NAME: Rural Goodhue County MRA

STATE & COUNTY: MINNESOTA, Goodhue

DATE RECEIVED: 8/23/13 DATE OF PENDING LIST:  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 10/09/13  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 80002052

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N  
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N  
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT  RETURN  REJECT 10.9.13 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

**Additional Documentation Approved**

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept

REVIEWER Edson Beall

DISCIPLINE History

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE 10.9.13

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.

**United States Department of the Interior**  
National Park Service

**National Register of Historic Places**  
**Continuation Sheet**

Bank of Pine Island, Opera House Block
Name of Property
Goodhue County, Minnesota
County and State
Name of multiple listing (if applicable)

Section number 1 Page 1

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**Reference Number:** 80002052

**State:** Minnesota

**County:** Goodhue

**Resource Name (Historic):** Bank of Pine Island, Opera House Block

**Location:** 222 South Main Street, Pine Island

**Comments:** This is the correct historic name.

*Barbara Mitchell Howard*

Barbara Mitchell Howard  
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

*August 13, 2013*

Date

National Register of Historic Places  
Memo to File

# Correspondence

The Correspondence consists of communications from (and possibly to) the nominating authority, notes from the staff of the National Register of Historic Places, and/or other material the National Register of Historic Places received associated with the property.

Correspondence may also include information from other sources, drafts of the nomination, letters of support or objection, memorandums, and ephemera which document the efforts to recognize the property.

Property Rural Goodhue County Multiple Resource Area (Partial Inventory) 2nd Central

State MN (Goodhue) Working Number 1, 15, 79, 109

**TECHNICAL**

Photos 28  
Maps 13

**CONTROL**

**HISTORIAN**

*Impressive MR nomination - awardedly partial - of historical resources in southeastern Minnesota county w/ rich agricultural + ethnic history. Properties include churches, farm buildings, public + commercial structures - no archeological sites (specifically excluded) or districts (because area is rural). All eminently eligible, well described, w/ significance clearly analyzed. Survey has resulted in excellent general*

**ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN**

*Call, then accept*  
*O'Connell*  
*1/24/80*  
*Deficiencies corrected - see continuation sheet rec'd 2/15/80*

*historical discussion - first an overall view, then theme-by-theme discussion with specific resources mentioned in their historical context. Mapping, HBD's, + photographic coverage excellent.  
1 small technical problem: 1954 + 1957 additions to Cannon Falls Elem. School not mentioned in inventory form, possibly not included. Boundary may need to be redrawn to take them in.*

**ARCHEOLOGIST**

**OTHER**

**HAER**

Inventory \_\_\_\_\_  
Review \_\_\_\_\_

**REVIEW UNIT CHIEF**

**BRANCH CHIEF**

**KEEPER**

National Register Write-up \_\_\_\_\_  
Federal Register Entry 2-3-81

Send-back \_\_\_\_\_  
Re-submit \_\_\_\_\_

Entered FEB 12 1981

INT:2106-74



August 13, 2013

Dr. Carol Shull, Keeper  
National Register of Historic Places  
Mail Stop 2280, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor  
1201 Eye Street NW  
Washington, DC 20005

Re Name Change for: **Opera House Block, 222 S. Main Street, Pine Island,  
Goodhue County, MN** National Register of Historic Places Nomination

Dear Dr. Shull:

Enclosed please find an amendment to the Opera House Block National Register of Historic Places nomination. The Opera House Block is a Minnesota property that was included in the National Register in 1980. Research since that time, however, has demonstrated that the true historic name of the property is "Bank of Pine Island, Opera House Block."

If you have questions, please let us know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Barbara Mitchell Howard'.

Barbara Mitchell Howard  
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

ACTION: NATIONAL REGISTER INFORMATION SYSTEM  
Id 80002052 LI 02/12/1980 MN Goodhue Opera Block House  
01 More

Name Opera Block House - Old Name  
Address Main St.  
City Pine Island Vicinity Restrict  
State MINNESOTA County Goodhue  
Status LISTED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER Date 02/12/1980  
Day45 Resource Type BUILDING Acreage 0.9  
Multiple Rural Goodhue County MRA  
Contributing bldg 1 Site 0 Strc 0 Obj 0 Total 1  
Noncontributing bldg 0 Site 0 Strc 0 Obj 0 Total 0  
Park

Name change

Image ✓

Y2K ✓

Label ✓

Tracked ✓