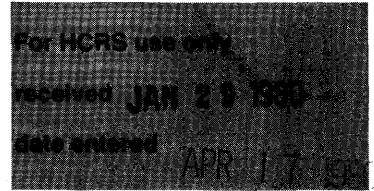


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**United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**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 Foss and Wells House

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number 613 Broadway Street South        not for publication

city, town Jordan        vicinity of        congressional district Second

state Minnesota code 22 county Scott code 139

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<u>      </u> district	<u>      </u> public	<u>  X  </u> occupied	<u>      </u> agriculture <u>      </u> museum
<u>  X  </u> building(s)	<u>  X  </u> private	<u>      </u> unoccupied	<u>      </u> commercial <u>      </u> park
<u>      </u> structure	<u>      </u> both	<u>      </u> work in progress	<u>      </u> educational <u>  X  </u> private residence
<u>      </u> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<u>      </u> entertainment <u>      </u> religious
<u>      </u> object	<u>      </u> in process	<u>      </u> yes: restricted	<u>      </u> government <u>      </u> scientific
	<u>      </u> being considered	<u>  X  </u> yes: unrestricted	<u>      </u> industrial <u>      </u> transportation
		<u>      </u> no	<u>      </u> military <u>      </u> other:

**4. Owner of Property**

name Leander Sachs

street & number 613 Broadway Street South

city, town Jordan        vicinity of        state Minnesota 55352

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Recorder's Office, Scott County Courthouse

street & number 428 South Holmes

city, town Shakopee        vicinity of        state Minnesota 55379

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

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

date 1979        federal   X   state        county        local

depository for survey records Minnesota Historical Society, J.J. Hill House

city, town St. Paul        vicinity of        state Minnesota 55102

# 7. Description

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" 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 Foss and Wells House at 613 Broadway Street South is located south of Sand Creek just outside of Jordan. It is situated on top of a bank overlooking the creek and a sawmill (which is located on the site of a flour mill operated by the owners of the house during the mid to late nineteenth century). Dispersed dwellings are located in the surrounding area.

The 1858 house is constructed of locally quarried random ashlar sandstone, and is designed in the Italianate style. Characteristic features include the square plan, the low-pitched roof, cupola, bracketted cornice, and round-arched window and door openings. The building is five bays across and two bays deep. Tall, narrow French doors are located in the bays flanking the larger central doorway on the first floor. A door is also located in the center bay of the second floor. Second floor windows are double hung with six over six lights.

Only limited alterations have been made to the building. A second story balcony and three chimneys have been removed. A one story frame addition was constructed on the south side during the 1930s. The cupola remains intact behind the brick covering added in the late 1950s. The building retains a significant degree of original design integrity.

Other buildings on the property include a garage (1964) which is in a deteriorated condition and a stone outbuilding that matches the house in construction and design. This building has been used as a smokehouse and for storage and most recently as a workshop.

# 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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> industry/invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
				<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1858

Builder/Architect

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**

The Foss and Wells House is significant both for its association with Jordan's early milling industry and for its distinctive stone construction and Italianate design. The house was built in 1858, shortly after Jordan was platted, by Edwin and James Foss and Rufus Wells. Both families occupied the house at that time and jointly owned and operated a nearby flour and grist mill. During the 1860s and 70s, Jordan claimed to be the prime wheat market in Scott County, and milling played a significant role in the town's early and rapid development. Foss and Wells owned the property until 1890. It has been owned by the family of the present owners since 1911. The house is also significant for its distinctive construction and design. The gracious Italianate residence overlooking the town of Jordan bespeaks the pride and prosperity of the families who built it and records one aspect of the community's period of greatest prosperity.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Anderson, Gail, ed., Jordan Minnesota A Newspaper Looks at a Town, Vol. 1. Jordan: 1975  
 Neill, Rev. Edward D. History of the Minnesota Valley, Minneapolis: North Star Publishing Company 1882  
 St. Paul Daily Dispatch; April 22, 1874

## 10. Geographical Data

**UTM NOT VERIFIED**

Acreage of nominated property 1.72 acres

**ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED**

Quadrangle name New Prague

Quadrangle scale 15 minute

### UMT References

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Begin at a point 250 feet east of the SW corner of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 30 T114N R23W; commence N 300 feet, thence east 250 feet, thence south 300 feet, thence west 250 feet to point of beginning.

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

state code county code

state code county code

## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Britta Bloomberg - Research Historian - Survey

Minnesota Historic Society

organization State Historic Preservation Office

date July 1979

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telephone (612) 296-0101

city or town St. Paul

state Minnesota 55102

## 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*

title Russell W. Fridley, State Historic Preservation Officer

date

1-9-80

For HCRS use only

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

date

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration