

MINNESOTA HISTORIC PROPERTIES INVENTORY FORM

HISTORIC NAME: Doboszinski Homestead

COUNTY: Pine ^{80002/105}
Brano vic.

CURRENT NAME:

CITY/TWP.: Norman

LEGAL DESC.: That part of T44N, R19W, Section 8 described as follows: Beginning at the NW corner of the SE quarter of Section 8, thence east 850 feet, thence south 450 feet, thence west 850 feet, thence north 450 feet to point of beginning.

ADDRESS: Township Road North of
County Road 43

CLASSIFICATION:

Building X
Structure _____
Object _____
District _____

CONDITION:

Excellent _____
Good X
Fair X
Deteriorated _____

SIGNIFICANCE:

Local X
State _____
National _____

THEME/S:

Primary Settlement
Secondary Agriculture
Others _____OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Yes _____ No X Restricted _____
VISIBLE FROM THE ROAD: Yes X No _____
OCCUPIED: Yes _____ No XPRESENT USE:
Summer retreat

DATE CONSTRUCTED: 1894+

ORIGINAL USE: Farmstead

ORIGINAL OWNER: John Doboszinski

ARCHITECT/BUILDER: John Doboszinski

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Mr. Carroll Doboszinski
616 N. 58th Ave. W.
Duluth, MN 55807ACREAGE: Less than one acre
approx. 8½LOCAL CONTACT/ORG.: Pine County Historical Society
Askov, MN 55704

UTM REFERENCE:

Moose Lake Quad. 15
15 / 517650 / 8128200

FORM PREPARED BY: Mark Haidet

DATE: March 1980

DESCRIPTION:

The Doboszinski homestead is located three miles east of the village of Willow River in Section 8 of Norman Township. It is one of several farmsteads in this heavily forested area. The farmstead, situated some distance from the township road, consists of several small scale structures constructed around the turn of the century.

The house (1900) is a simple L plan log and frame structure sheathed in green clapboard and covered by a gable roof pierced by two brick chimneys. An unadorned enclosed porch shelters the principal entrance on the east side. The few windows are double hung. Simple end boards, which are painted dark green, are the structure's sole decorative features. A small frame ice house is north of the house.

The farmyard is situated east and south of the house. Buildings include a log hay barn (ca.1895), a log cow barn (1895) with attached log horse barn (ca.1898), and a frame granary (1910). The log structures are constructed of hewn square timbers with dovetail corner-timbering; frame sheds are attached to the hay and cow barns. All buildings have gable roofs. A more recent machine shed, located east of the principal structures, is the only intrusion on the property.

The farmstead, although somewhat deteriorated, retains much of its integrity. It remains in the Doboszinski family, but is unoccupied most of the year.

SIGNIFICANCE:

The Doboszinski Homestead is significant both as a rare surviving example of the subsistence type farmsteads developed by pioneer settlers in the cutover region of Pine County, and for its association with the initial Polish settlement of the Willow River area. John Doboszinski, a Polish-born Russian emigrant, homesteaded the land in 1894, before logging in the vicinity had peaked. The Doboszinskis cleared the land and erected a small log cabin (later replaced with a more commodious log and frame dwelling) and several log farm structures. The family later expanded their holdings, but ceased farming operations with the outbreak of World War II. The farmstead, with its absence of modern improvements, stands as a significant link to the region's initial settlement period.

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Doboszinski, Carroll. Telephone conversations with Mark Haidet, January-February 1980.

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DOBOSHENSKY HOMESTEAD

- Map showing approximate locations of buildings; not drawn to scale

Machine
Shed

Cow and
Horse
Barns

Hay
Barn

Granary

Ice
House

House



Township Road

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