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National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

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| 2. Loca | tion | | | |
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| city, town | Little Falls | | | |
| state | Minnesota coc | le ²² county | Morrison | code 097 |
| 3. Clas | sification | | | |
| Category district _X building(s) structure site object | Ownership public brivate both Public Acquisition in process being considered N/A | Status X occupied unoccupied work in progress Accessible yes: restricted yes: unrestricted X no | Present Use agriculture commercial educational entertainment government industrial military | museum park _X private residence religious scientific transportation other: |
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Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Burton - Rosenmeier House in Little Falls is located along 1st Street Southeast, a main thoroughfare in the city and its original, illuminated "White Way." The house faces east, and occupies a site bounded on the south and west by the fenced enclosure containing the Weyerhaeuser and Musser houses, on the north by a ravine containing an oxbow extending from the Mississippi River, and on the east by the street. A carriage house is at the rear of the site, south and west of the house.

The house is built in the Classical Revival style. Of wood-frame constructin, the house contains two stories, an attic, and a full basement. Foundation walls are stone. Clapboard siding is used on the exterior. The roof over the rectangular main body of the house is hipped. Gabled roof sections are above a projecting bay on the south side of the house and an extension at the rear. Windows have corniced frames, and contain double-hung sash. A keyed oval window is placed on the south facade near the front entry.

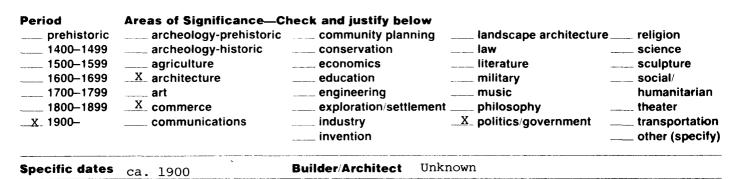
The front porch is the dominant visual feature of the house. It extends across the full width of the front facade, and has circular pavilions at its north and south ends. Tuscan columns support a flat roof, which has a ballustraded rail. The porch's two story center section has giant-ordered Ionic columns at its corners, and has a screened porch on its upper level. A smaller, glass-enclosed porch is located off the kitchen at the southwest corner of the house.

The house is in excellent condition, having been well-maintained throughout its existence. With the exception of the recovering of the roof with asphalt shingles, no visible changes have been made to alter the apperance of the house from when it was built at the turn of the century.

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8. Significance



Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Burton - Rosenmeier House is significant architecturally as the outstanding example of the Classical Revival style in Little Falls, and for its associations with its first two inhabitants: Barney Burton, a prominent local store owner, and Christian Rosenmeier, a long-time state senator and attorney. Burton operated a clothing and dry goods store that was the largest retail store in the county. Rosenmeier, who occupied the house following his relocation to Little Falls about 1914, had a distinguished political career, and carried on a private legal practice, the served as legal councel for the Morrison County Lumber Company, a subsidiary of the Pine Tree Lumber Company. These firms were operated by Charles A. Weyerhaeuser and Drew Musser, whose houses occupy the tract of land immediately to the south of the Burton - Rosenmeier House.

Barney Burton arrived in Little Falls in 1886, at which time he established a store that grew to become the largest retail establishment in Morrison County. Burton carried clothing, men's furnishings, dry goods, and ladies ready to wear apparel. The store had its main facility in downtown Little Falls, and a branch in Pierz. Following his marriage in 1898 and the birth of several children, Burton erected the large, Classical Revival house along South lst Street. The house has become a prominent building on this street, which was among the first in the city to be illuminated by electric street lights in 1913, becoming known as the "White Way."

Christian Rosenmeier rose to prominence in the county following his graduation from the University of Minnesota Law School, as president of his class, in 1906. Initially settling at Royalton, he established a law office. He relocated to Little Falls about 1914, following his election to the office of county attorney. In 1920, he resigned this post to become a vice-president of the American National Bank of Little Falls and the newly-established American Savings and Trust Company. The following year he became president of both operations (Burnquist, Minnesota and Its People, IV:122). In 1922 he ran and was elected to be the state senator for the area. At the time of his death in 1932 he was chairman of the Senate Rules Committee. His work in the senate included authoring legislation creating the C. A. Lindbergh State Park at Little Falls, and the National Guard Camp at Fort Ripley. His law practice in Little Falls was active. Rosenmeier served as attorney for the Morrison County Lumber Company. In this position he was closely associated with his neighbors, Charles A. Weyerhaeuser and Richard Drew Musser, who jointly managed the Pine Tree Lumber Company and its related companies.

The Burton-Rosenmeier House represents a local highpoint in Classical Revival architectural style popular at the turn of the century. The house contains a number of ornamental features, of which the front porch is the most prominent. The house has remained virtually unchanged since it was built.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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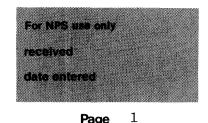
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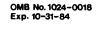
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