

MINNESOTA HISTORIC PROPERTIES INVENTORY FORM

HISTORIC NAME: Lovell, Ellen M., House ("Oakenwald Terrace") COUNTY: Fillmore
 CURRENT NAME: 13 (see volume case to Dennis) CITY/TWP.: Chatfield
 LEGAL DESC.: Outlot 15, NW NW Section 5, Gimmestad ADDRESS: 218 Winona Street
 T104, R11 11/22/89
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CLASSIFICATION:	CONDITION:	SIGNIFICANCE:	THEME/S:
Building <u>X</u>	Excellent _____	Local <u>X</u>	<u>Architecture</u>
Structure _____	Good <u>X</u>	State _____	_____
Object _____	Fair _____	National _____	_____
District _____	Deteriorated _____		

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Yes ___ No X Restricted ___ PRESENT USE: Residence
 VISIBLE FROM THE ROAD: Yes X No ___
 OCCUPIED: Yes X No ___

DATE CONSTRUCTED: 1896 ORIGINAL USE: Residence
 ORIGINAL OWNER: Ellen Lovell ARCHITECT/BUILDER: unknown/John Kingsley

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Shelby & Marion Lund 218 Winona Street Chatfield, MN 55923	ACREAGE: Less than one acre <u>X</u>
LOCAL CONTACT/ORG.: Fillmore County Historical Society, Boc 193, Preston, MN 55965	UTM REFERENCE: Chatfield Quad. 7.5 15 / 565450 / 4854950
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DESCRIPTION: *Revised by Dennis A. Gimmestad, June 1982

The Ellen M. Lovell House ("Oakenwald Terrace") is situated along the northeast or "upper side" of Chatfield's Winona Street, the location of the community's larger and more architecturally significant houses. The site of the house was earlier the location of the home of prominent Chatfield financier Jason C. Easton.

Built in 1896, the Lovell House is a very large, three story L-shaped building with gambrel roof, designed in the Shingle Style. Painted green with yellow trim, the main unit of the house parallels Winona Street with the equally large L extension to the rear. The primary (Winona Street) facade has a round bay which terminates in a tower with a bell-shaped roof. The roof slopes are penetrated by three brick chimneys and several dormers. The interior of the L contains two very large gable-roof bays which extend the full height of the house. Fenestration consists of double-hung sash many of which contain multi-light diamond panes in the upper half. There is a large porch along the main facade and a small porch on the northwest facade.

The interior contains considerable oak woodwork, including a vestibule and stairways.

SIGNIFICANCE:

The Ellen J. Lovell House is primarily significant for its noteworthy design. In 1895, Ellen Lovell, widow of Chatfield merchant and financier Charles M. Lovell, purchased the southern third of the Jason Easton estate from its second owner Lucian Johnson. (Easton was a central figure in early real state speculation and finance in southeastern Minnesota; he left Chatfield in 1884.) The portion of the estate purchased by Mrs. Lovell contained the Easton residence, which she demolished and replaced with a new dwelling. "Oakenwald Terrace", as the home came to be called, survives today as an unaltered example of the Shingle Style. It is reported that the house was designed by "a Boston architect", and although it is known that Ellen Lovell made trips to Boston during these years, this has not been confirmed nor has research yet revealed the name of the architect. Nevertheless, Oakenwald Terrace is one of Minnesota's best examples of the Shingle Style.

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

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