United States Department of the Interior Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form



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city, town		Madis	on		state	Wisconsin	53709
6. Repi	esentat	ion i	n Existin	1g \$	urveys		
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7. Description Condition X excellent good ruins Check one X original site moved date

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

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Set back from a busy highway amid a grove of walnut trees, the John Mann House (now known as Quivey's Grove Restaurant) is an Italianate farmhouse constructed of locally quarried sandstone and characterized by fine masonry, tall proportioned windows, and a bracketed cornice. Composed of a cubic two-story main block and a subsidiary wing, the house is the well-preserved centerpiece of a farmstead which also includes a stone barn and other stone outbuildings. The rural character of the property is shared by its immediate neighbors but stands in sharp contrast to the expanding urbanism to the north and west.

Rising two stories and capped by a low-pitched hip roof, the principal unit of the house, measuring roughly 25' x 30', is punctuated by symmetrically arranged openings surmounted by broad stone lintels. Resting on stone sills, the unusually tall 4-over-4 sash windows on the first floor rise 13 feet, from floor to ceiling, giving the composition a vertical emphasis. The front doorway, set within a wooden frame, is bordered by a narrow transom and sidelights. Second story 6-over-6 sash windows share the same tall proportions. The roof (now covered with asphalt shingles) has extended eaves below which the cornice is ornamented with scroll-shaped brackets.

Recessed several feet from the front facade of the principal unit (with its terrace enclosed by a low stone wall) the subsidiary wing rises one story plus full attic (now converted to dining space). The three windows across the first story share the same tall proportions of the windows on the main unit, but the second story eyebrow windows, divided horizontally into three panes, emphasize the lower profile of the wing. Like the main block, however, the fenestration is symmetrical and crowned with stone lintels. Beneath the extended eaves of the hip roof, the cornice features decorative scroll-shape brackets. On the west side of this unit, however, fenestration is irregular and limited to three smaller windows and a door. Both units of the house are constructed of sandstone blocks warm in color, laid in irregular courses, and measuring 18" in thickness. A frame addition, covered with clapboards, is appended to the rear of the structure to house the restaurant's kitchen.

Despite its recent conversion to a restaurant, the interior of Quivey's Grove largely has been preserved. The 18" thick stone wall dividing the two units has been retained as have the original hemlock floors, maple bannister and newel post in the entry, original floor plan, and first floor 13' ceiling heights. The upstairs rooms—separated by the unequal height of the two units—have been remodelled as dining rooms.

A stone horse barn, located roughly 60 feet southwest of the house, is constructed of sandstone (although of a rougher texture) and probably dates to the same period. Now used as a bar, the original stone walls, measuring 20" in thickness, have been preserved as have the double-door entry (with wooden lintel and transom lights) and the heavy hand-hewn structural timbers inside. Changes in the recent (1980) remodelling include the introduction of new wooden beams to the upper level of the interior, the placement of glass in the gable wall, and the construction of an addition to house restrooms and a lobby.

Connecting the barn with the house, a tunnel, built with 50 tons of stone, was constructed in 1980 but does not impair either the visual or structural integrity of the house or barn. Two stone outhouses situated immediately to the rear of the house, are in original conditions. A low stone wall borders the property on Nesbitt Road.

8. Significance

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Specific dates	1856	Builder/Architect	Not known	

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Built in 1856 with sandstone from a neighboring quarry, 1 the John Mann farmhouse (now Quivey's Grove Restaurant) is architecturally significant both as a representative of the Italianate domestic style adapted to a rural setting and as a fine example of native sandstone architecture in Dane County. Graced with quiet dignity as well as substantial construction, the house is distinguished by the warm color and careful craftsmanship of its thick sandstone block walls, by the classical Italianate proportions and detailing of its architectural features (including the tall windows, stone lintels, and bracketed cornice) and by the attractive setting amid a grove of walnut trees. Converted to a restaurant in a sensitive renovation by architect Arlan Kay of Oregon, Wisconsin, in 1980, the house retains almost complete exterior integrity and much of the original interior including stone walls, hemlock floors, and a maple bannister and newel post.

Built in the same year as the house, the several stone outbuildings, while lacking specific architectural significance, are included in the nomination because of their functional relationship to the house itself. The stone stable, located immediately to the southwest, is distinguished by sandstone walls, measuring 20" in thickness, as well as by hand-hewn timber beams inside. Modifications to the upper level of the barn, including the introduction of timbers from other sites and the creation of a glass window in one of the gables, are complementary but reduce some of the historic integrity. The two stone outhouses nearby remain in original condition.

John Mann, a native of New York State, arrived in Wisconsin in 1850 and operated a livery service in Madison for several years before he bought this farm. Exchanging timber on his property for sandstone from a neighbor's quarry, Mann built the house and barn as the centerpiece for what became a 130 acre farm. John Mann's son, Edward, eventually sold the property in 1876, after which it passed through several hands until it was sold to J. P. Comstock in 1886. The Comstock family retained ownership until 1935, and shortly thereafter it became the home of Dr. and Mrs. William Waskow who lived in it until its conversion to Quivey's Grove Restaurant in 1980. Today, it is one of the finest sandstone farmhouses still in good condition in Dane County, and its three-acre, tree-studded lot helps preserve a sense of its historic context despite the nearby encroachments of spreading urbanization.

 $^{^{}m 1}$ Alexius Baas, "Dr. Waskow Home is Century Old," Madison Capital Times, March 4, 1952.

Whitney Gould, et. al. <u>Historic Places of Rural Dane County</u>, (Madison: Dane County Board of Supervisors, 1981), on.p.

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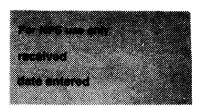
10. Geographical Data

Verbal boundary description and justification (continued):

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