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

city, town

| historic | Bailey House | | | | | | | | |
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| and/or common | Bail | ey H ous | e | | | | | | |
| 2. Loca | ation | | | | | | | | |
| street & number | 816 So. | ōth Ave | • | | | | nc | ot for publica | ition |
| city, town | Virginia | | V | icinity of | congre | essional distr | ict 8t | h Distric | t |
| state Minn | nesota | code | 22 | county | St. | Louis | | code 1 | 37 |
| 3. Clas | sificatio | n | | | | | | | |
| Category district building(s) structure site object | Ownership public X private both Public Acquisiti in process being conside | on | Accessib | cupied in progress ble | | ent Use agriculture commercial educational entertainmen government industrial military | t | _ museum _ park _ private res _ religious _ scientific _ transporta _ other: | |
| 4. Own | er of Pro | pert | y | | | | | | |
| name | Doris Ba | iley | | | | | | | |
| street & number | 815 So. | 5th Ave | • | | | | | | |
| city, town | Virginia | | V | icinity of | | sta | ate Min | nesota | |
| 5. Loca | ation of L | .ega | l Des | cripti | on | | | | |
| courthouse, regis | stry of deeds, etc. | St | . Louis | County Co | urthous | se | | | |
| street & number | | | | | | | | | |
| city, town | Duluth | | | | | sta | ate Min | nesota | |
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| title | | | | has this pro | operty be | en determine | d elegible | ? yes | no |
| date | | | | · · · | | federal | state | county | local |
| depository for su | irvey records | | | | | | | | |

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7. Description

Condition

| excellent | deteriorated |
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| x good | ruins |
| fair | unexposed |

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Bailey House is situated on a well-landscaped corner lot at 816 South Fifth Street in Virginia. The placement of the building on the site allows for maximum emphasis on the massing of architectural elements and the interplay of planes and design features. The residence is executed in a variation of the Spanish Revival mode, with walls covered in a tan stucco and the roofs covered with red tile. Windows, shutters, and eaves are green. At first glance, the appearance of the Bailey House is one of simplicity; however, more careful study reveals an irregular plan of wings, porches, and loggias, and a complex roof system of gables and dormers. The whole is integrated into the site and enhanced by carefully placed plantings.

8. Significance



Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The building is significant as the former home of a prominent entrepreneur in the Virginia lumber industry, an important part of Virginia's economy. Bailey was founder and owner of the Bailey Lumber Mill operation, which was second only to the Virginia and Rainy Lake Company in the size of its operation and in the value of its product. Like other prominent homes in the Virginia area, the Bailey house reflects the coincidence of wealth and prominence in the mining and lumbering regions and large and architecturally distinctive residences.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Marvin Lamppa, <u>A Report to the Department of Natural Resources on the Historical</u> <u>Aspects of the Vermilion, Cuyuna, and Mesabi Iron Ranges of Northeast Minnesota</u>. (Eveleth: 1977)

| 10. Geographical Data ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED | | | | | | | |
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| | UTM NOT VERIFIED Quadrangle scale 7.5 | | | | | | |
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| Verbal boundary description and justification | 8 HIJ3.2V | | | | | | |
| The house is located on Lots 18-21, Block 97, Second Addition, Virginia, Minnesota | | | | | | | |
| List all states and counties for properties overlapp | ing state or county boundaries | | | | | | |
| state code | county code | | | | | | |
| state code | county code | | | | | | |
| 11. Form Prepared By | | | | | | | |
| name/titleCharles Skrief, Director, StateorganizationMinnesota Historical Society | Historic Preservation Office date September 10, 1979 | | | | | | |
| street & number 240 Summit Avenue | telephone 612-296-9070 | | | | | | |
| city or town St, Paul | state Minnesota | | | | | | |
| 12. State Historic Preserv | vation 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. | | | | | | | |
| | sell W. Fridley | | | | | | |
| Russell W. Fridley title State Historic Preservation Officer | date 6 28 80 | | | | | | |
| For HCRS use only I hereby certify that this property is included in the N Manual Accel Keeper of the National Register | | | | | | | |
| Attest: Chief of Registration | | | | | | | |

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Add to Owner of Property:

Change ownership name to <u>Kurt Sundquist</u>, same address, because of sale of house since review board consideration.

Add to Description:

The Bailey House remains in an unchanged condition since its construction. The present owners are in the process of updating the kitchen and restoring both the interior and exterior of the house.

Add to Significance:

The Bailey House is significant both as one of the few residences executed in the Spanish Mission style on the Minnesota Iron Range and as the home of a prominent developer of the Virginia lumber industry. It was erected about 1921 by W.T. Bailey, founder of the W.T. Bailey Lumber Company which opened in Virginia in 1895 and, as a major lumber firm in the community, provided most of the lumber to reconstruct the city after a serious fire in 1900. The company continued to operate until the 1970's although the sawmill itself closed in the 1940's. United States Department of the Interior National Park Service

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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Note: These changes apply to Bailey House in St. Louis County, Minnesota.

REFERENCE NUMBER: 80004357

STATE: MINNESOTA

COUNTY: St. Louis

RESOURCE NAME (HISTORIC): Bailey, W. T., House

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VICINITY OF:

ADDRESS:

CERTIFICATION DATE:

REMOVED DATE:

COMMENTS:

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Nina M. Archabal State Historic Preservation Officer

Date