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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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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

HISTORIC *Booth Cooperage*
AND/OR COMMON
Old Cooperage Shop

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
Foot of Washington Avenue at Front Street

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN
Bayfield

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
7th

STATE
Wisconsin

CODE
55

COUNTY
Bayfield

CODE
007

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: <i>Portion</i>

OWNER OF PROPERTY

in office use

NAME
Bodin's, Inc.

STREET & NUMBER
208 Wilson Street

CITY, TOWN
Bayfield

VICINITY OF

STATE
Wisconsin 54814

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. *Bayfield County Courthouse*

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN
Washburn

STATE
Wisconsin 54891

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Wisconsin's Historic Preservation Plan, Volume II: The Inventory

DATE
1975

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS *State Historical Society of Wisconsin*

CITY, TOWN
Madison

STATE
Wisconsin 53706

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION** EXCELLENT DETERIORATED GOOD RUINS FAIR UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE** UNALTERED ALTERED**CHECK ONE** ORIGINAL SITE MOVED DATE _____**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

This plain, two-story, frame, gable-roofed building is believed to have been built just before the turn of the century and was used for storing and packing fish. When the Booth Fisheries acquired the property before World War I, they converted it to a cooperage. A huge fireplace was built to provide heat for removing excess moisture from the wood to permit staves to keep their distinctive shape. A wide single-story shed was added along the entire north side of the building for storing the finished kegs. In more recent years, though the date is unknown, a two-story ell was added to the southwest corner as a storeroom for supplies. This currently serves as an office for the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore staff of the National Park Service. Use of the building as a cooperage, except for minor repairs on used kegs, ceased about 1961. It still contains the gigantic fireplace and barrel-making equipment, supplies and tools, and could be put back into production if done so before the area's pioneer tradesmen pass away.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

By the 1870's, harvesting and shipping fish had become one of Bayfield's leading industries. In summarizing the community's economic highlights for 1885, the County Press included a barrel factory among the businesses that would profit by locating there.¹ The cooperage, which had been used originally for cold storage and packing by two of Bayfield's major fishing companies, Dormer-Boutin and Booth, was taken over by Booth Fisheries somewhere around 1905 and before World War I, Morgan B. Johnson, an early company manager, organized the cooperage operation. It was soon producing handmade kegs of fine quality.

During the peak years of production, five coopers and a number of laborers turned out an average of 10,000 to 15,000 kegs annually. These handmade barrels were distributed to Booth's various shipping points along Lakes Superior and Michigan and proved to be far better than the machine made variety because they were sturdier, leakproof, and reusable again and again. Good, strong containers were an essential factor in packing and shipping salted herring, trout, and whitefish.³

considerably

Wisconsin's Great Lakes fishing tonnage varied/ from year to year, but there were generally good years late in World War I and again starting in the middle 1920's and generally continuing into the latter 1930's. But the once plentiful supply of herring and whitefish declined during the 1950's,⁴ and at about the same time the sea lamprey began to decimate the lake trout population. Other factors, such as changes in marketing techniques and newer, faster methods of packing also helped bring an end to the operation of the old cooperage at Bayfield.

1 Bayfield County Press, January 9, 1886
 2 Walstad to Heninger, 1
 3 Ibid., 2
 4 Blueprint for Bayfield, 11

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Bayfield County Press, January 9, 1886.

Blueprint for Bayfield: A Design Study for Preserving & Enhancing the Scenic Quality of a Great Lakes Community. Madison, Wis., 1969.

Letter, J. A. Walstad, Bayfield, to Allan T. Heninger, Madison, Wis., August 13, 1975.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Less than 1.0

UTM REFERENCES

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	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

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	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Allan T. Heninger, Planning Analyst I

ORGANIZATION

State Historical Society of Wisconsin

DATE

12-10-75

STREET & NUMBER

816 State Street

TELEPHONE

608/262-2971

CITY OR TOWN

Madison

STATE

Wisconsin 53706

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION 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 National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

James Morton Smith

TITLE Director, State Historical Society of Wisconsin

DATE 1/29/76

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Wm. H. Smith

DATE 8/13/72

Acting DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

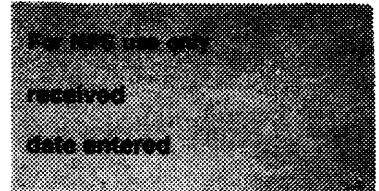
Charles A. ...

DATE 8.13.76

Acting KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form



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PROPERTY NAME Booth Cooperage

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REFERENCE NUMBER

W	I
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STATE

0	0	7
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COUNTY CODE

New street address is 1 East Washington St.

SIGNED, SHPO OR AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

2/13/86

DATE