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Historic Name: Rand, Rufus, Summer House and Carriage Barn**County:** Wright**Common Name:****Community:**

Monticello, Minnesota

Owner's Name and Address: Multiple - see attached list**Address/Legal Desc.:**

Washington Street

Classification:**Acreage:****Building** **Structure** _____ **Object** _____ **District** _____

3 acres

Condition:**Verbal Boundary Desc.:****Excellent** _____ **Good** _____ **Fair** **Deteriorated**

See Continuation Sheet

Open to the Public:**Visible from the road:****Yes** _____ **No** **Yes** **No** _____**Occupied:****Present Use:****Yes** **No** _____

Residences

History:**UTM Reference:****Date Constructed:** 1884**Original Owner:** Rufus Rand Sr.15 Monticello Quad.
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5016125**Architect/Builder:** Susan Mealy**Original Use:** Summer House and Carriage Barn**Description:****Level of Significance:**

The Rufus Rand Summer House is situated on a prominent wooded knoll southeast of the central business district of Monticello, Minnesota. It is a rambling two-and-one-half story frame building executed in the Queen Anne style. Evident design features of this style include a polygonal corner tower, wrap-around porches, flared chimneys, brackets, patterned shingles in gable areas, and an irregular plan, accented by a multi-gabled roof. Original cedar shingles remain on the roof.

Local **State** _____**Nation** _____

The Rand House was originally intended to be used as a summer house. Consequently, the house was closed for the winter and is equipped with operational exterior shutters. Through the years, alterations have been made to the house. These include a partial stuccoing of the exterior, addition and enclosure of porches, and conversion of the interior to a funeral-parlor and (continued)

Status:**Survey** _____ **Date** _____**Local** _____**State** _____ **1/78** _____**Nat'l. Reg.** _____**Nat'l. Land.** _____**HABS/HAER** _____**Significance:**

The Rufus Rand Summer House and Carriage Barn in Monticello is an example of the Queen Anne style of architecture and is representative of the large country estates built prior to the turn of the century by Twin Cities businessmen. The summer homes were built as the rural areas of the county became accessible by railroad transportation.

Theme/s:**Primary** Recreation**Secondary** Architecture**Other** Commerce

The summer house was built by Rufus Rand, Sr., in 1884, as a wedding present to his bride, Susan Mealy. The thirty room, wood frame structure was designed by Susan in the then popular Queen Anne style. Its large windows and wrap-around porch emphasize the fact that the house was used only in the summer months. The house is located on a prominent hill overlooking the town of Montecello.

Local Contact/Org.:

Wright County Historical Society

Rufus Rand, Sr., was Vice-president of the Minneapolis Gas Light Company at the time he had the house constructed. Rand, a prominent Twin Cities businessman, eventually became president of the family-owned company and managed it successfully until his death in 1921. The house was used as a summer home by the Rand family for sixty one years. It was also (continued)

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Description:

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later a rooming/care facility. The house is now in a deteriorated to fair condition.

The only ancillary building to survive is a square, wood frame, one and a half story carriage barn located at the rear of the main dwelling. The barn was stuccoed and converted into a year-round residence in 1952. A one story, cement block garage was built in 1967 just northeast of the barn.

The swimming pool, pool house and windmill no longer remain. Remnants of the formal gardens, shrubbery and field stone walls, however, do.

Significance:

used as an officer quarters during World War II, a nursing home, and a funeral home. For a portion of its existence it has stood vacant. The house is currently being used as a single family residence. The current owner of the summer house intends to restore the home to its former integrity. Its original architectural lines, basic floor plan, and interior space survive intact.

The carriage barn was converted in 1952 to a single family dwelling. The property is now owned separately from the original estate.

WRIGHT COUNTY, Monticello, Minnesota

Rufus Rand Summer House and Carriage Barn
Ownership and Boundary Descriptions

Summer House

Owner: Edward J. and Patricia Boran
Route 2
Monticello, Minnesota 55362

Verbal Boundary Description:

That part of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 12, Township 121, Range 25, Wright County, Minnesota, also being a part of tracts known as Lot 1 of said SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and Lot 9 of Auditor's Subdivision Number One according to the plats or record, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the west line of said SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ distant 534.5 feet north of the southwest corner thereof; thence east at a right angle from the said west line a distance of 318.00 feet; thence deflect 79° left bearing N-11°-E a distance of 285.00 feet to a point on the southerly line of the Old Territorial Road, said point being the centerline of the Old Territorial Road bearing northwesterly extended southeasterly; thence northwesterly along said centerline a distance of 308.29 feet to the southerly right-of-way of the Great Northern Railway; thence northwesterly along said right-of-way a distance of 303.5 feet to the west line of said SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$; thence south along the said west line a distance of 663.50 feet to the point of beginning. Except therefrom that part described as follows: Beginning at a point on the west line of said SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ distant 534.5 feet north of the southwest corner thereof; thence east at a right angle from the said west line a distance of 318.00 feet; thence deflect 79° left bearing N-11°-E a distance of 155.44 feet; thence deflect 79°-30' left a distance of 252.20 feet; thence deflect 21°30' left a distance of 113.00 feet to the west line of said SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$; thence south along the said west line a distance of 245.00 feet to the point of beginning. Subject to the right-of-way of the said Old Territorial Road and also Copeland Road over the west 33.00 feet thereof.

Carriage Barn

Owner: Earl J. and Eleanor Malone
Monticello, Minnesota 55362

Verbal Boundary Description:

That part of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 12, Township 121, Range 25, Wright County, Minnesota also being a part of tracts known as Lot 1 of said SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and Lot 9 of Auditor's Subdivision Number One according to the plats of record, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the west line of said SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ distant 534.5 feet north of the southwest corner thereof; thence east at a right angle from the said west line a distance of 318.00 feet; thence deflect 79° left bearing N-11°-E a distance of 155.44 feet; thence deflect 79°-30' left a distance of 252.20 feet; thence deflect 21°30' left a distance of 113.00 feet to the west line of said SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$; thence south along the said west line a distance of 245.00 feet to the point of beginning. Subject to the right-of-way of Copeland Road over the west 33.00 feet thereof.