

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: <b>Minnesota</b>
COUNTY: <b>Steele</b>
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE <b>FEB 24 1975</b>

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
**Piper, Daniel S., House**

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
**Piper, Daniel S., House**

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**Route #1**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Medford Township**

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:  
**First**

STATE: **Minnesota** CODE: **22** COUNTY: **Steele** CODE: **147**

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
**Mrs. Richard Cain**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**Route #1**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Medford Township**

STATE: **Minnesota** CODE: **22**

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
**Register of Deeds - Steele County Courthouse**

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Owatonna**

STATE: **Minnesota** CODE: **22**

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
**Statewide Historic Sites Survey**

DATE OF SURVEY: **1974**  Federal  State  County  Local

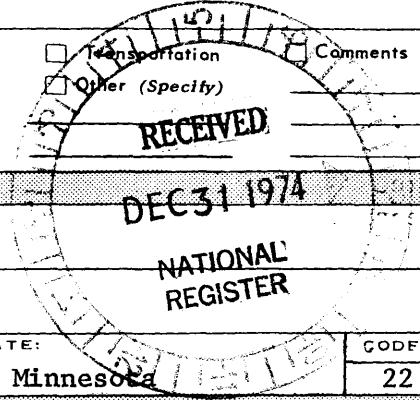
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
**Minnesota Historical Society**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**Building 25, Fort Snelling**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Saint Paul**

STATE: **Minnesota** CODE: **22**

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent (house)	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair (barn)	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
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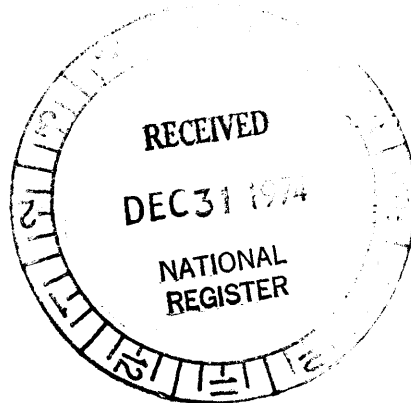
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Daniel S. Piper House is an interconnected farmstead complex complex, including a two and one half story house, a one and one half story rear dependency, and a two and one half story barn. The entire complex is wood frame construction and is styled as a late example of Greek Revival architecture. Due to the late period of construction for this particular style, the architectural trim, especially at the front entry and side entry porches, are more Italianate in character, reflecting its time of construction in 1877. The foundation material throughout the complex is local limestone, except at the rear of the barn where the structure is supported by tree trunk pylons driven into the ground.

The house is a rather large mass, uncharacteristic of the "gable end" variation of the Greek Revival residential style. The front entry is off center, being a part of an unevenly proportioned front facade. Four windows, stacked two over two, are grouped to the right of the entry.

The barn is the most characteristically "New England" looking of the complex, with its Greek Revival gable trim, its wagon doors at each gable end, and its cupola ventilator.

The farm complex has undergone very little exterior alteration with the enclosure of the side entry and the removal of one side window in the rear dependency. A new foundation was recently added under the side porch. The interior has been extensively remodeled, especially in the rear dependency which now functions as part of the living quarters, but which formerly contained the summer kitchen, wood shed and granary. The complex has been well maintained and is in excellent condition, except for the rear wall of the barn which is in need of major structural repair.



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**SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                       |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century            | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |                                       |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input type="checkbox"/> Education              | <input type="checkbox"/> Political           | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | <u>Immigration and Settlement</u>                   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture  | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           | _____   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Military               | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |  | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            |   |  | _____   |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Daniel S. Piper House is Minnesota's only known surviving example of an interconnected New England style farmstead, where all the farm buildings; wood shed, summer kitchen, granary, barn, and farm house, are constructed as one contiguous building. The architectural style reflects the "Yankee" heritage of the Piper family, being executed as a late example of the Greek Revival motif.

Daniel Piper immigrated to Minnesota in 1877, purchasing the farm in November of that year. He commenced construction of the complex, utilizing the talents of four master carpenters from New Hampshire, who completed the building late in 1877. Materials for the building were top grade, as Piper had been a lumberman in the East, and he personally supervised their selection. This has likely added to the excellent aging of the building which except for the rear half of the barn, remains in good structural condition.

The farm complex remains an excellent symbol of the New England heritage of many early Minnesota pioneers.



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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Minnesota Houses: An Architectural and Historical View, Roger Kennedy, Dillon Press, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 1967, p. 27, p. 33.

**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

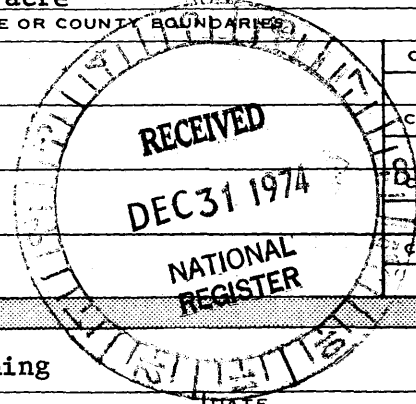
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **less than 1 acre**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
**Thomas Lutz - Historic Sites Survey and Planning**

ORGANIZATION: **Minnesota Historical Society** DATE: **20 December 1974**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**Building 25, Fort Snelling**

CITY OR TOWN: **St. Paul** STATE: **Minnesota** CODE: **22**

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION**

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name Russell W. Fridley  
Russell W. Fridley  
Title State Historic Preservation Officer  
Date December 23, 1974

**NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

AR Weanters  
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 2/24/75

ATTEST:  
Doty George J Emery  
Keeper of The National Register  
Date Feb-20, 1975

**United States Department of the Interior**  
**National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places**  
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

for Keeper Melvin Lynn  
1/19/89

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

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Note: These changes apply to  
Piper, Daniel S., House in Steele  
County, Minnesota.

REFERENCE NUMBER: 75001028

STATE: MINNESOTA

COUNTY: Steele

RESOURCE NAME (HISTORIC):

CITY:

VICINITY OF: Medford

ADDRESS: Co. Hwy. 45

CERTIFICATION DATE:

REMOVED DATE:

COMMENTS:

*Nina M. Archabal*  
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Nina M. Archabal  
State Historic Preservation Officer

JUN 17 1988  
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Date