

MINNESOTA HISTORIC PROPERTIES INVENTORY FORM

80002008

HISTORIC NAME: John Daubney House

COUNTY: Chisago

CURRENT NAME:

CITY/TWP.: Taylors Falls

LEGAL DESC.: Lot 1, Block 4, Original Town

ADDRESS: Oak and River Streets

CLASSIFICATION:	CONDITION:	SIGNIFICANCE:	THEME/S:
Building <u>X</u>	Excellent _____	Local <u>X</u>	Primary <u>Architecture</u>
Structure _____	Good <u>X</u>	State _____	Secondary <u>Commerce</u>
Object _____	Fair _____	National _____	Others _____
District _____	Deteriorated _____		

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Yes _____ No X Restricted _____

PRESENT USE:

VISIBLE FROM THE ROAD: Yes X No _____

Residence

OCCUPIED: Yes X No _____

DATE CONSTRUCTED: ca. 1870

ORIGINAL USE: Residence

ORIGINAL OWNER: John L. Bullard

ARCHITECT/BUILDER: John L. Bullard

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Edmund & Augusta Strasser
Taylors Falls, MN 55084ACREAGE: Less than one acre XLOCAL CONTACT/ORG.: Chisago County Historical Society,
Taylors Falls, MN

UTM REFERENCE:

St. Croix Dalles Quad.

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DESCRIPTION:

The John Daubney House, constructed ca. 1870, is located on the northwest corner of River and Oak Streets in Taylors Falls. The house overlooks the St. Croix River in a residential neighborhood on the east side of town.

The two story white frame Italianate house displays the characteristic three bay front and is designed on a side hall plan. Pairs of wooden shutters adorn the windows on the front (east) facade. The first floor windows are tall and narrow with six lights; all other windows are double hung with four over four lights. Openings are framed by simple wood moldings with wooden pedimented heads. An open full front porch features a second story balcony with a balustrade of scroll sawn detailing. The house has a low hip roof with a single brick chimney towards the rear. A bay window is located on the south facade.

The only alteration to the exterior of the house is a small one room enclosed porch and deck at the rear. The interior has been remodeled. The building is in an excellent state of preservation.

A small frame barn (ca.1870), located to the rear of the house, has been turned into a garage.

SIGNIFICANCE:

The John Daubney House is significant both for its association with an early and prominent Chisago County settler and as a fine local example of the domestic Italianate style. County records indicate that the house was likely constructed by John L. Bullard in about 1870. The property changed hands frequently until 1893, when it was acquired by John Daubney, for whom it is best known. Daubney engaged in lumbering in the Stillwater area for some fifteen years before settling on a farm in Amador Township, Chisago County, in 1861. One of the earliest settlers in the area, he raised stock and practiced general farming. In 1894, he moved his family to Taylors Falls, where he resided until his death at the age of 105 in 1924. The River Street house is representative of the later homes of Chisago County's earliest rural settlers; it was not uncommon for them to move to nearby urban residences upon retirement. The Daubney House is reflective of the status Daubney achieved during his active earlier years.