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DATA SHEET

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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

Andrews House

AND/OR COMMON

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

SE of St. Peter

SE 1/4, S 1/4, Section 35, T 110, R 26

CITY, TOWN

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

X VICINITY OF St. Peter

2

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

Minnesota

22

LeSueur

079 ✓

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

___DISTRICT

___PUBLIC

X OCCUPIED

___AGRICULTURE

___MUSEUM

X BUILDING(S)

X PRIVATE

___UNOCCUPIED

___COMMERCIAL

___PARK

___STRUCTURE

___BOTH

___WORK IN PROGRESS

___EDUCATIONAL

X PRIVATE RESIDENCE

___SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

___ENTERTAINMENT

___RELIGIOUS

___OBJECT

___IN PROCESS

X YES: RESTRICTED

___GOVERNMENT

___SCIENTIFIC

___BEING CONSIDERED

___YES: UNRESTRICTED

___INDUSTRIAL

___TRANSPORTATION

___NO

___MILITARY

___OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Joseph Kienlen

STREET & NUMBER

Route 4, Box 72

CITY, TOWN

St. Peter

VICINITY OF

STATE

Minnesota

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

LeSueur County Courthouse -- Register of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

LeCenter

STATE

Minnesota

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Minnesota Historic Sites Survey

DATE

1976

___FEDERAL X STATE ___COUNTY ___LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Minnesota Historical Society - Building 25, Fort Snelling

CITY, TOWN

St. Paul

STATE

Minnesota

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Andrews House, constructed ca. 1860, was built as a residence for one of the first settlers of LeSueur County, David Kendall. Built by Kendall and local carpenters, it is a simple L-shaped house. The house is comprised of a "main house" of two stories with a series of one story sheds and a lean-to attached to the north and west sides. The "main house" is five bays wide on the first story of the main facade and two bays on the second story of the same facade. It is a frame building with white clapboard siding. The limestone foundation is painted red. A full front porch is supported by turned posts with elaborate brackets. The rough cedar shake roof is gabled with projecting verges and cornice.

Many of the original 6 over 6 windows have been replaced with one or two paned windows. Plain wooden trim surrounds the windows on the sheds and lean-to addition. The windows on the "main house" are surrounded by triangular trim. The main door is located on the corner of the "main house." The main entry was originally located in the center of the front facade with 6 over 6 windows flanking both sides. An additional door on the front facade is located in the shed or kitchen addition.

The original floor plan of the interior is difficult to discern due to multiple remodelings. According to a direct descendant of the Andrews family the first floor contained two parlors, a kitchen and a rear bedroom. The second floor contained a dormitory styled bedroom.

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES ca. 1860 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Andrews House, constructed ca. 1860, has served many families in its long history--most noteworthy being the Andrews family. In 1874 the Reverend John R. Andrews purchased this house and a quarter section of land. Andrews was a circuit riding Methodist minister who left Illinois and settled near this house in 1856. In 1875 the "Andrews Family Concert and Dramatic Troupe" was formed in this house. A year later they styled themselves the "Andrews Family Swiss Bell Ringers," but by 1884 they were the "Andrews Opera Company."

The Andrews Opera Company performed in opera houses, town halls, theaters, and schools from coast to coast during the last quarter of the nineteenth century. (offshoots of the company, under different managements, continued for another decade.) In the 1880s the company became nationally known and for many years toured the country in a private railroad car. In 1891 the company numbered sixty players.

"The Andrews troupe was unique in several ways. First, it was a family organization, and its nucleus always consisted of the Andrews brothers and sisters, their wives, husbands, and even children. Second, it sprang fullfledged from a frontier environment--it was not imported from the East or from Europe. Third, it pioneered in producing grand opera in English, and its performances were so moderately priced that the average man could afford to hear them. Troupes like that organized by the Andrews made a significant contribution to the cultural and social history of the frontier West."¹

A direct descendant of the Andrews family has preserved the opera company's memiors and scrapbooks.

1 Dubois, Cornelia Andrews, "Operatic Pioneers -- the Story of the Andrews Family," Minnesota History, March, 1953, p. 317.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

DuBois, Cornelia Andrews, "Operatic Pioneers: the Story of the Andrews family," Minnesota History, Winter 1953, St. Paul, Minnesota

DuBois, Cornelia Andrews "The Andrews Family: Minnesota's Operatic Pioneers," Showcase, magazine of the Minnesota Orchestra, November 5-23, 1975, Volume VI, No. 3, Minnesota Orchestral Association, Minneapolis, Minnesota

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than 2 acres *1.3 acres*

UTM REFERENCES

A	1 5	4 2 7 4 5 0	4 9 0 3 7 3 0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Lynne VanBrocklin Spaeth

6/22/77

ORGANIZATION

State Historic Preservation Department/Minnesota Historical Society

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

Bldg. 25, Fort Snelling

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

St. Paul

STATE

Minnesota 55111

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

Russell W. Fridley

TITLE Russell W. Fridley

State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

3/14/78

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

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION
 ATTEST: *William Labovish*
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE *10/10/78*
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER
 DATE *Oct 28, 1978*

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Gresham, Honorable William G., History of Nicollet and LeSueur Counties Minnesota,
Volumes I and II, Indianapolis, Indiana, 1916.

Scrapbooks and memoirs in the possession of Cornelia Andrews DuBois.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

for Keeper Melvin Lyman
1/19/89

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**Note: These changes apply to
Andrews House in LeSueur County,
Minnesota.**

REFERENCE NUMBER: 78003123

STATE: MINNESOTA

COUNTY: LeSueur

RESOURCE NAME (HISTORIC): Andrews, John, R., House

CITY:

VICINITY OF: Kasota

ADDRESS: Co. Hwy. 19

CERTIFICATION DATE:

REMOVED DATE:

COMMENTS:

Nina M. Archabal

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State Historic Preservation Officer

JUN 17 1988

Date