

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

**National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

**1. Name**

historic Schroeder Lumber Company Bunkhouse

and/or common N/A

**2. Location**

street & number Off U.S. Highway 61

N/A not for publication

city, town Schroeder Township  vicinity of Schroeder, Minnesota

state Minnesota

code 22

county Cook

code 031

**3. 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 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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	N/A in process	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: Storage

**4. Owner of Property**

name Horace and Linda Lamb

street & number N/A

city, town Schroeder

N/A vicinity of

state Minnesota 55613

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Cook County Court House

street & number Fifth Avenue West and Second Street

city, town Grand Marais

state Minnesota 55604

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title Minnesota Statewide Historic Sites Survey has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date 1981  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Minnesota Historical Society, Ft Snelling History Center

city, town St. Paul,

state Minnesota 55111

# 7. Description

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Schroeder Lumber Company Bunkhouse is situated in an open field approximately one-quarter mile southeast of U.S. Highway 61 and one-quarter mile southwest of the mouth of the Cross River. It is a rectangular, gable-roofed, saddle-notched, log structure with wood shingles in the gable ends. The principal (southeast) facade has a central entrance flanked by single window openings. A third window opening pierces the gable end immediately above the entrance. The building has an open interior plan with a loft. There are no plans or illustrations documenting the building's original design.<sup>1</sup> The structure does not appear to have been significantly altered.

### NOTES

<sup>1</sup>In the early 1980s, Robert H. Silver, a Schroeder resident who has long been interested in the community's history, contacted the Schroeder family in Milwaukee and learned that the John Schroeder Lumber Company's records and photographs concerning its North Shore logging operation had been destroyed; Jeffrey A. Hess, Interview with Silver, June 22, 1985.

# 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"/> humanitarian
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** C. 1900      **Builder/Architect** Schroeder Lumber Company of Milwaukee, Wisc.

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Schroeder Lumber Company Bunkhouse is historically significant as the only architectural remnant of "one of the most extensive [logging operations] ever attempted on the North Shore."<sup>1</sup>

In 1895, the Milwaukee-based John Schroeder Lumber Company, one of the largest firms in its field in Wisconsin, acquired timber rights to approximately 36 square miles of white pine land in the Cross River watershed of Cook County. Over the next few years, the company built a series of timbered dams and sluiceways to "drive" logs from the river's upper reaches to its mouth at Lake Superior, where the timber was rafted and towed by steam tugs to the company's sawmill at Ashland, Wisconsin. The company's local headquarters was located at the mouth of the Cross River on land leased from the original homesteader, Henry J. Redmyer. The compound included shipping docks, a warehouse, hotel, superintendant's residence, store, and bunkhouse.

At the height of its North Shore operations, the Schroeder Lumber Company employed over 1,000 workers in the area. It completely dominated the local economy, giving its name to the Cross River community of Schroeder, previously known as "Redmyer." By 1905, the white pine had been cut, and the company departed the region, leaving several of its headquarters buildings, including the bunkhouse, to the Redmyer family, who sold the property to Horace P. Stickney in 1922. Stickney cleared the site for tourist cabins, retaining the former bunkhouse for storage. In 1976, the property was acquired by Horace and Linda Lamb, who continue to use the bunkhouse for storage purposes.<sup>2</sup>

### NOTES

<sup>1</sup> Willis H. Raff, Pioneers in the Wilderness (Grand Marais, MN: Cook County Historical Society, 1981), p. 89. The building was positively identified as the Schroeder Lumber Company's former bunkhouse by Horace P. Stickney, who purchased the property in the 1920s; Hess, Interview with Robert H. Silver, June 22, 1985.

<sup>2</sup> On the history of the Schroeder Lumber Company and the early community of Redmyer, see Raff, pp. 83-91. The various changes in ownership of the bunkhouse are recorded by Mark Haidet, Minnesota Historic Properties Inventory Form for Schroeder Lumber Company Bunkhouse, unpublished, 1981, in Schroeder Lumber Company Bunkhouse File, Minnesota State Historic Preservation Office, Minnesota Historical Society.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Hess, Jeffrey A. Interview with Robert H. Silver, June 22, 1985.  
 Raff, Willis H. Pioneers in the Wilderness. Grand Marais, MN: Cook County Historical Society, 1981.

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 0.5 acres  
 Quadrangle name Schroeder, Minnesota Quadrangle scale 1: 24000

UTM References

A	1 5	6 5 8 4 2 0	5 2 6 7 4 4 0	B			
	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

Verbal boundary description and justification

Government Lot 1 of Section 1, Township 58 North, Range 5 West of 4th Principal Meridian, lying south of the centerline of Minnesota Trunk Highway #61.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries N/A

state	N/A	code	N/A	county	N/A	code	N/A
state	N/A	code	N/A	county	N/A	code	N/A

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Jeffrey A. Hess  
 organization Jeffrey A. Hess, Historical Consultant date July 29, 1985  
 street & number 305 Grain Exchange Building telephone 612-338-1987  
 city or town Minneapolis, state Minnesota 55415

# 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 State Historic Preservation Office date 6/24/86

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

for Allene Byers Entered in the National Register date 7-31-86  
 Keeper of the National Register

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Chief of Registration

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of Schroeder, Minnesota

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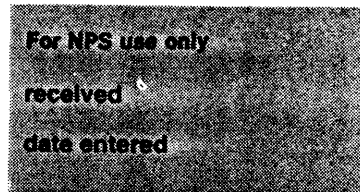
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The Schroeder Lumber Company Bunkhouse nomination contains

1 contributing building.