MINNESOTA HISTORIC PROPERTIES INVENTORY FORM

JAN 2 9 1980 HISTORIC NAME: R.M. Probstfield House continued meetily CURRENT NAME: Probstfield House CITY/TWP .: Oakport Township LEGAL DESC.: NE¹/₄, SW¹/₄, SW¹/₄, Sec. 21, T. 140, R. 48, From a ADDRESS: County Road 96 point 900' north of the south boundary of Sec. 21, and 300' west of County Road 96: East 50', South 50', West 50' and North 50' to point of origin. CONDITION: SIGNIFICANCE: THEME/S: CLASSIFICATION: Excellent Local Primary Settlement Building X Secondary Agriculture State Structure Good Others Civic Affairs Object Fair National District Deteriorated OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: PRESENT USE: No X Restricted VISIBLE FROM THE ROAD: Yes X No Residence OCCUPIED: Yes X No DATE CONSTRUCTED: ORIGINAL USE: 1869 Residence ORIGINAL OWNER: R.M. Probstfield ARCHITECT/BUILDER: R.M. Probstfield OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Raymond Gesell ACREAGE: Less than one acre Route 3

UTM REFERENCE:

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Fargo North 7.5 Quad.

DESCRIPTION:

DATE:

LOCAL CONTACT/ORG.:

FORM PREPARED BY:

The R.M. Probstfield House is a $1\frac{1}{2}$ story structure located north of Moorhead on the Red River. The original section of the house has a gable roof with a plain boxed cornice with return. Several shed additions have been made to the house over the years. The original rectangular plan is now irregular. The white-painted, clapboard additions altered the house but are in keeping with the original portion of the structure.

Moorhead, MN 56560

Tom Harvey

September 1979

SIGNIFICANCE:

The Probstfield House, the oldest known house in Clay County is significant for its association with Randolph M. Probstfield, one of Clay County's most prominent early citizens. Probstfield came to the Red River Valley in 1859, along with two other men, and was thus one of the first three permanent settlers in the area. He was the first postmaster at Georgetown, and from 1865-1868 was manager of the Hudson's Bay Trading Post there. In 1869, Probstfield built his permanent home. Probstfield took a prominent role in the civic affairs. politics, education, and agriculture in the Moorhead area. He served as public assessor, county clerk, school board director, and as a state senator. Perhaps his most important role was in the promotion of agriculture in the Red River Valley. Probstfield's extensive diaries, covering from 1859 to his death in 1911, show a deep involvement in agricultural experimentation and development, and offer a great opportunity for interpretation of the farm site. (The diaries were continued by the Probstfield family until 1962.)

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	Note: These changes apply to Probstfield, R. M., House in Clay County, Minnesota.
REFERENCE NUMBER: 8000201	19
STATE: MINNESOTA	
COUNTY: Clay	
RESOURCE NAME (HISTORIC):	Probstfield, Randolph M., House
CITY:	
VICINITY OF: Moorhead	
ADDRESS: Co. Hwy. 96	
CERTIFICATION DATE:	
REMOVED DATE:	
COMMENTS:	

Nina M. Archabal State Historic Preservation Officer

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JUN 1 7 1988

Date

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION
PROPERTY Probstfield, Randolph M., House NAME:
MULTIPLE Clay County MRA NAME:
STATE & COUNTY: MINNESOTA, Clay
DATE RECEIVED: 12/09/08 DATE OF PENDING LIST: DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 1/22/09 DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:
REFERENCE NUMBER: 80002019
NOMINATOR: STATE
REASONS FOR REVIEW:
APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N
COMMENT WAIVER: N
ACCEPTRETURNREJECTDATE
ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:
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If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.

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	Clay County, MN	
	County and State	
Section number 2 Page 1	Name of multiple property listing (if applicable)	
National Register Number: 80002019		
Location, Street & Number: 4555 Oakport St. N.		
Bootton, Street & Ivaniser. 4555 Sakport St. Iv.		
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Britta L. Bloomberg, Deputy State Ristoric Preservation Officer	Date	
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