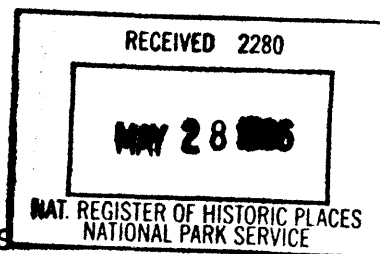


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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM**

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in Guidelines for completing National Register Forms (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries. Use letter quality printer in 12 pitch, using an 85 space line and a 10 space left margin. Use only 25% or greater cotton content bond paper.

1. Name of Property

historic name TIMM, HERMAN C., HOUSE
other names/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number 1600 Main Street N/A not for publication
city, town New Holstein N/A vicinity
state Wisconsin code WI county Calumet code 015 zip code 53601

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	No. Of Resources within Property	
		contributing	noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)		
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>1</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing:

N/A

No. of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

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4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this X nomination ___ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets ___ does not meet the National Register criteria. ___ See continuation sheet.

[Signature] _____
Signature of certifying official Date
State Historic Preservation Officer-WI

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property ___ meets ___ does not meet the National Register criteria. ___ See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:
✓ entered in the National Register.
___ See continuation sheet

[Signature] 7.5.96

___ determined eligible for the National Register. ___ See continuation sheet
Entered in the National Register.

___ determined not eligible for the National Register.

___ removed from the National Register.

___ other, (explain:)

Signature of Keeper Date

6. Functions or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions) Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling RECREATION AND CULTURE/museum

7. Description

Architectural Classification (enter categories from instructions)

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

Stick/Eastlake

foundation Limestone

Greek Revival

walls Weatherboard

roof Asphalt

other Wood

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Herman C. Timm House is situated on approximately one third acre of land on the northwest corner of Main and Railroad streets, one block south of Market Square. Located on the principal thoroughfare of New Holstein, which also serves as part of State Highways 57 and 32, the Timm House abuts the central business district at its eastern terminus. Its neighboring structures include mid to late 20th century commercial buildings to the south and west, and early 20th century homes to the north and east.

The main block of the building is a two-story, towered Stick Style residence of frame construction, built in 1892 as a character-defining addition to a smaller and earlier one-story, side-gable house with Greek Revival references built in 1872. The plan configuration of the main block is L-shaped and wraps around a corner tower. The foundations are random limestone, portions of which have a rusticated concrete veneer. The walls are clapboard, with enframing horizontal bands of vertical and diagonal tongue-and-groove paneling at each story level of the 1892 portion of the residence. The roof is multi-gabled and steeply pitched in the 1892 portion of the residence, side-gabled and more gently pitched on the rear wing. The tower roof is pyramidal and has gablets over the windows. The roofing materials are contemporary asphalt shingles. A shed-roofed wall dormer is located on the east side of the rear wing.

The fenestration is functional and consists primarily of double-hung, single-paned sash. On the first floor of the south-facing main facade's cross-gable is a one-story rectilinear-plan bay with side windows and a central plate glass window. Stained glass sidelights flank the plate glass. On the second floor is a triple window group with three multi-paned stained glass transoms. In the gable end are three lights, one of which has been removed to serve as an attic vent. On the second floor of the tower south facade is another triple window group with multi-paned stained glass transoms. Above this on the third floor of the tower is a single window and multi-paned stained glass transom.

On the first floor of the tower's east facade is a multi-paned stained glass light, located at the juncture with the south wall of the east cross gable. On the second floor of the tower east facade is a double window group with multi-paned stained glass transoms. Above this on the third floor of the tower is a single window and multi-paned stained glass transom. On the first floor of the east facade cross-gable is a one-story integral polygonal bay with side windows and a central plate glass window. Stained glass sidelights flank the plate glass. On the second floor is a triple window grouping with three multi-paned stained glass transoms. In the gable end are three lights, one of which has been removed to serve as an attic vent.

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On the first floor of the west facade, from north to south, is a single window, a double window group, and two single windows. On the second floor, in the same direction, is a double window group and a single window.

On the first floor of the rear wing's east facade is a triple window group and a single window, located on either side of a side entrance. On the first floor of rear wing's the north facade are two single windows. These windows have double-hung, six-over-six sash. An enclosed porch on the rear wing's west facade includes a multi-paned light.

The front entrance, located on the first floor of the corner tower, is composed of two wood doors, with multi-paned stained glass and incised ornamentation. A matching single door is located on each floor of the south wall of the east cross gable. The rear wing has an entry on each facade. On the first floor of the east facade is a single lighted wood door matching those on the south facade, and on the first floor of the west facade is a single paneled door. On the north facade is a contemporary paneled door located midway between floors, accessing the landing of the kitchen stairs.

The south entries open onto a character-defining, corner verandah, with stairs at the west and north terminuses. The verandah is comprised of a stick and ball balustrade, turned porch supports, incised and spindled grilles, incised brackets, and filigree wrought iron railings. A second floor portion of the verandah abuts the east wall of the tower. The east entry on the rear wing opens onto a prominent gabled stoop with matching supports. The west entry serves an enclosed stoop. The north entry stairs lead directly to the midfloor door.

The house's character-defining Stick Style features include the bands of vertical and diagonal boarding, the corner tower, the spindled verandah, and the extensive application of stained glass. The cross gables include outlining vertical panels on the second floor, and the east cross gable's second story overhang polygonal bay. Applied sunbursts and battenwork grids are located on the gable ends and tower. Stick Style sunbursts are also located on the verandah and east entrance stoop. The incised and knobbed vergeboards and the extensive use of brackets are also noteworthy. The Greek Revival features of the rear wing are limited to the frieze boards, corner boards, and north gable cornice returns.

The interior retains its historic appearance and matches the significant features of the exterior. The floor plan is irregular and incorporates an unusual tower hall and stairway. A parlor, sitting room and bedroom comprise the first floor of the 1892 portion of the house, while the rear wing contains a dining room, kitchen, bath, and rear staircase. The woodwork is largely bull's eye framing. Quezal art glass fixtures in the sitting room date from 1912 and reflect the changing taste of the Timm family. The second floor includes three bedrooms roughly

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following the room arrangement of the first floor.

In donating the house to the New Holstein Historical Society, the Timms included many original furnishing, draperies, and carpetings with their bequest. These artifacts and the overall integrity of the house form an important record of a middle class German family in late 19th century rural Wisconsin.

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8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties: nationally statewide x locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B x C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance

(enter categories from instructions) Period of Significance Significant Dates

ARCHITECTURE 1872-1892 (1) N/A

Cultural Affiliation
N/A

Significant Person Architect/Builder
N/A Neuman, August F., builder (2)

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The Herman C. Timm House is nominated to the National Register for its local significance under criterion C. The Timm House embodies the distinctive characteristics of Stick Style design addressed in Cultural Resource Management in Wisconsin. The house is also reflective of a significant period of growth and achievement in the community.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

New Holstein was settled in 1848 by seventy immigrants from Holstein, Germany. These immigrants and their families took up land in two rival settlements: Altona on the west and New Holstein on the east. In 1871, construction of the Milwaukee Northern Railroad stimulated commercial activity on the east side, including the construction of several grain elevators. Putting their differences aside, the two settlements incorporated as a village in 1901. Thereafter New Holstein developed rapidly as a center for agricultural goods, services, and light manufacture. A state bank was organized in 1902, the city electrified in 1912, and by 1915 the village was anticipating interurban service with Plymouth, Sheboygan, and Milwaukee. Known for its manufacture of gasoline and kerosene engines, sanitary barn equipment, and ensilage cutters, New Holstein weathered the Great Depression, and experienced modest growth into the late 20th century.

Herman C. Timm (1834-1906) came to New Holstein in 1848 from Marne, Holstein. In 1864 he married and purchased a farm, where he remained until 1872. Attending a Milwaukee business school in that year, he returned to New Holstein and became a grain merchant. A dealer in barley, wheat, oats, rye & seed, Timm built the first of three elevators in 1879, eventually expanding his operations into the towns of Hayton and Collins. (3) In 1901 he was elected the first president of the village, and the following year he founded the State Bank of New Holstein. (4)

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Upon his return from Milwaukee in 1872, Timm built a modest side gabled house a block south of his grainery. (5) Twenty years later he hired August F. Neuman of Kiel to remodel the property, choosing to incorporate the original homestead into a new and elaborate residence. Prominently situated on the east side of town, the house remained a local landmark long after Timm's death. Occupied by his two daughters, the house and its contents were donated to the New Holstein Historical Society in 1974.

Additional biographical information on Timm is not readily available. It is worth noting, however, that two of his daughters married prominent west side men who became partners in the family business. These connections, Timm's village presidency, and the community's continuing respect for the Timm family suggest that Timm may have played a more significant leadership role in the community than is currently recognized or recorded.

ARCHITECTURE

In A Field Guide to American Houses, Stick Style domestic architecture is defined by patterned clapboard surfaces, and by roof trusses that faintly resemble the exposed structural members of Medieval half-timbered houses. Patterns of wood siding are applied in square and triangular spaces created by horizontal, vertical and diagonal stickwork. According to Cultural Resource Management In Wisconsin, the popularity of the Stick Style in this state dates from 1870 to 1890, and was cut short by the panic of 1873. True examples are extremely rare. In most cases they follow the Queen Anne form with stick-sheathed walls and restrained wood details.

As a cross gable example with a prominent corner tower, the Timm House is typically Queen Anne in form. Its wall surfaces are also extensively divided by stickwork that outlines nearly every door and window. The resulting spandrels and beltcourses are sheathed in vertical and diagonal tongue-and-groove paneling, contrasting with each other and the predominant horizontal clapboarding. Roof trusses are not present, but each gable end incorporates an applied stick sunburst, similar in pattern to embellished trusswork. In addition to the sunburst, the gable ends are clad with battenwork grids that repeat the geometric patterning of the stickwork, and are reminiscent of half-timbering.

These ornamental features are repeated on the predominate tower, unifying the overall design. Further strengthening this unity is the extensive application of multi-paned stained glass transoms. In combination with the paneled spandrels, the transoms pick up the rhythm of the battenwork grids and carries them down across each principal facade, emphasizing the vertical building proportions as counterpoint to the horizontal belt courses. These strong compositional elements are then

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further enriched by fan brackets, incised vergeboards, and an elaborately ornamented corner verandah. The number and diversity of these ornamental features are consistent with the towered subtype of the Stick Style as identified in A Field Guide to American Houses. The right angle bay and the extensive application of brackets also find their parallel in the highly elaborate townhouse form.

The architectural context of the Timm House is comprised of a large number of fine Craftsman homes, closely associated with New Holstein's period of early 20th century growth. A few of these homes are architecturally distinguished like the Timm House, and are similarly associated with prominent New Holstien manufacturers. Most all are located on the west side of town. Only a few homes date from the late 19th century, few retaining comparable integrity of site and form. Two smaller Queen Anne homes, located at 1709 Main Street and 2007 Randolph Street, incorporate similar ornamental features and may be the work of the same builder. The Timm House is the only identified example in New Holstein of a simple building form incorporated into a later high style design.

This architectural context strongly reinforces the local significance of the Timm House as a rare New Holstein example of the Stick Style period of construction. This significance is further enhanced by its association with a prominent family active in the financial, political, commercial, and social life of the community. The remarkable integrity of site and form, in combination with historic furnishings and decorations, make the Timm House an important record of late 19th century life and prosperity in an agricultural Wisconsin village.

- (1) A Primer: New Holstein History at a Glance, p. 10.
- (2) Ibid., p. 16.
- (3) Chilton Times, 6/30/1906, 1:3.
- (4) Roate and Holcomb, p. 22.
- (5) A Primer, p. 10.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

- Primary location of additional data:
- State Historic Preservation Office
 - Other State agency
 - Federal agency
 - Local government
 - University
 - Other
- Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of property Less than one acre

UTM References

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	Zone Easting	Northing		Zone Easting	Northing	

Verbal Boundary Description

Lots 2 & 3 of Block 2, Ostenfeldt's First Addition. Volume 136, p. 418.
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Boundary Justification

Boundaries are based on the legally recorded boundary lines of the two lots historically associated with the nominated property.
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Negatives at the State Historical Society of Wisconsin

Photo #1 of 6: View from the southwest.

Photo #2 of 6: View from the southeast.

Photo #3 of 6: Detail of verandah.

Photo #4 of 6: View from northeast.

Photo #5 of 6: View from north.

Photo #6 of 6: Detail of interior, sitting room fireplace.

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