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DATA SHEET

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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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 AND/OR COMMON
Johnson, J.B., House
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LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
US 52
CITY, TOWN
Osakis
STATE
Minnesota
VICINITY OF
7th
COUNTY
Douglas
CODE
27
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
041

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Thomas J.G. Dunn
STREET & NUMBER
3800 Park Avenue South
CITY, TOWN
Minneapolis
STATE
Minnesota

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Douglas County Courthouse - Registry of Deeds
CITY, TOWN
Alexandria
STATE
Minnesota

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Statewide Historic Sites Survey
DATE
1972
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
Minnesota Historical Society, Building 25, Fort Snelling
CITY, TOWN
St. Paul
STATE
Minnesota

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT DETERIORATED
 GOOD RUINS
 FAIR UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED
porches added
1915

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE 1915

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The J.B. Johnson House is located on a mid-block lot in the residential neighborhood immediately adjacent to the central business district of Osakis. It is a two storey frame residence executed on a hexagonal plan. Decorative features such as cornice treatment and millwork are reminiscent of the Italianate mode. A unique feature of the design is created in the pronounced plunging roofline of three corners to the first storey, a feature which is credited with naming the building the "Hurricane House". The principal of the hexagon and the plunging rooflines is attributed to Johnson's theory that the reduction of sharp angles would prevent damage from high winds. The lines of the angles are accentuated by diagonal placement of the clapboard siding. Cornice treatment on the non-plunging three corners is accentuated by thin strips of clapboard which conform to an outward curve; the culmination of which boasts a lathe-turned pendent. Large panes of plate glass are placed at the corners; smaller subsidiary windows have been added at a later date. Front and rear entry doors are double in arrangement and are placed at corners so that each door faces a different plane of the hexagon.

The interior of the first floor of the J.B. Johnson House is comprised of four rooms which open onto a central hall which bisects the plan from front to rear. The hall is entered through a pair of doors positioned at the corner of the hexagon. To the right off the hall is a double parlor; to the left are the dining room and kitchen. The second floor comprises four bedrooms and a bath and is reached via a stairway accessible only through the rear vestibule.

With the exception of the kitchen, walls are decorated with simple geometric stencilling on finished plaster. There is no stencilling in the kitchen. Woodwork on the first floor has undergone alterations during the first decade of the twentieth century; the only vestiges of the Italianate treatment survive in the double doors.

The J.B. Johnson House is presently unoccupied and in a deteriorating condition. It has recently been acquired by the present owner who is contemplating restoration.

One story frame addition on edge - Lebranch

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 checked="" 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 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. 1886

BUILDER/ARCHITECT J.B. Johnson

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The "Hurricane" House was the home of John B. Johnson, pioneer resident and merchant of Osakis. Johnson was born in Woodstock, Ohio in 1841 and moved to Illinois with his family. After serving in the Civil War, Johnson located in Sauk Centre, Minnesota in 1866. In 1868 Johnson and a cousin permanently settled in Osakis and became the first general merchants in the community when they opened a trading post and general store dealing in basic supplies exchanged for furs and other barter.

Besides operating a post office out of this store, Johnson invested in the grain business, building the first grain elevator in Osakis. He married Rebecca Fannehall in 1872, also an Ohio native who settled in Osakis with her family. Together with his wife, who acted as manager and cashier, they opened and ran the first bank which stands today.

This house is the second house that Johnson built. The first was destroyed by a tornado which explains the unique architecture of the present house. For many years the Johnson House was the showplace of Osakis, an example of the influence that John and Rebecca had on the business growth of the community.

John and Rebecca lived until 1937 and 1940 respectively and are buried in the local cemetery.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Roger, Kennedy, Minnesota Houses: An Architectural and Historical View, Minneapolis, Dillon Press, 1967.

Osakis Review, April 1 and May 20, 1937, February 22, 1940.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than 1

UTM REFERENCES

A	1, 5	33, 32, 0, 0	5, 08, 13, 4, 0
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Lot 4, Block 1, DeRushes Addition, Village of Osakis

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Susan Zeik, Research Historian and Charles Nelson, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Minnesota Historical Society

21 October 1976

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

Building 25, Fort Snelling

612-726-1171

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

St. Paul

Minnesota

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

11/29/76

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

[Signature]

DATE

12/9/77

ATTEST:

Charles Anderson

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

12-7-77

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

for Keeper Melanie Lynn
1/19/89

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**Note: These changes apply to
Johnson, J. B., House in Douglas
County, Minnesota.**

REFERENCE NUMBER: 77000730

STATE: MINNESOTA

COUNTY: Douglas

RESOURCE NAME (HISTORIC): Johnson, John B., House

CITY:

VICINITY OF:

ADDRESS: U.S. Hwy. 52

CERTIFICATION DATE:

REMOVED DATE:

COMMENTS:

Nina M. Archabal

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State Historic Preservation Officer

JUN 17 1988

Date