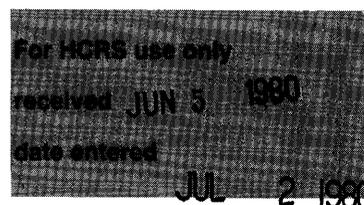


**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**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 Bush, John G., House

and/or common Same

2. Location

street & number Center Street _____ not for publication

city, town Dover _____ vicinity of congressional district First

state Minnesota code 22 county Olmsted code 109

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private | <input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied | <input type="checkbox"/> commercial |
| <input type="checkbox"/> structure | <input type="checkbox"/> both | <input type="checkbox"/> work in progress | <input type="checkbox"/> educational |
| <input type="checkbox"/> site | Public Acquisition | Accessible | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object | <input type="checkbox"/> in process | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted | <input type="checkbox"/> government |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> being considered | <input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted | <input type="checkbox"/> industrial |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> no | <input type="checkbox"/> military |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> museum |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> park |
| | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> religious |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> scientific |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> other: |

4. Owner of Property

name Floyd Koehler

street & number

city, town Dover _____ vicinity of state Minnesota 55929

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Olmsted County Courthouse

street & number 515 Second St. SW

city, town Rochester state Minnesota 55901

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Statewide Survey of Historic Resources

has this property been determined eligible? _____ yes no

date 1973; 1979-80 _____ federal state _____ county _____ local

depository for survey records Minnesota Historical Society -- 240 Summit Avenue-Hill House

city, town St. Paul state Minnesota 55102

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The John G. Bush House is located at the corner of Center and Pearl streets, a short distance from the commercial center of the community of Dover. It is an orange brick Italianate structure, almost square in plan, with hipped roof and bracketed eaves. A one story summer kitchen extends to the north (rear), and bays extend to the east and west. A porch of uncertain construction date extends across the south side (front) terminating in an octagon projection at the southwest corner. Fenestration consists primarily of two-over-two double-hung sash in segmental arch openings with white hoods. The house has a stone foundation while the porch is supported by concrete block piers with segmental arch openings between them. A garage which extends north from the summer kitchen is the only modern intrusion. The interior remains largely intact although there has been some remodeling.

8. Significance

| Period | Areas of Significance—Check and justify below | | | |
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| <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 checked="" 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.1877 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The John G. Bush House is significant as a well-preserved representative example of residential Italianate architectural design in a rural Olmsted County community. It was built about 1880 by John G. Bush who began as a prosperous area farmer and later became a Dover merchant, investing in a drug store which still stands in the community. Dover had been platted on the Winona and St. Peter Railroad in 1869, and was undergoing a prosperous development period about the time Bush constructed his house. The house has been well-maintained by subsequent owners.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Gebhard, David, and Tom Martinson. A Guide to the Architecture of Minnesota. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 1977. p. 267.

Leonard, Joseph A. History of Olmsted County, Minnesota. Chicago, 1910. p. 330.

10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED

Acreeage of nominated property less than one

Quadrangle name Eyota, Minn.

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

The nominated property consists of lot seven, block ten, Original Plat of Dover, Minnesota.

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

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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Robert M. Frame III, Architectural Historian/Research Historian

organization Minnesota Historical Society date April 1980

street & number 240 Summit Avenue-Hill House telephone 612-296-9074

city or town St. Paul state 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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Russell W. Fridley

Russell W. Fridley

title State Historic Preservation Officer date 5/30/80

For HCRS use only

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

Robert W. Ray June date 7/2/80
Keeper of the National Register

Attest: Kristin J. O'Connell date 6/30/80
Chief of Registration