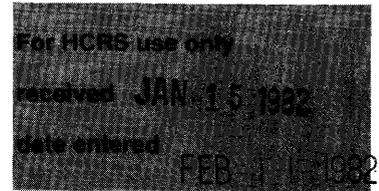


United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

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 SUNSET BEACH HOTEL

and/or common PETERS' SUNSET BEACH

2. Location *SR 17*

street & number COUNTY HIGHWAY 17 \_\_\_ not for publication

city, town *inc.* GLENWOOD TOWNSHIP \_\_\_ vicinity of congressional district 7th

state MINNESOTA code 22 county POPE code 121

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	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: Resort

4. Owner of Property

name Peters' Sunset Beach, Inc.

street & number Route 2, Box 118

city, town Glenwood \_\_\_ vicinity of state Minnesota 56334

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Pope County Courthouse

street & number

city, town Glenwood state Minnesota

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Statewide Survey of Historic Resources has this property been determined eligible? \_\_\_ yes  no

date 1980 \_\_\_ federal  state \_\_\_ county \_\_\_ local

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

city, town St. Paul state Minnesota

# 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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

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

LEGAL - Sunset Beach Plat. Block 1: Lots 13, 14, 15, 16  
Block 3: Lots 1, 2, 3, 4  
Block 2: Beginning at the northwest corner of Block 1; thence southeast along Block line 250'; thence northeast at right angles 225'; thence northwest at right angles 100'; thence northeast at right angles to the edge of Block 3; thence northwest along block line to the southwest corner Block 3; thence southwest along line of Block 2 to POB.

Sunset Beach is located five miles southwest of the city of Glenwood on the shore of Lake Minnewaska. The immediate surrounding land is heavily wooded and includes many seasonal residences.

The three pivotal buildings of the resort are arranged around a central open area fronting on the lake. These buildings - the Main Lodge, the Annex, and the Court Building - are designed in a simple craftsman style, and have retained excellent design integrity. The smaller cottages and the other buildings of the resort located to the east of the Main Lodge have been more extensively altered or are of recent construction; some of these have been separated from the resort property. These buildings are not included in the nomination.

The Main Lodge (1915) is a two-story frame gable-roofed building. Simple bungalow detailing includes craftsman-style brackets in the gables and exposed rafter ends. Fenestration includes both single and paired rectangular double-hung windows. The building is sheathed in clapboard. The full front porch, originally screened, has been enclosed and a porte-cochere added over the front entrance; the detailing and stone rubble used on this section are sympathetic to the original design. Other changes to the building have included the addition of a one-story sun room to the north, shed dormers on the roof, and additions to the rear of the building.

The interior of the Main Lodge includes a lobby, sun room, porch, dining room, kitchen, and office on the main floor and guest rooms on the second floor. There have been some cosmetic alterations to the interior, but the main floor retains its original basic room arrangement and some original features, including a stone fireplace in the lobby. The dining room is decorated with panels illustrating local Indian lore painted by Gustav Krollman (date uncertain). The guest rooms on the second floor have been somewhat remodeled.

The Annex Building (1927) is at the southwest end of the central area, and is constructed in a style similar to the Main Lodge. The rectangular building has two stories with a projecting two-story screen porch at the front, and features a pyramid roof with gabled dormers, clapboard siding, brackets, and exposed rafter ends. Each of the two stories includes four guest rooms opening on a central hallway.

The Court Building (1930) is located at the northwest end of the central area. This building is composed of three rectangular units arranged around a central court. It, too, features clapboard siding, exposed rafter ends, and craftsman-style brackets. Each section is capped with a pyramid roof with gabled vents at the peaks, and features irregularly spaced rectangular windows. The court area includes a second story balcony on three sides; the original wooden balustrade has been replaced with a metal rail. The interior of each section includes two apartments on each floor.

# 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
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) recreation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

**Specific dates** 1915, 1927, 1930      **Builder/Architect** Main Lodge & annex - unknown.  
 Court Building - Larson Bros., Starbuck

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**

Sunset Beach is significant as one of the best-preserved early resorts in west central Minnesota, and as a center of seasonal resort activity on Lake Minnewaska since the second decade of the century. The section of shoreline had become a popular location for seasonal residences for several North Dakota residents around the turn of the century; a plat called "Camp Dakota" was one of the first lakeshore subdivisions in the area, filed in 1905. Henry P. Peters, a resident of Enderlin, North Dakota and a conductor on the Soo Line which ran through nearby Glenwood, purchased a cottage in 1908. By 1914, he had left the employ of the railroad and moved to Glenwood, where he and his wife organized a company to build the Glenwood Summer Hotel. That building, now the Main Lodge of Sunset Beach, was opened on June 1st, 1915. The name was changed to Sunset Beach soon after. The Peters family has continuously operated the resort, adding other buildings in subsequent years. The integrity of the Main Lodge, the Annex, and the Court Building make the grouping an outstanding example of the simple functional style of early lake resorts, contrasting with the more ostentatious log resort buildings constructed for many northern Minnesota resorts in the 1920s. Sunset Beach remains as the most visible link with the early development of one of Pope County's significant aspects, its seasonal population.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Peters, Pierce and William G. 50 Golden Years at Sunset Beach. (Glenwood?): privately published, c. 1965.  
 Pope County Recorders Office. Camp Dakota plat. Filed 10-22-1906.  
Pope County Tribune Courthouse Edition. June 12, 1930.

UTM NOT VERIFIED

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property Approx. 2 acres.

Quadrangle name Lake Minnewaska

Quadrangle scale 7.5

### UMT References

A 

1	5	3	1	2	0	4	0	5	0	5	3	7	9	0
Zone		Easting				Northing								

B 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

C 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

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Zone		Easting				Northing								

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Zone		Easting				Northing								

D 

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F 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

H 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

### Verbal boundary description and justification

See Description, Item 7

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

state	code	county	code

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Dennis A. Gimmestad, Acting Asst. State Historic Preservation Officer

organization STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE date September 1980

street & number 240 Summit Avenue telephone 296-9068

city or town St. Paul state MN 55102

# 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* date 12/17/81

title \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

**For HCRS use only**

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

*Delores Byers* Entered in the National Register date 2/11/82

Keeper of the National Register

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

Chief of Registration

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

for Keeper Melvin Lynn  
1/19/89

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**Note: These changes apply to  
Sunset Beach Hotel in Pope County,  
Minnesota.**

**REFERENCE NUMBER:** 82002998

**STATE:** MINNESOTA

**COUNTY:** Pope

**RESOURCE NAME (HISTORIC):**

**CITY:**

**VICINITY OF:** Glenwood

**ADDRESS:** Co. Hwy. 17

**CERTIFICATION DATE:**

**REMOVED DATE:**

**COMMENTS:**

*Nina M. Archabal*  
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**Nina M. Archabal**  
**State Historic Preservation Officer**

**JUN 17 1988**  
\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**