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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

Munger Terrace

AND/OR COMMON

Munger Terrace

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

405 Mesabi Avenue

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Duluth

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

8th

STATE

Minnesota

VICINITY OF

CODE

22 27

COUNTY

St. Louis

CODE

137

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Ben Overman/Overman Realty

STREET & NUMBER

113 West Superior Street

CITY, TOWN

Duluth

VICINITY OF

STATE

Minnesota

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Registry of Deeds/St. Louis County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Fifth Avenue West at First Street

CITY, TOWN

Duluth

STATE

Minnesota

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Statewide Historic Sites Survey

DATE

1973

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Minnesota Historical Society, Building 25, Fort Snelling

CITY, TOWN

St. Paul

STATE

Minnesota

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

Munger Terrace is situated on a steeply sloping site four blocks above the central business district of Duluth. The principal facade utilizes the entire one-block length of the site. Immediately in front of the building is an expanse of open space, a large portion of which is now devoted to parking for tenants' automobiles, but was formerly a park-like setting for flower beds and fountains.

Designed in 1891 and completed in 1892, Munger Terrace is a massive stone and brick structure four storeys in height. The facade treatment employs a complex variation of architectural elements which results in a highly individualized and asymmetrical expression in the Chateausque mode. The termini of the principal facade are circular towers with dormered conical roofs. Throughout the facade, spatial variation is provided through projecting pavilions and towers and arched recesses. The dominant pivotal feature is a five storey dormered pavilion; the lower level is of rusticated stone, the second level employs pairs of round arched windows, the third and fourth levels are incorporated within a series of six brick pilasters, and the fifth level is crowned with a soaring roof adorned with iron cresting.

The main roof is basically a steeply pitched slate mansard which incorporates a variety of wall and roof dormers in groupings; each grouping is treated with a different gable treatment highlighted with embossed medallions, curved or straight parapets, and finials.

Originally Munger Terrace comprised eight spacious apartments of sixteen rooms each. The individualized variety of the exterior was echoed in the interior detailing and plan. In 1915, the building was remodeled to provide thirty-two apartment units which were often rented to immigrants to Duluth in later years when the area experienced deterioration. Since 1915 little modification has taken place, and the building has retained a substantial degree of original exterior and interior design integrity.

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
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<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 1891-2

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Oliver Traphagen
Francis Fitzpatrick

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Since the time of its construction, Munger Terrace has been considered one of Duluth's most architecturally significant apartment buildings. Designed in 1891 by Duluth architects Oliver Traphagen and Francis Fitzpatrick, this complex of eight luxury apartments of sixteen rooms each which afforded an unobstructed view of Lake Superior, was completed in 1892. It was owned by Roger S. Munger, a prominent early developer of Duluth's grain, lumber, and coal businesses.

From its completion until 1895, Munger Terrace was rented and occupied by the newly-formed Sacred Heart Academy which was the predecessor of the present College of St. Scholastica. During the remainder of the 1890s and into the turn of the century Munger Terrace was considered one of the most fashionable Duluth addresses. The interior of the building was remodelled to provide for thirty-two apartments in 1915, however, no changes were made on the exterior and much of the interior detailing was retained.

Munger Terrace remains today as Duluth's finest example of the Chateausque mode as applied to residential/apartment architectural design.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Duluth's Legacy: Architecture, Vol. 1, p. 83, 1974.

Sommer, Lawrence, Masters Thesis: Duluth Architecture, p. 81-82.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY approx. 1

UTM REFERENCES

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D

ZONE			EASTING					NORTHING						

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Charles W. Nelson, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

Minnesota Historical Society

DATE

5 August 1976

STREET & NUMBER

Building 25, Fort Snelling

TELEPHONE

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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 National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Russell W. Fridley

TITLE

Russell W. Fridley
State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

10/1/76

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

ACTING DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

Wayne A. ...

DATE

12/12/91

DATE

12/8/76

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER