

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

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## 1. Name

historic Kajer Farmstead

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number County Highway 2 \_\_\_\_\_ not for publication

city, town New Market Township  New Market \_\_\_\_\_ congressional district Second

state Minnesota code 22 county Scott code 139

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property

name Robert and Bernice DeVine

street & number

city, town Elko \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity of state Minnesota 55020

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Recorder's Office, Scott County Courthouse

street & number 428 South Holmes

city, town Shakopee state Minnesota 55379

## 6. Representation in Existing Surveys

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

date 1979 \_\_\_\_\_ 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 Kajer farmstead is located in southeastern Scott County on the north side of State Highway 2, two miles west of New Market in New Market Township. The surrounding area is rolling farmland with dispersed farmsteads. The Kajer Farmstead is situated back from the road on top of a hill. The hilltop location and distinctive round barn have made this farmstead a landmark in the surrounding area for years.

The Kajer farm is a dairy farm, and the principal buildings are the house and barn. The house, built in 1920, is two stories and constructed of red brick. It measures approximately twenty-six by thirty-six feet and has an intersecting gable roof with deep overhanging eaves. A small window is located in each gable end. A large porch supported by columns wraps around the front and one side. A garage was added to the north side of the house by the current owners.

The round white frame barn was constructed in 1918 and measures sixty feet in diameter. Board and batten siding cover the building. Its gambrel-type roof is topped by a cupola. The windows are small with four over four lights. The present owners modified the interior of the barn in 1955 to accommodate stalls for thirty-three cows and a calf pen in the central area. Hay is stored above. During the early 1960s the feed room and milk house were added to the north and south sides of the barn respectively.

Other buildings on the farmstead of more recent construction dates include two silos, a granary, a combination granary/machine shed, a machine shed for heavy machinery, a garage, and a hay shed.

# 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"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry/invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
			<input type="checkbox"/> religion
			<input type="checkbox"/> science
			<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
			<input type="checkbox"/> social/humanitarian
			<input type="checkbox"/> theater
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates**

**Builder/Architect**

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

The Kajer Farmstead is significant as a readily identifiable landmark associated with dairy farming in Scott County. Since the turn of the century, dairy farming has occupied a prominent position in area agriculture. The dominance of dairy farms is particularly evident in the southeastern part of the county. Wencł Kajer, originally from nearby New Prague, purchased the property in 1907 and established a thriving dairy farm which he operated until 1955. The present owners expanded the enterprise and continue to operate a dairy farm. Kajer constructed the two principal buildings on the farmstead, the house and barn, in 1920 and 1918. The distinctive round barn was designed to accommodate the dairy farmer's needs by maximizing the number of stalls and simplifying the feeding and milking procedure. Agriculture and related industries have played crucial roles in the history of Scott County. As a highly visible farmstead vitally linked to a dominant aspect of the county's agricultural development, the Kajer Farmstead is significant.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Devine, Robert and Bernice, interview, July 5, 1979  
Soil Survey, Scott County Minnesota, United States Department of Agriculture, October, 1959.

# 10. Geographical Data

**UTM NOT VERIFIED**

Acreage of nominated property approx. 4 acres

**ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED**

Quadrangle name Veseli

Quadrangle scale 7.5

### UMT References

A 

1,5	4,6,8	8,7,5	4,9,3,5,5,8,0
Zone	Easting	Northing	

B 

Zone	Easting	Northing	

C 

Zone	Easting	Northing	

D 

Zone	Easting	Northing	

E 

Zone	Easting	Northing	

F 

Zone	Easting	Northing	

G 

Zone	Easting	Northing	

H 

Zone	Easting	Northing	

### Verbal boundary description and justification

Begin at a point 75 feet south of the NE corner of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  Section 19 T113N, R21W; commence north 350 feet; thence west 500 feet; thence south 350 feet; thence east 500 feet to point of beginning.

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

state	code	county	code

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# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Britta Bloomberg, Research Historian-Survey

organization Minnesota Historical Society-SHPO date July 1979

street & number 240 Summit Avenue-Hill House telephone (612) 296-0101

city or town St. Paul state Minnesota 55102

# 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national  state  local

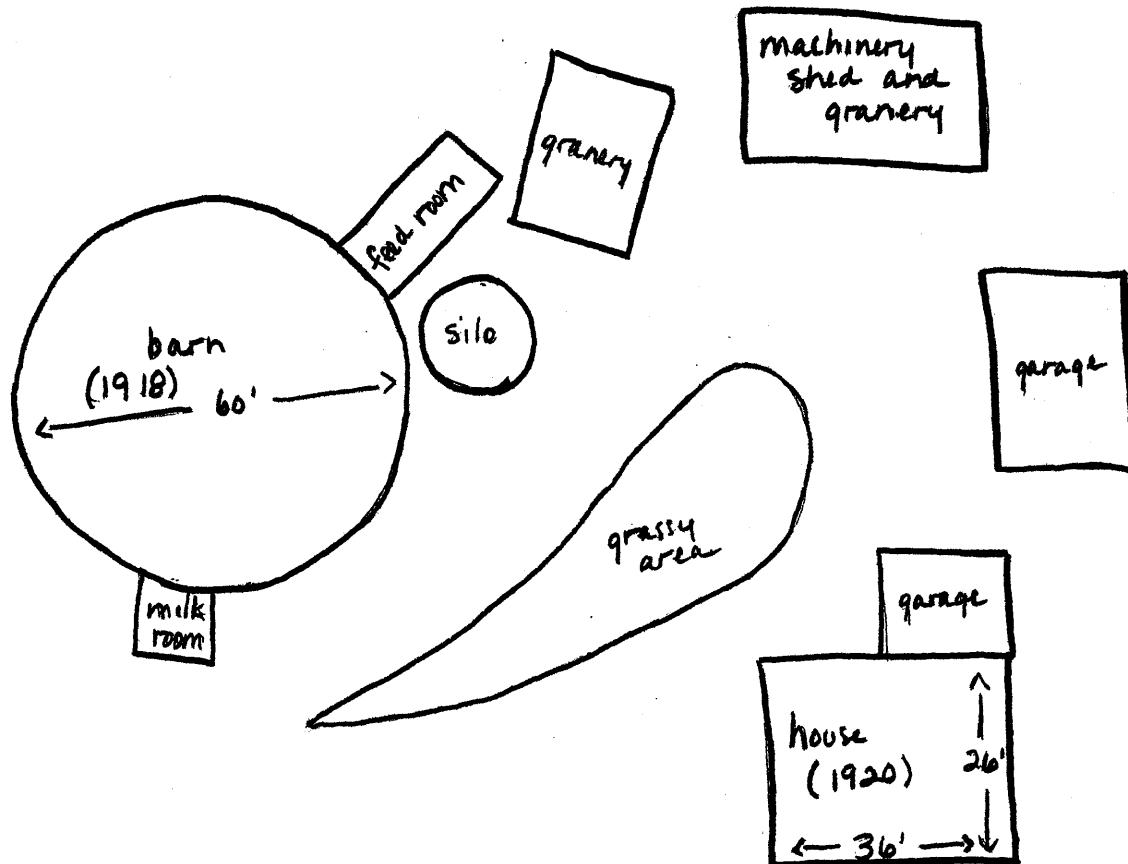
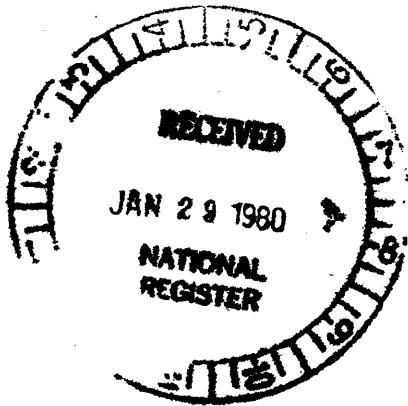
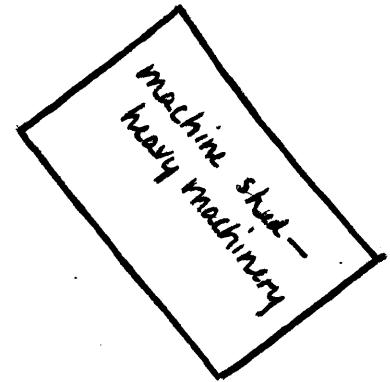
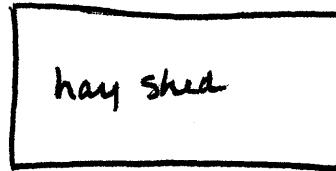
As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Russell W. Fridley  
 title State Historic Preservation Officer date 1-9-80

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register	date
Keeper of the National Register	date
Attest:	date
Chief of Registration	

Kajer Farmstead  
New Market Township, Scott County

- sketchmap showing approximate  
locations of farm buildings



please note - This map was taken directly  
from field notes - scale and  
locations of buildings are approximate



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# National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

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**Note: These changes apply to  
Kajer Farmstead in Scott County,  
Minnesota.**

**REFERENCE NUMBER:** 80002166

**STATE:** MINNESOTA

**COUNTY:** Scott

**RESOURCE NAME (HISTORIC):** Kajer, Wencil, Farmstead

**CITY:**

**VICINITY OF:** New Market

**ADDRESS:** Co. Hwy. 2

**CERTIFICATION DATE:**

**REMOVED DATE:**

**COMMENTS:**

Nina M. Archabal  
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State Historic Preservation Officer

JUN 17 1988  
Date