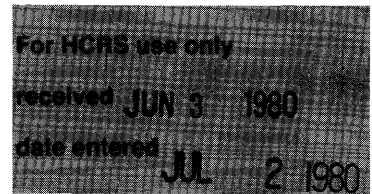


**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**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 St. Mary's Hospital Dairy Farm

and/or common Larson's Haven

2. Location E of Rochester on SR 104

street & number County Road 104 ___ not for publication

city, town Rochester, Minn Rochester vicinity of Cascade Township 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 type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" 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	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<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 type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Allen Larson

street & number Rt. 1

city, town Rochester ___ vicinity of state Minnesota 55901

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Olmsted County Courthouse

street & number 515 Second Street 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 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		Check one	Check one
<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

The St. Mary's Hospital Dairy Farm Barn is located on a prominent site to the west of the city of Rochester in Cascade Township. The massive structure consists of two large, rainbow-roofed barn sections, each 60 feet wide and 200 feet long, joined by a central section, creating an "H" shaped building. Wall material is glazed clay block. The flared arched roofs are pierced by large regularly spaced metal ventilators and shed dormers. The southern ends of the two main sections feature double doors at the ground level and regularly spaced 9-paned windows in the gable areas. These windows also appear on the ground or stable level on all facades. The two north facades contain large doors in the gables opening into the loft areas, sheltered by an extension of the roof at the ridgeline. At the northwest of the structure are two clay block silos.

To the east of the barn is a square, two-story clay block building with a flared pyramidal roof and a tall, cylindrical metal water tank on a clay block base. This building was used as the milkhouse when the farm was in production.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1923 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

St. Mary's Hospital Dairy Farm Barn is significant as a landmark rural structure in western Olmsted County and for the role it played in the operations of St. Mary's Hospital, one of the prime components of Rochester's medical facilities. Both St. Mary's Hospital and the Mayo medical practice began in embryonic form immediately after the Rochester tornado of 1883. By the early years of the twentieth century, clinic and hospital had become well-established twin institutions, one complementing the other. Among the largest private hospitals in the United States, St. Mary's Hospital in 1923 constructed an institutional Dairy Farm Barn to supply dairy products to an ever-expanding patient population. The farm was particularly necessary to supply pasteurized milk at a time when pasteurization was not universal. The massive barn was constructed to accommodate 60 milkers, up to 197 tons of hay, and as many as 4000 bushels of grain. Milk production was phased out during the 1950s and the property was used for grain production until it was sold about 1969. The present owners have maintained the barns and milk house both as a significant local historical landmark and for use as warehousing space.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Kahlert, Gerald. "St. Mary's Hospital Dairy Farm Sale Now Is Being Negotiated." In Rochester Post-Bulletin, 30 January 1969, p. 30.

10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED

Acreeage of nominated property approx. 1

Quadrangle name Douglas, Minn.

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

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Zone		Easting				Northing							

Verbal boundary description and justification In section 31, T107. R14W, commencing at a point on the Larson property driveway 140 meters east of Olmsted County Road 104, thence northerly 60 meters, thence easterly 100 meters, thence southerly 60 meters, thence westerly 100 meters to the place of beginning.

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

state	code	county	code

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 5/22/80

For HCRS use only

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

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

Attest: Kristin JO'Connell date 6/30/80
Chief of Registration

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

for Keeper Melvin Lyman
1/19/89

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Note: These changes apply to
St. Mary's Hospital Dairy Farm in
Olmsted County, Minnesota.

REFERENCE NUMBER: 80004538

STATE: MINNESOTA

COUNTY: Olmsted

RESOURCE NAME (HISTORIC): St. Mary's Hospital Dairy Farmstead

CITY:

VICINITY OF: Rochester

ADDRESS: Co. Hwy. 104

CERTIFICATION DATE:

REMOVED DATE:

COMMENTS:

Nina M. Archabal

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State Historic Preservation Officer

JUN 17 1988

Date