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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Toogood Barns

AND/OR COMMON

Toogood Barns

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

16th St. S.W., ~~1/2 mi. W. of~~ U.S. Hwy. 63

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Rochester

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Minnesota

CODE

27

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: storage

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

South Barn
George R. Greeve

North Barn
Mrs. Doris Toogood

STREET & NUMBER

110 S.W. 11th Ave.

777 S.W. 16th St.

CITY, TOWN

Rochester

VICINITY OF

STATE

Minnesota

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Register of Deeds -- Olmsted County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rochester

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 to fair
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Toogood Barns are a group of three stone buildings, two of which are interconnected, and situated on the southern edge of Rochester, Minnesota. Located on the valley floor and a short distance from the South Branch of the Zumbro River, the barns are the only surviving remnants of the old Toogood Farm which covered a considerable portion of this section of the city. The barns are still located on open land, but abut a growing residential subdivision to the east and south. In size the north barn is approximately 25 feet by 80 feet and situated about a quarter mile north of the larger complex. The latter is approximately eighty feet wide at the street and about forty feet deep.

The north barn was built to house the large cattle herd and has a large hay loft above. The large, square south barn is a combined granary and horse barn with the grain bins being located along the west wall and the horse stalls along the east. The second story is again used as a hay loft with chutes feeding the stalls below. The other stone building was formerly the hog house and carpentry shop with the latter on the second floor. A frame one story machine shed spans the two buildings. Still surviving despite a recent street improvement program is a stone fence which starts at the west end of the building and follows southwesterly along S.W. 16th Street for roughly one block.

Toogood Barns are in relatively good condition; the structural condition of the stone bearing walls, especially the large south complex, being in very good shape. Only slight structural cracks have developed, in the south complex and the most significant problems seem to be the restoration of the deteriorating frame machine shed spanning the two stone barns and the retucking of the stone mortar joints. The southwest corner of the north barn should be restored as it exhibits a major structural crack. However, it should be noted that the crack originates from a tornado which, according to local sources, struck the building in the 1870s and lifted the roof. The building is stable and has not appreciably deteriorated since that incident. However for cosmetic reasons and to avoid any complications from climatic changes the crack should be repaired and the building retucked. Of special interest to the north barn is the stone fence which encloses the barnyard. Originally made of dry laid slag stone pieces, the fence has deteriorated to a point where only a portion of it still stands. The shake roofs on all the buildings appear to be in good condition.

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 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) Immigration & Settlement
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES Ca. 1870 BUILDER/ARCHITECT William F. Toogood

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Built ca. 1870, the Toogood Barns are one of the state's finest stone farm complexes remaining in Minnesota. Built by William F. Toogood, a native of Massachusetts, the buildings are reminiscent of the barns of Pennsylvania, Ohio and New England and reflect the Yankee heritage of the early pioneers in Minnesota.

William Toogood came to Minnesota in 1855 settling in Pleasant Grove, a small village about ten miles to the south and one of the first three settlements in Olmsted County. He moved to Rochester after the Civil War and then soon resettled (approximately 1868) on the present farm site. According to local remembrances, the buildings were built by Toogood in conjunction with an unnamed German stone mason who later, served a spell as one of the farmhands.

The buildings are handsome, well proportioned examples of agricultural architecture. The stone craftsmanship is excellent. They stand as a reminder to an earlier, less sophisticated period in midwestern agriculture and as part of fast disappearing heritage of early stone architecture in the state.

