

MINNESOTA HISTORIC PROPERTIES INVENTORY FORM

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HISTORIC NAME: Martin House COUNTY: Rice  
 CURRENT NAME: CITY/TWP.: Dundas  
 LEGAL DESC.: Lots 6-9, block 12, Original Town ADDRESS:  
 Bridge and First Streets

CLASSIFICATION:	CONDITION:	SIGNIFICANCE:	THEME/S:
Building <u>X</u>	Excellent <u>X</u>	Local <u>X</u>	Primary <u>Architecture</u>
Structure _____	Good _____	State _____	Secondary <u>Commerce</u>
Object _____	Fair _____	National _____	Others _____
District _____	Deteriorated _____		

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Yes \_\_\_ No X Restricted \_\_\_ PRESENT USE:  
 VISIBLE FROM THE ROAD: Yes X No \_\_\_ Residential  
 OCCUPIED: Yes X No \_\_\_

DATE CONSTRUCTED: 1869 ORIGINAL USE: Residential  
 ORIGINAL OWNER: William Martin ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Ramon Mjelde Box 133 Dundas, MN	ACREAGE: Less than one acre <u>X</u>
LOCAL CONTACT/ORG.: Rice County Historical Society, P.O. Box 5, Faribault, MN 55021	UTM REFERENCE: Northfield Quad. 7.5 15 / 483765 / 4919215
FORM PREPARED BY: Britta Bloomberg	
DATE: February 1981	

**DESCRIPTION:**  
 The Martin House is located on the northeast corner of Bridge and First Streets in the City of Dundas. The house is situated in a residential neighborhood across the Cannon River from the principal commercial part of town.  
 The house was constructed in 1869 and is transitional in style, featuring elements of both the Greek Revival and Italianate. The L-shaped plan, gable roof, corner pilasters, six over six double hung windows, second story "belly windows" in the northern section, and entry with side lights and transom are characteristic of the Greek Revival. Italianate features include the bracketted cornice, entry porch with turned posts and brackets, the bay window on the south facade, and the louvered gable vent with ornamental framing. The two story house is of frame construction and is painted a steel grey with white trim and white shutters.  
 The house was restored during the early 1970s, and both interior and exterior integrity are outstanding.

**SIGNIFICANCE:**  
 The Martin House is significant for its close associations with the City of Dundas' period of greatest regional importance. The building is also significant as a well-preserved example of the residences constructed in the area during the late 1860s as the Italianate style was beginning to replace the Greek Revival style in popular residential architecture. The house was constructed in 1869 by William Martin, treasurer of the Archibald Milling Company. At the time of its construction, Dundas enjoyed a reputation as one of Minnesota's foremost milling centers, a distinction it carried during most of the latter half of the nineteenth century. The well-articulated transitional design features link the house to the precise time period in Minnesota at which Dundas and the milling industry reached their peak. The building reflects both the success achievable by prominent local millers and the city's earlier position of importance. No other structures in town so clearly reflect the social and cultural climate of Dundas' early period.

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United States Department of the Interior  
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

for Keeper Melvin Lynn  
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Note: These changes apply to  
Martin House in Rice County,  
Minnesota.

REFERENCE NUMBER: 82003006

STATE: MINNESOTA

COUNTY: Rice

RESOURCE NAME (HISTORIC): Martin, William, House

CITY:

VICINITY OF:

ADDRESS:

CERTIFICATION DATE:

REMOVED DATE:

COMMENTS:

*Nina M. Archabal*  
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State Historic Preservation Officer

JUN 17 1988  
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Date