

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

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Coates ^{House} Home

and/or common Coats Home

2. Location

street & number 817 So. 5th Ave. ___ not for publication

city, town Virginia ___ vicinity of congressional district 8th District

state Minnesota code 22 county St. Louis code 137

3. Classification

Category ___ district <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) ___ structure ___ site ___ object	Ownership ___ public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private ___ both Public Acquisition ___ in process ___ being considered	Status <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied ___ unoccupied ___ work in progress Accessible ___ yes: restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted ___ no	Present Use ___ agriculture ___ commercial ___ educational ___ entertainment ___ government ___ industrial ___ military	___ museum ___ park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence ___ religious ___ scientific ___ transportation ___ other:
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4. Owner of Property

name Oris O. Pfutzenreuter

street & number 817 So. 5th Ave.

city, town Virginia ___ vicinity of state Minnesota

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Louis County Court House

street & number _____

city, town Duluth state Minnesota

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title _____ has this property been determined eligible? ___ yes no

date _____ ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records _____

city, town _____ state _____

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

This is a 2½ storey frame house covered with stucco painted green. There is a small 2 storey addition on the south side. The roof is gabled and shingled and the front has a five bay first floor and three bay second floor.

The roofline is embellished with small wooden modillions, which coupled with a tripart arched window in the front gable, give the design a hint of Renaissance detailing. The central bay of the front facade projects slightly from the main mass of the building.

The entry is recessed slightly under the second story and forms a shallow loggia flanked by paired Doric columns. The corners of the first story are also recessed below the second story; small modillions appear to support the second story in these areas.

The house is situated on a well-maintained lot and appears to be in a good state of repair, although altered from the original by the application of a stucco coating. It continues to serve as a residence.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		other (specify)

Specific dates ca. 1912

Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The house was used by several prominent men in the lumber industry centered in Virginia and was one of the more lavish homes along 5th Avenue South in its prime. The house, like most of the prominent homes in Iron Range towns, served as social and economic delimiter in the stratified conditions of turn-of-the-century community life in the iron mining towns. The size and sumptuousness of the individual structures owned and lived in by the mining and lumbering entrepreneurs and managers, especially after the establishment of corporate control of most major economic activities, served to demarcate social distance and to reinforce the sense of community leadership that these individuals collectively enjoyed. Coates, the original owner, was also a major entrepreneur in the nonmining sector of the Virginia economy and was owner/founder of the hotel that also bears his name that continues to be major landmark in the central business district of Virginia.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Marvin Lamppa, A Report to the Department of Natural Resources on the Historical Aspects of the Vermilion, Cuyuna, and Mesabi Iron Ranges of Northeast Minnesota (Eveleth: 1977).

10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED

Acreeage of nominated property less than 1

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Quadrangle name Virginia, Minn.-St. Louis Co.

Quadrangle scale 7.5

UMT References

A

1	5	5	3	4	7	4	0	5	2	6	2	2	8	0
Zone			Easting				Northing							

B

Zone			Easting				Northing							

C

Zone			Easting				Northing							

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H

Zone			Easting				Northing							

Verbal boundary description and justification

The house is located on Lots 7-10 and S $\frac{1}{2}$ of 6, Block 98, Second Addition, Virginia, Minnesota.

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

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Charles Skrief, Director, State Historic Preservation Office

organization Minnesota Historical Society

date September 10, 1979

street & number 240 Summit Avenue

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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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Russell W. Fridley

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title State Historic Preservation Officer

date 6/24/80

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

for Secretary
W. Ray Luce
Keeper of the National Register

date 8/8/80

Attest: *Kristin O'Connell*

date 8/8/80

Chief Registration