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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 Abbott, Ezra, House

AND/OR COMMON Abbott House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 345 East Broadway

CITY, TOWN Owatonna VICINITY OF First

STATE Minnesota CODE 27 COUNTY Steele CODE 147

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 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	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Richard J. Bulver

STREET & NUMBER 345 East Broadway

CITY, TOWN Owatonna VICINITY OF Minnesota

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Steele County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN Owatonna STATE Minnesota

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Statewide Historic Sites Survey

DATE 1974 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Building 25, Fort Snelling

CITY, TOWN Saint Paul STATE Minnesota

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 Ezra Abbott House, located at 345 East Broadway in Owatonna, is a two-story residence constructed of yellow brick. The residence is a representative of the Greek Revival style of architecture. Characteristic features are; a full pedimented front porch, broken pedimented eaves in the gables, stone lintels, and twin chimneys (the east chimney has been removed).

Exterior alteration has been minimal. Windows were originally fitted with shutters, which have been replaced with wood storm sash. A four-window bay was added to the west facade. Originally a wood frame kitchen lean-to extended to the east. This was replaced in 1926 by a 16'x16' grey brick veneer addition to the rear of the house, with a kitchen on the first floor and enclosed sunporch on the second. The original site contained a two-story carriage barn, which was razed when the lot was divided in 1915.

The original interior was divided into three rooms on the first floor. One partition wall was completely removed to extend the living room the length of the residence. In 1926 a partition running the width of the residence was opened into a wide arch when the first floor bedroom was converted to a dining room. An open stairway leads to two bedrooms and a bath (converted from a bedroom) on the second floor.

The residence is in an extremely good state of preservation.

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 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. 1860

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Abijab Odell

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Ezra Abbott House is locally significant due to its association with one of Owatonna's earliest and most prominent settlers.

This house was built by Abijab Odell for Ezra Abbott who arrived in Owatonna from New Hampshire in the spring of 1855, one year after the town was first settled. Although the exact date of construction is unknown, it first appeared on Steele County's tax rolls in 1860. The Abbott House is unique as one of the first brick dwellings in Owatonna. Bricks used in the construction of the house were brought overland from Faribault. It is one of less than a half dozen remaining solid brick residences built before the turn of the century in a city not noted for brick dwellings.

Ezra Abbott took a prominent role in the early history of the town and county. He and his brother surveyed the townsite and became part owners of the platted area. In 1855 Abbott built Owatonna's first steam sawmill which furnished most of the lumber for the new town. He was elected Steele County's first superintendent of schools in 1856, a post he held until 1862. Abbott was one of a group of leading settlers (among whom were Franklin Steele, Isaac Atwater, Henry H. Sibley, and Alexander Faribault) who attended the 1856 session of the Territorial Legislature, and succeeded in getting a bill introduced which incorporated the Minneapolis and Cedar Valley Railroad Company. Abbott was responsible for surveying the route and for locating the transit at Owatonna.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Historic files of the Steele County Historical Society
History of Steele and Waseca Counties, Minnesota, (Chicago:1887).
Mitchell, W.H., Geographical and Statistical History of Steele County, (Minneapolis:1868).
Wesley, Edgar Bruce, Owatonna: The Social Development of a Minnesota Community, (Minneapolis:1938)

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than 1 acre

UTM REFERENCES

A	1,5	48,25,0,0	48,8,11,4,0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Lynne VanBrocklin, Historic Sites Survey and Planning

ORGANIZATION

Minnesota Historical Society

DATE

7 March 1975

STREET & NUMBER

Building 25, Fort Snelling

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Saint 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 National Park Service.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

Russell W. Fridley

3/28/75

TITLE

Russell W. Fridley
State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

W. J. ...

DATE

6/10/75

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

W. J. ...

DATE

JUN 9 1975

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER