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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

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HISTORIC

Wm

Spangenberg, Frederick, House

AND/OR COMMON

Spangenberg, Frederick, House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

375 Mount Curve Boulevard

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Saint Paul

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

4th

STATE

Minnesota

CODE
27

COUNTY

Ramsey

CODE

123

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Dow

STREET & NUMBER

375 Mount Curve Boulevard

CITY, TOWN

Saint Paul

VICINITY OF

STATE

Minnesota

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Register of Deeds, Ramsey County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

15 West Kellogg Boulevard

CITY, TOWN

Saint Paul

STATE

Minnesota

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Statewide Historic Sites Survey

DATE

1974

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Minnesota Historical Society -- Building 25, Fort Snelling

CITY, TOWN

Saint Paul

STATE

Minnesota

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE		CHECK ONE	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED	DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED (minor)			
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED				

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Frederick Spangenberg House occupies a prominent site at 375 Mount Curve Boulevard in Saint Paul. The house and gardens (three city lots) are all that remains of the original 80-acre farmstead which Spangenberg constructed during the years from 1864 through 1867. The barns and outbuildings are no longer extant, however, the house remains in essentially original appearance and in an excellent state of preservation.

The Spangenberg House is comprised of two parts; a two storey portion which formerly contained parlor, dining room, and bedroom on the first floor and four bedrooms on the second; and a one storey kitchen appendage. It is constructed of local yellow limestone in random coursing. Finished limestone lintels and sills are a dominant architectural feature on windows and doors. The original three brick chimneys remain, however, only two are functional today.

Glassed-in porches have been added to the front and rear entries to serve as vestibules. The design of these do not pose a harsh contrast to the design integrity of the house itself.

Windows boast exterior shutters. The historical authenticity of these shutters is confirmed by early photos. Windows on the first storey are of the casement variety and those on the second storey are six-over-six double hung. The placement of windows and doors are toward the outer face of the limestone wall, allowing a sill of approximately two feet in depth to be utilized on the interior. The appearance suggests a provincial variance on the Federal style.

The interior is nearly devoid of architectural embellishment; all mouldings and door frames being of extremely simple painted boards. The only decorative treatment is a splat-type balustrade on the second floor which separates the hall from the open stairwell. The only substantial alteration to the interior was made in 1932 when the former kitchen was converted into a sitting room and a fireplace constructed in that room. At that time, also, the former first storey bedroom was converted into a kitchen and the parlor was changed in function to the dining room. The rear second storey bedroom was made into a bathroom.

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 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 type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1864-67

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Builder: Frederick Spangenberg ?

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Frederick Spangenberg House is significant as one of the earliest limestone farm houses to be preserved in Saint Paul. It was constructed by Spangenberg, a frugal German dairy farmer, of local limestone and on a site which during the 1860s was far from the urban hub of Saint Paul. Although now engulfed by residences of a twentieth century vintage, the house continues to function as a comfortable residence and serves as a testimony to Spangenberg's perseverance and skilled craftsmanship in stone.

The Spangenberg House was occupied continuously by the Spangenberg family decedents since the time of construction until 1972 when it was sold to the present owners, who are extremely conscious of the historic architectural merit of it. They have continued to provide for the preservation of both the house and grounds.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Koeper, H.F., Historic Saint Paul Buildings: 1964
 Saint Paul Pioneer Press, 11 September 1955, 15 December 1974
 Kennedy, Roger, Minnesota Houses

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than 1 acre

UTM REFERENCES

680

A	1 5	4 8 4 7 3 0	4 9 7 5 0 0 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

Charles W. Nelson, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

Minnesota Historical Society

DATE

24 December 1975

STREET & NUMBER

Building 25, Fort Snelling

TELEPHONE

612-726-1171

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

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Russell W. Fridley Feb. 4, 1976

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

ATTEST: DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

2/22/76

ATTEST: CLERK OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

6/18/76