

MINNESOTA HISTORIC PROPERTIES INVENTORY FORM

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HISTORIC NAME: John Bergquist Cabin COUNTY: Clay
 CURRENT NAME: Bergquist Pioneer Cabin CITY/TWP.: Moorhead
 LEGAL DESC.: Government Lot #2, Moorhead ADDRESS: 719 10th Avenue North
 T139, R48, Sec. 5

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

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:	Yes ___ No <u>X</u> Restricted _____	PRESENT USE:
VISIBLE FROM THE ROAD:	Yes ___ No <u>X</u>	Under restoration
OCCUPIED:	Yes ___ No <u>X</u>	

DATE CONSTRUCTED: 1870 ORIGINAL USE: Residence
 ORIGINAL OWNER: John G. Bergquist ARCHITECT/BUILDER: John Bergquist

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Bergquist Pioneer Cabin Society 1541 South 10th Fargo, North Dakota 58103	ACREAGE: Less than one acre <u>X</u>
LOCAL CONTACT/ORG.: Bergquist Pioneer Cabin Society	UTM REFERENCE: 14 / 670000 / 5194790
FORM PREPARED BY: Tom Harvey	Fargo North 7.5 quad.
DATE: September 1979	

DESCRIPTION:

The Bergquist Cabin is located on a bend of the Red River within the city of Moorhead. The 14' x 20' building is constructed of hand-hewn oak logs measuring up to one foot in width. The logs have been squared, and saddle V-notching joins the logs. Loft joists in the 1½ story house are of frame construction. A simple gable roof runs the length of the building. Doors and windows have been changed over the years as the cabin was expanded. The cabin most likely had a single door on one of its long sides, and windows on both long sides. The original, brick end-chimney and the hand-split shingles are intact, through in need of restoration.

The Bergquist Cabin is undergoing extensive restoration. Frame additions have been removed and completion of the project is scheduled for summer, 1980. Upon completion, the cabin will be open to the public for interpretation as a pioneer cabin.

SIGNIFICANCE:

The Bergquist Cabin, Moorhead's first permanent residence, is significant as an early, initial settlement structure and for its association with John G. Bergquist, active in the early development of Moorhead. Bergquist went to Moorhead in late 1869 and homesteaded along the Red River. His cabin was completed in March, 1870. The building is representative of early, permanent settlement in the Moorhead area. It was built not as a subsistence structure, but as a modest home. Bergquist farmed and lived in the cabin until the 1880s.

In 1881, Bergquist purchased a parcel of land containing brick-quality clay and established a brickyard. He gave up his farming activities and focussed his efforts on real estate development and construction in Moorhead. In 1882 he built the Bergquist Block, a substantial brick commercial building in downtown Moorhead. He subdivided his farmstead, donated the site for the Clay County Courthouse, and sold lots in the adjoining Bergquist Addition. In 1885 he built a substantial frame house near his brickyard east of town. Bergquist role in Moorhead's development - from first settling through later development - is significant in the city's history.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

for Keeper Melvin Lynn
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**Note: These changes apply to
Bergquist, John, Cabin in Clay
County, Minnesota.**

REFERENCE NUMBER: 80002014

STATE: MINNESOTA

COUNTY: Clay

RESOURCE NAME (HISTORIC): Bergquist, John, House

CITY:

VICINITY OF:

ADDRESS:

CERTIFICATION DATE:

REMOVED DATE:

COMMENTS:

Nina M. Archabal

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State Historic Preservation Officer

JUN 17 1988

Date