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DATA SHEET

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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 *nh*
Bergetta Moe Bakery
AND/OR COMMON
October House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
716 East Superior Street
CITY, TOWN
Duluth
STATE
Minnesota
VICINITY OF
8th
COUNTY
St. Louis
CODE
137

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Martin F. and Joyce M. Gould
STREET & NUMBER
2620 East Superior Street
CITY, TOWN
Duluth
STATE
Minnesota

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Registry of Deeds - St. Louis County Courthouse
STREET & NUMBER
Fifth Avenue West at First Street
CITY, TOWN
Duluth
STATE
Minnesota

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Statewide Historic Sites Survey
DATE
1973
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
Minnesota Historical Society - Building 25, Fort Snelling
CITY, TOWN
St. Paul
STATE
Minnesota

7 DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The wood frame building with simple gable roof is two stories high facing Superior Street, and three stories facing Lake Superior. It was built on the steep rock bluff at the edge of Lake Superior, approximately 50' above water level, at least 20 years before the railroad in 1890 made a deep cut almost directly under the rear foundation and constructed a massive 25' high hand laid stone retaining wall many feet thick, which serves the railroad presently. It is probable that the railroad wall construction has resulted in the lake side of the building settling approximately 6 inches.

The exterior is 4" bevel clapboard siding with 12" bottom, 6" corner and 8" top trim boards of 5/4". The rectangular dimensions are: 22'x46'.

The front, (facing Superior Street) and 2 sides, are very close to original (original siding, windows and door). The bay-window facing Superior Street was added at a later time. It has no foundation, but was built directly on a "mud-sill" support which has not moved or settled.

The rear elevation (upper 2 floors) has been altered to provide large thermo-pane windows. The basement foundation wall is native stone (Lake Superior "bluestone" laid with mortar approximately 18" thick). The floor joists are set on the stone and bricked in-between. The studs are set behind the joist on a heavy wood sill plate. All wood members were cut full-size. (Full 4" thick studs, for example.) The windows are double-hung, long and thin with 2 panes over 2 (approximately 2'6" x 6'0").

All wood floors consist of 2 pine sub-floor (full 1" thick) layers, first layer perpendicular to joist, second layer diagonal, and the top layer is hardwood (1" thick).

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 <i>Obvious</i>	<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 ca. 1875

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This simple wood frame building typifies Duluth's first period of construction (the early boom) when all city buildings were frame, simple rectangular structures with gable roofs, with "false fronts" added later.

From property titles, it is known that the property was platted by the U.S. Government in 1858 and in 1860 it was purchased from the United States of America by the newly formed "Portland Village Council". In 1865-1867, it passed ownership to a Carrie Ray and James Whitmore, and it is assumed the building was erected in the 1870s for use as a residence and boarding house. In 1868, the property was incorporated into the Town of Duluth and in 1870 was purchased by the Duluth, Mesabi and Northern Railroad.

By the 1880s the city was already undergoing its second (and greatest) boom period with the frame buildings being replaced by stone and brick. By 1910, this building was looked upon as one of the oldest standing buildings in the City and was listed in the records as "at least 40 years old and in poor condition". It housed the "Bergetta Moe Bakery" for some 30-40 years -- a fine bakery in the area. Finally it became a run-down coffee shop before being rescued and rehabilitated into its present use as an interior design store, architect's office and apartment.

The October House remains as an example of the earliest building type in Duluth and is recognized as one of that city's oldest structures.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Records of Registry of Deeds and City of Duluth Building Inspections Department

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than 1 acre

UTM REFERENCES

A	1 5	5 6 9 4 0 0	5 1 8 2 2 8 0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The building is situated on a narrow lot which fronts on the south right-of-way of East Superior Street; the rear of the lot is defined by a 25' stone retaining wall and DM&IR railway right-of-way.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Martin F. Gould, Architect/Charles W. Nelson, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

October House/Minnesota Historical Society

DATE

23 February 1976

STREET & NUMBER

716 East Superior Street/Building 25, Fort Snelling

TELEPHONE

?/612-726-1171

CITY OR TOWN

Duluth/St. Paul

STATE

Minnesota/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

TITLE

Russell W. Fridley
State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

7-30-76

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

SIGNATURE

Ray L. ...

DATE

6/3/96

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

Charles ...

DATE

5-28-76

ACTING CLERK OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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