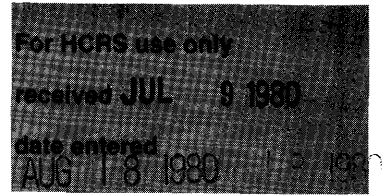


**United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**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**

historic Dr. Lenont ~~Home~~ <sup>House</sup>

and/or common Dr. Lenont Home

**2. Location**

street & number 202 No. 5th Ave \_\_\_ not for publication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	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <span style="margin-left: 100px;"><input type="checkbox"/> museum</span>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <span style="margin-left: 100px;"><input type="checkbox"/> park</span>
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <span style="margin-left: 100px;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence</span>
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <span style="margin-left: 100px;"><input type="checkbox"/> religious</span>
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <span style="margin-left: 100px;"><input type="checkbox"/> scientific</span>
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <span style="margin-left: 100px;"><input type="checkbox"/> transportation</span>
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <span style="margin-left: 100px;"><input type="checkbox"/> other:</span>

**4. Owner of Property**

name Holly Ambrose

street & number 202 No. 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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## 7. Description

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**Condition**

excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

**Check one**

unaltered  
 altered

**Check one**

original site  
 moved      date \_\_\_\_\_

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**Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance**

The Dr. Charles Lenont House occupies a corner lot within the Central Business District of Virginia. It is a three story brick residence erected in the Queen Anne style. Set upon a foundation of local stone the main body of the building is of brick. A complex dormered hip roof comprises the third story. Variation in plane is provided by a polygonal corner tower, a two-story oriel which emanates from the roof of the full front porch and a three story curved bay. Stone is used to provide door and window lintels and for the three belt courses which encircle the exterior at basement, first, and second floor levels. The residence originally had a wraparound porch; however, the side section of the porch was removed in 1967 to provide for the addition of a greenhouse. The house remains in an excellent state of maintenance and 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	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1900

Builder/Architect

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The house was built by Marcus Fay, the first mayor of Virginia. Dr. Charles Lenont, who founded the Lenont-Peterson Clinic and who speculated in mining properties, purchased the home from Fay and lived there until 1979. The social significance of the structure is that it is a clear example in both location and sumptuousness of the social distance and social distinctions that residential housing served to delineate in the mining communities of Minnesota's Iron Range.

The building is the best-preserved example of the Queen Anne style extant in Virginia.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Marvin Lamma, 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

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Quadrangle name Virginia, Minn.-St. Louis

Quadrangle scale 7.5

### UMT References

A	<u>1</u> <u>5</u>	<u>5</u> <u>3</u> <u>4</u> <u>7</u> <u>2</u> <u>0</u>	<u>5</u> <u>2</u> <u>6</u> <u>3</u> <u>4</u> <u>2</u> <u>0</u>
	Zone	Easting	Northing
C			
E			
G			

B			
	Zone	Easting	Northing
D			
F			
H			

### Verbal boundary description and justification

The house is located on Lots 8-10, Block 12, Original Addition, Virginia, Minnesota.

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

state	code	county	code
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# 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 telephone 612-296-9070

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*

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date

6/24/80

For HCERS use only

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

*W. Ray Juce*

date

8/18/80

Attest:

*Kristin O'Connell*

date

8/8/80

Chief of Registration

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

for Keeper Melvin Lyman  
1/19/89

United States Department of the Interior  
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Note: These changes apply to  
Dr. Lenont House in St. Louis  
County, Minnesota.

REFERENCE NUMBER: 80004359

STATE: MINNESOTA

COUNTY: St. Louis

RESOURCE NAME (HISTORIC): Lenont, Charles, House

CITY:

VICINITY OF:

ADDRESS:

CERTIFICATION DATE:

REMOVED DATE:

COMMENTS:

*Nina M. Archabal*

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Nina M. Archabal  
State Historic Preservation Officer

JUN 17 1988  
Date