

MINNESOTA HISTORIC PROPERTIES INVENTORY FORM

<b>HISTORIC NAME:</b> J.S. Anderson House		<b>COUNTY:</b> Lyon
<b>CURRENT NAME:</b>		<b>CITY/TWP.:</b> Minneota
<b>LEGAL DESC.:</b> All that part of Lots Seven (7), Eight (8) and Nine (9), in Block Fourteen (14), Second Railway Addition to the Village of Minneota, Minnesota, described as follows: Commencing at the southwest corner of Lot 9, (Cont'd Page 2)		<b>ADDRESS:</b> 402 E. Second Street Minneota, MN
<b>CLASSIFICATION:</b>	<b>CONDITION:</b>	<b>SIGNIFICANCE:</b>
Building <u>  x  </u>	Excellent <u>  x  </u>	Local <u>  x  </u>
Structure <u>      </u>	Good <u>      </u>	State <u>      </u>
Object <u>      </u>	Fair <u>      </u>	National <u>      </u>
District <u>      </u>	Deteriorated <u>  </u>	
<b>THEME/S:</b>		
Primary <u>Architecture</u>		
Secondary <u>      </u>		
Others <u>      </u>		
<b>OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:</b> Yes <u>  </u> No <u>  x  </u> Restricted <u>  </u>	<b>PRESENT USE:</b>	
<b>VISIBLE FROM THE ROAD:</b> Yes <u>  x  </u> No <u>  </u>	private residential duplex	
<b>OCCUPIED:</b> Yes <u>  x  </u> No <u>  </u>		
<b>DATE CONSTRUCTED:</b> ca. 1896	<b>ORIGINAL USE:</b> private residence	
<b>ORIGINAL OWNER:</b> J.S. Anderson	<b>ARCHITECT/BUILDER:</b> Unknown	
<b>OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS:</b>	Bette Johnson 402 E. Second Street Minneota, MN	<b>ACREAGE:</b> Less than one acre <u>  x  </u>
<b>LOCAL CONTACT/ORG.:</b> Lyon County Historical Society Courthouse, Marshall, MN 56258	<b>UTM REFERENCE:</b>	Minneota Quad.
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<b>DATE:</b> December 1980		

**DESCRIPTION:**

The J.S. Anderson House is located on a large corner lot on East Second and Jackson Streets in Minneota. The Queen Anne/Colonial Revival house, built ca 1896, is a 2½ story frame building on a limestone foundation constructed on an "L" plan with steeply-pitched intersecting gable roof. The most prominent feature of the house is a three story octagonal tower at the inner leg of the "L", featuring tall narrow arched windows on the sides and a glassed area at the top capped by a pointed concave roof with weathervane. A porte-cochere is located at the east side. The front projecting pavillion, gables, and tower, sheathed in shingles, feature decorative window treatment; the main body of the house, sheathed in clapboard, utilizes simpler double hung windows. Other ornamental features include Tuscan columns and cornices with dentils and modillions. The house was converted into a duplex in 1937; at this time the open front porch was partially enclosed. In the interior, the house retains the hand carved fireplace, hardwood China cabinet, and original woodwork.

**SIGNIFICANCE:**

The J.S. Anderson House is significant as an unusually prominent residential structure in the city of Minneota. Local tradition attributes the design of the house to Cass Gilbert, but no conclusive documentation has been located. The house was built ca 1896 by J.S. Anderson, an early resident and real estate speculator in Minneota. Shortly after the turn of the century, Anderson left Minneota for the western oil fields and the house passed through a series of owners. The Queen Anne/Colonial Revival design elements - intersecting roofline, prominent three story tower, and especially fine decorative features - combine to make the house visually distinctive among area residences.

**BIBLIOGRAPHY:**

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LEGAL DESCRIPTION - Cont.

Block 14, running thence in a northeasterly direction along the southeast line of Jackson Street a distance of 95 feet, thence in a southeasterly direction a distance of 130 feet, thence in a northeasterly direction, and parallel with Jackson Street, a distance of 70 feet, to a point on the northeast line of Lot 7, and running thence along the northeast line of said Lot 7 a distance of 20 feet to the northeast corner of Lot 7, thence in a southwesterly direction a distance of 165 feet to the southeast corner of Lot 7, thence in a northwesterly direction a distance of 150 feet to the point of beginning.

