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

**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 Strunk-Nyssen House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Off U.S. Hwy. 169 ___ not for publication

city, town Jackson Township Shakopee
X vicinity of congressional district Second

state Minnesota code 22 county Scott code 139

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 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	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" 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 Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Bjornberg

street & number Route 3, Box 10

city, town Shakopee ___ vicinity of state Minnesota

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Recorder's Office, Scott County Courthouse

street & number 428 South Holmes

city, town Shakopee state Minnesota 55379

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Statewide Survey of Historic
title Resources has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1979 federal state county local

depository for survey records Minnesota Historical Society - 240 Summit Avenue-Hill House

city, town St. Paul state Minnesota 55102

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 Strunk-Nyssen House is located in the northwest quarter of Section 11, Jackson township, just west of the town of Shakopee. The house is located in a rural area now undergoing development. To the north and west is the railroad and the Minnesota River; to the south in Highway 169, the major transportation link in the county; to the east is scattered industry and the town of Shakopee.

Portions of the Nyssen Brewery remain across the railroad tracks from the house but in a severely deteriorated state.

The house was constructed in two sections (ca.1856 and ca.1880). The earliest (west) section is a two story red brick structure, simple in design, two bays wide and one bay deep. The large two story stone section (ca.1880) dwarfs the smaller house and makes a much stronger architectural statement. Constructed of large blocks of rubble stone set with mortar, it includes corner quoins of contrasting red brick; interior end chimneys; gable roof with central pavilion and oculus; and tall, slightly-arched windows with two-over-two lights. The main entrance to the stone house is on the two-bay north facade, facing the railroad. The three-way east facade includes a second story doorway providing an outside access to the boarding house area. (The porch and stairway no longer remain.) A central hall separating four small rooms on the second floor also are reminiscent of the building's boarding house days.

The Strunk-Nyssen House is in an excellent state of repair and has retained a significant degree of original design integrity. A small one room brick addition to the original 1856 house was added at the time the stone house was built. The current owners added a two car garage at the west end of the house and replaced an earlier porch with a covered porch on the south facade. Markings on the north facade indicate that a porch was also located there at one time.

Other buildings on the property include a brick smokehouse and small frame outbuilding.

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/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates ca.1856/ca.1880

Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Strunk-Nyssen House is primarily significant for its long association with the brewing industry in Shakopee, an important early Scott County industry. The house is architecturally significant as a well preserved nineteenth century residence constructed of local materials and showing local variations of traditional features. Herman H. Strunk, a German immigrant, made a claim here and built the first brewery in the valley in 1855, shortly after the town of Shakopee had been platted. At that time he built the small brick section of the house as a home for his family. The house is better known locally for its association with Hubert Nyssen who purchased the property in 1878 and also operated a brewery at that location. Nyssen built the large limestone portion of the house ca. 1880 and lived there until his death in 1930. The first floor served as the family residence, and the second floor was designed as a boarding house to accommodate the farmers who had travelled great distances to haul grain to the brewery. Recognition of this house is particularly important because it is located in a rapidly developing area.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Coller, Julius A., II. The Shakopee Story, Shakopee: North Star Pictures, 1960.
Neill, Rev. Edward D., History of the Minnesota Valley, Minneapolis: North Star Publishing Co., 1882.

10. Geographical Data **UTM NOT VERIFIED**

Acreeage of nominated property less than 1 **ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED**
Quadrangle name Shakopee Quadrangle scale 7.5

UMT References

A	<u>155</u>	<u>4</u> <u>5</u> <u>5</u> <u>9</u> <u>3</u> <u>0</u>	<u>4</u> <u>9</u> <u>5</u> <u>9</u> <u>4</u> <u>1</u> <u>0</u>	B			
	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

Verbal boundary description and justification

The southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 11, T115N, R23W, excepting the railroad right of way crossing the northwest corner of the property.

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 Britta Bloomberg, Research Historian-Survey

organization Minnesota Historical Society-SHPO date July, 1979

street & number 240 Summit Avenue-Hill House telephone (612) 296-0101

city or town St. Paul state Minnesota 55102

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 1-9-80

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

Keeper of the National Register

Attest: Kristin O'Connell date 4/10/80
Chief of Registration