

MINNESOTA HISTORIC PROPERTIES INVENTORY FORM

HISTORIC NAME: Cosgrove, C.N., House COUNTY: LeSueur  
 CURRENT NAME: CITY/TWP.: LeSueur  
 LEGAL DESC.: Lot 1 and S½ Lot 2, Block 33, LeSueur ADDRESS: 228 South 2nd.

CLASSIFICATION: CONDITION: SIGNIFICANCE: THEME/S:  
 Building X Excellent Local X Primary Commerce  
 Structure \_\_\_\_\_ Good X State \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Architecture  
 Object \_\_\_\_\_ Fair \_\_\_\_\_ National \_\_\_\_\_ Others \_\_\_\_\_  
 District \_\_\_\_\_ Deteriorated \_\_\_\_\_

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X Restricted \_\_\_\_\_ PRESENT USE:  
 VISIBLE FROM THE ROAD: Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_ Residence  
 OCCUPIED: Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_

DATE CONSTRUCTED: ca.1895 ORIGINAL USE: Residence  
 ORIGINAL OWNER: C.N. Cosgrove ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Dr. Charles Sheppard 228 South 2nd LeSueur, Minnesota 56058	ACREAGE: Less than one acre <u>X</u>  UTM REFERENCE: LeSueur Quad. 15 / 427150 / 4923040
LOCAL CONTACT/ORG.: LeSueur County Historical Society Elysian, MN 56028	
FORM PREPARED BY: Britta Bloomberg	
DATE: August 1980	

DESCRIPTION:

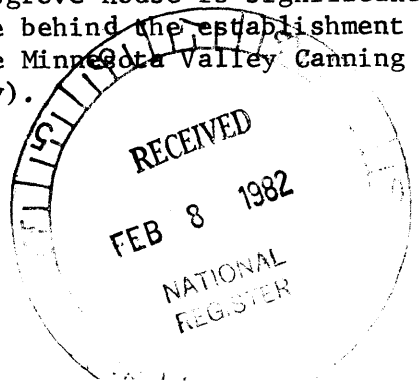
The C. N. Cosgrove House occupies a spacious corner lot on Smith and Second Streets in the city of Le Sueur, It is situated in a residential neighborhood just south of Le Sueur's principal business district and one block east of Main Street. The house is distinctive in the community as a particularly well-preserved and elaborate late nineteenth century residence.

The highly Eclectic two and one half story frame structure is sheathed in narrow white clapboard siding with dark brown patterned shingles under the eaves. The flared hip roof with exposed rafters is a dominant feature. Hipped dormers are located on the north, south and east facades. The east (front) dormer features a recessed porch with colonettes and balustrade. A hipped entry porch supported by columns set on brick piers is located at the southeast corner of the house; this corner also includes a recessed loggia on the second level. The house is basically rectangular in plan although the bay window, oriel window, large two and three-part windows, arched windows, and offset porches are reminiscent of the Victorian period. Two tall fluted brick chimneys rise above the roofline at the rear and northeast corner of the house.

Also located on the property are a carriage house (1895, now a garage) and a double garage of recent construction. The building is in an excellent state of preservation and retains significant interior integrity as well as exterior.

SIGNIFICANCE:

The C. N. Cosgrove House is significant for its association with C.N. Cosgrove, a primary force behind the establishment and development of a regionally important industry, the Minnesota Valley Canning Company (today the nationally known Green Giant Company).



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for Keeper Melvin Lyman  
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**Note: These changes apply to  
Cosgrove, C. N., House in LeSueur  
County, Minnesota.**

**REFERENCE NUMBER:** 82004694

**STATE:** MINNESOTA

**COUNTY:** LeSueur

**RESOURCE NAME (HISTORIC):** Cosgrove, Carson H., 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**