

Historic Name: John Miller Farmhouse
Common Name: Erickson and Nerison Farmhouse
Owner's Name and Address: Charles and Allen Erickson, P.H. Nerison
 Route 2
 Cannon Falls, MN 55009

County: Goodhue
Community: Red Wing vic
 Leon Township
Address/Legal Desc.:
 County Road 1.

Classification:
Building **Structure** _____ **Object** _____ **District** _____

Acreage:
 Less than one acre

Condition:
Excellent _____ **Good** **Fair** _____ **Deteriorated** _____

Verbal Boundary Desc.: Begin at a point on the south edge of County Rd. 1 located 100 ft. east and 150 ft. north of the southwest corner of the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of sec. 12, T11N, R17W, commencing south 60 ft. thence east 200 ft; thence north 100ft. thence west-northwest to Co. Rd. 1 (150 ft more or less); (cont.)

Open to the Public:
Yes _____ **No**

Visible from the road:
Yes **No** _____

Occupied:
Yes **No** _____

Present Use:
 Residential

History:
Date Constructed: 1860s
Architect/Builder: Unknown
Original Owner: John Miller
Original Use: Residential

UTM Reference:
 15/515360/4920640
 White Rock Quadrangle

Description:
 The John Miller Farmhouse is located in the northwest quarter of Section 12 of Leon Township, on the west side of Goodhue County Route 1.
 The John Miller Farmhouse is a 1 1/2 story, T-shaped building, with a main section measuring 26 by 16 feet, a rear ell of 12 by 16 feet, and a further addition to the rear of 17 by 25 feet. It is built of narrow wooden clapboards, and has a center gable roof with its flank oriented toward the street. The facade of the Farmhouse is three bays wide, with a central doorway situated between two windows. The doorway is adorned with an elaborate catalogue portico with turned posts, spindle-work portier, and scroll sawn panels. Above it, in the center gable, is a gothic-arched window with matching louvered shutters.
 Painted white with dark green trim, (see continuation sheet)

Level of Significance:
Local
State _____
Nation _____

Status:

Survey	Date
Local	_____
State	4/78
Nat'l. Reg.	_____
Nat'l. Land.	_____
HABS/HAER	_____

Significance:
 The John Miller Farmhouse is significant as an example of the type of farmhouse built by prosperous farmers in southeastern Minnesota in the first decades following the pioneer period.
 Built in the 1860s, the John Miller Farmhouse reflects the degree of prosperity that wheat-growing brought to the farmers of the region. Within a decade after the land was first broken for cultivation, many farmers were able to replace their original log cabins with sturdy frame structures. Those who were most successful such as John Miller, could afford to adorn their homes with catalogue porches, windows, and other kinds of trim. These architectural features reflected Miller's prominent position in the community, a fact most clearly shown by his being chosen by his neighbors, in 1876, to represent them in the Minnesota Legislature.

Theme/s:
Primary Agriculture
Secondary Politics
Other _____

Local Contact/Org.:
 Goodhue County Historical Society, Red Wing

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Description:

the John Miller Farmhouse is well-preserved, except for a modern double-window that has been inserted to the right of the front doorway.

Significance:

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

follow south edge of Co. Rd. 1 to point of beginning.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

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**Note: These changes apply to
Miller, John, Farmhouse in Goodhue
County, Minnesota.**

REFERENCE NUMBER: 80002062

STATE: MINNESOTA

COUNTY: Goodhue

RESOURCE NAME (HISTORIC):

CITY:

VICINITY OF: Cannon Falls

ADDRESS: Co. Hwy. 1

CERTIFICATION DATE:

REMOVED DATE:

COMMENTS:

Nina M. Archabal

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State Historic Preservation Officer

JUN 17 1988

Date