

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Minnesota	
COUNTY: Dakota	
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ENTRY NUMBER 70.6.22.0004	DATE 6/22/70

1. NAME

COMMON:
W. G. Le Duc House

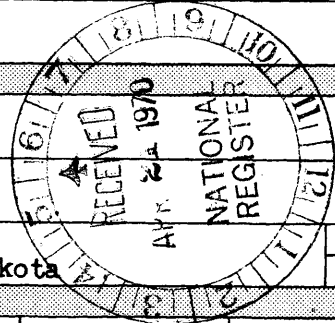
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
1629 Vermillion Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Hastings

STATE: **Minnesota** CODE: **22** COUNTY: **Dakota** CODE: **037**



3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Minnesota Historical Society

STREET AND NUMBER:
690 Cedar Street

CITY OR TOWN: **St. Paul** STATE: **Minnesota** CODE: **22**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Dakota County Courthouse, Register of Deeds

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: **Hastings** STATE: **Minnesota** CODE: **22**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Minnesota State Register of Historic Sites

DATE OF SURVEY: **1969** Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Minnesota Historical Society

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The William G. Le Duc house in Hastings, Minnesota, is a 3-story limestone mansion influenced by a design by Andrew J. Downing. The house was built between 1862 and 1865 in the Rhineland Gothic style, which was quite popular in the eastern part of the United States at the time.

The exterior of the house contains many of the distinctive features of Neo-Gothic architecture; a tower in front, bay windows, verandas, pointed arches over the doors and windows, and scroll work trim along the eaves.

The interior of the Le Duc house is divided into 15 rooms with walls 2 feet thick separating them. The dining room, library, parlor, kitchen, and pantry are located downstairs. There are also verandas on both the west and south sides of the house. In 1868, Le Duc added a summer and a wood shed to the main floor.

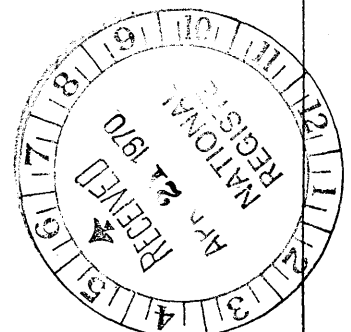
The second floor was built in two levels. In the lower level, which is in back of the house, there is a bedroom and a bathroom, and in the upper level, in front of the house, are the master bedroom, a connecting bedroom, and a guest room. Each of the upper level rooms has a fireplace. The servants' quarters are on the third floor, and there are 5 storage rooms in the basement.

At the top of the tower, which is located directly over the front door, is a room in which Le Duc used to relax. A later owner of the house made this room into a chapel. Adjacent to it are 2 unfinished rooms.

All of the walls of the house are plastered, and many were paneled with white pine. All 10 fireplaces in the house had fronts of pine instead of the more usual marble. The Civil War, which was being fought during the time that the house was built, made it impossible to have marble sent up from Georgia.

The fireplaces proved to be inefficient, and Le Duc soon replaced them with heating stoves. However, some of the fireplaces have been reopened and restored with marble from the period by a later owner. The furnishings of the house are all done in walnut, mahogany, and rosewood, and most of them were bought in the East. Hoping that gas lighting would soon come to Hastings, Le Duc had gas chandeliers installed.

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SIGNIFICANCE

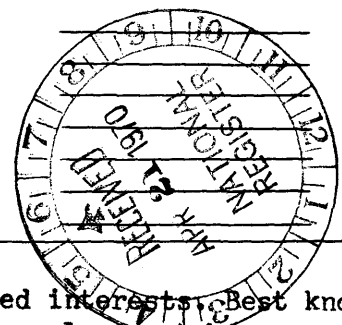
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian | 16th-Century | 18th Century | 20th Century
 15th Century | 17th Century | 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1862-1865

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

William Gates Le Duc was a man of many and varied interests. Best known for his activities in the field of agriculture, Le Duc also must be remembered for his distinguished service in the Civil War and for his activities as a writer, historian, inventor, and promoter of the attractions of the territory of Minnesota.

Le Duc first came to Minnesota in 1850 at the age of 27. He settled in St. Paul, where he established a successful law practice and opened the St. Paul Book and Stationery Store. During this time Le Duc organized the company which built the Wabasha Street Bridge in St. Paul and owned and operated the flour mill which produced and marketed the first flour made from Minnesota spring wheat. He also helped obtain the territory's first railroad charter. These activities won Le Duc a great deal of prominence, as did two other responsibilities he undertook at this time. One was a three year assignment, beginning in 1851, as the author and publisher of the Minnesota Year Book, an annual chronicle of events in the territory. In the 1852 Year Book Le Duc gives an exceptionally good and extensive treatment of the Indian treaties of the year. The other responsibility was Le Duc's appointment as superintendent of Minnesota's exhibits for the 1853 Crystal Palace Fair, an international exposition held in New York City, for which Le Duc arranged a display of furs, grain, articles of Indian-make, including canoes and wild rice, and a live buffalo which he himself transported to New York.

Since his arrival in Minnesota, Le Duc had become particularly fond of an area south of St. Paul in the town of Hastings, Minnesota. In 1854 he acquired from Alexander Faribault a quarter interest in the townsite; in 1856, he bought a piece of land there. So enamored by his acquisition was Le Duc that, in 1857, he and his wife sold the book store in St. Paul and moved to Hastings.

With the coming of the Civil War, Le Duc had an opportunity to distinguish himself once again. He enlisted in the Union Army, served honorably under the command of McClellan, Hooker, and Sherman, and as a result of his fine record he rose to the rank of brigadier-general.

After the War was over, Le Duc returned to Hastings, devoted himself to farming and invested considerable time and money in the construction of a new home.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Brookins, Jean A., Minnesota History, vol. 37, "A Historic Mansion, The William G. Le Duc House" pages 189-203

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

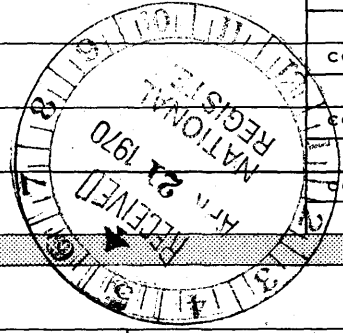
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NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	92°	51'	10"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"	43	45	
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"			

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 4 acres

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 AND TITLE: John Crossman, Survey and Planning

ORGANIZATION: Minnesota Historical Society DATE: March 18, 1970

STREET AND NUMBER: Fort Snelling Branch, Building 25, Fort Snelling

CITY OR TOWN: St. Paul STATE: Minnesota CODE: 22

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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 National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name: Russell H. Fridley

Title: Director, Minn. Historical Society

Date: 4-15-70

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

Ernest Allen Connally
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: JUN 22 1970

ATTEST:
William J. H. [Signature]
Keeper of The National Register

Date: MAY 22 1970

Site
LeDuc House

W. M. ...

Entered
6/22/70
Dakota County

Incorrect Latitude Listed on Form

Correct Latitude:
44° 43' 45"

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44° 46' 23"

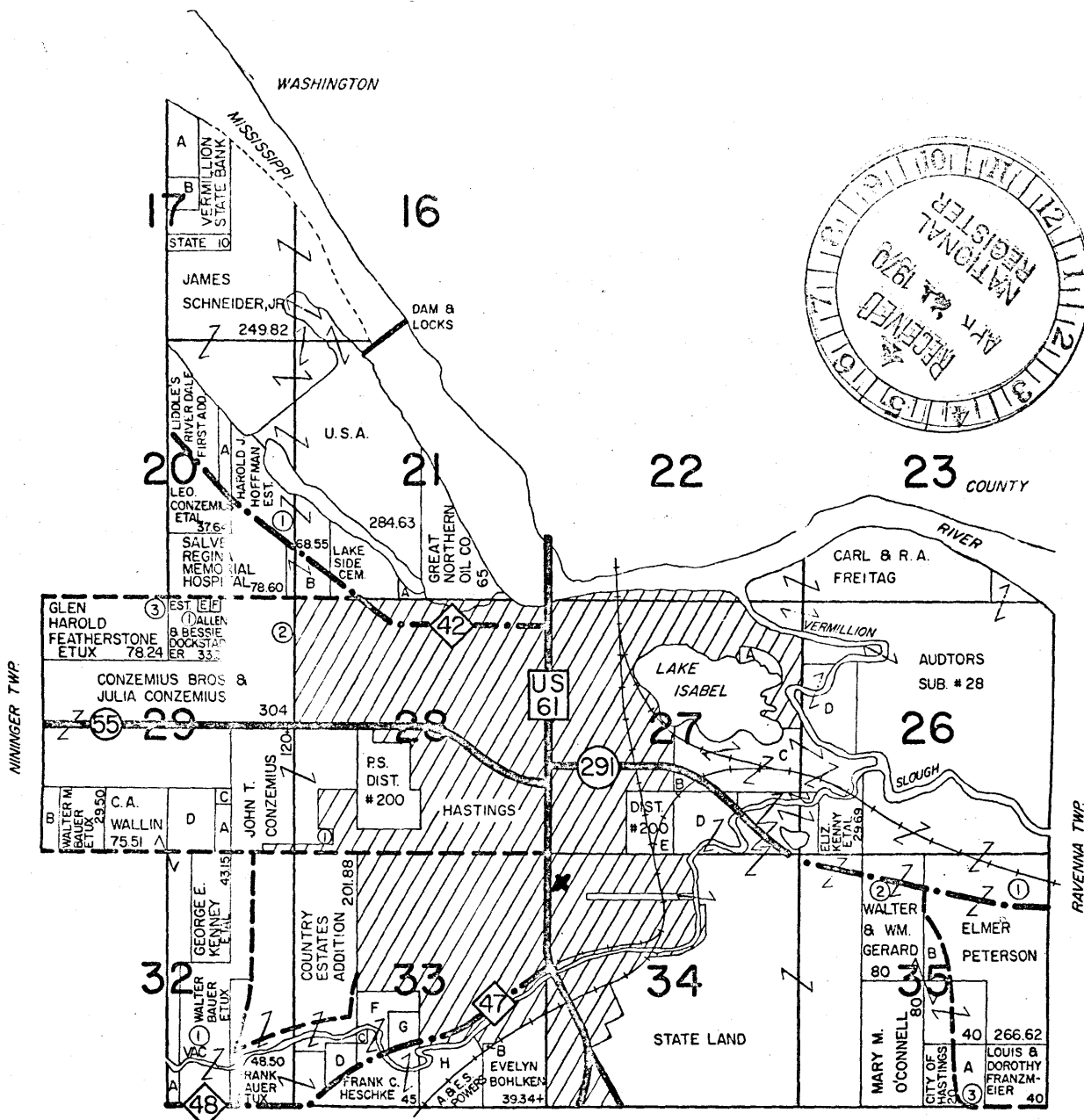
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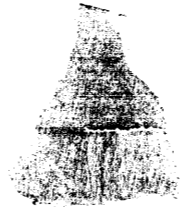
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MARSHAN TWP
SMALL TRACT OWNERS

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17	B	EBBA C. HOFFMAN	10.00
20	A	FRED LIDDLE	28.00
21	A	M. C. KARPEN	5.30
21	B	SISTERS OF CHARITY, OUR LADY, M. OF MERCY	16.70
26	D	GEORGE MCINTOSH	23.45
27	A	FRANK VELASKY	6.94
27	B	HASTINGS IND. DEV.	3.11
27	C	CHARLES W. MOORE, ETUX	
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29	F	ROSE SOLAC, ETAL	3.00
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33	B	EDWIN KITZMAN	.66
33	C	ALEX ROSSING	
33	D	DON L. & MARY E. SCHMITT	11.80
33	F	ED. FRANZMEIER	
33	G	DAKOTA COUNTY	



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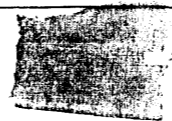
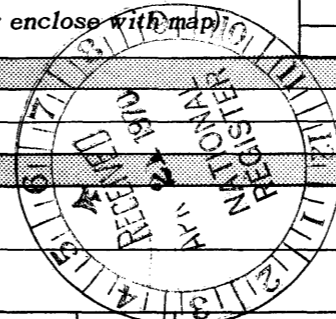
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2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: 1629 Vermillion Street			
CITY OR TOWN: Hastings			
STATE: Minnesota	CODE 22	COUNTY: Dakota	CODE 037
3. MAP REFERENCE			
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TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
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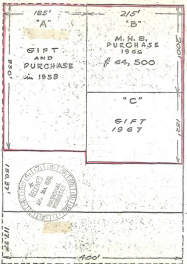


GENERAL WILLIAM G. LEDUC
HISTORIC SITE

HASTINGS, MINNESOTA

EAST 16th STREET

PERMILLION STREET



RAMSEY STREET

EAST 17th STREET

MINNESOTA - OSA - 29



SCALE: 1" = 60 FEET

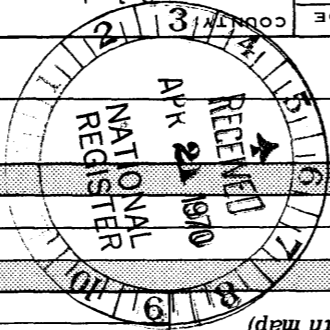
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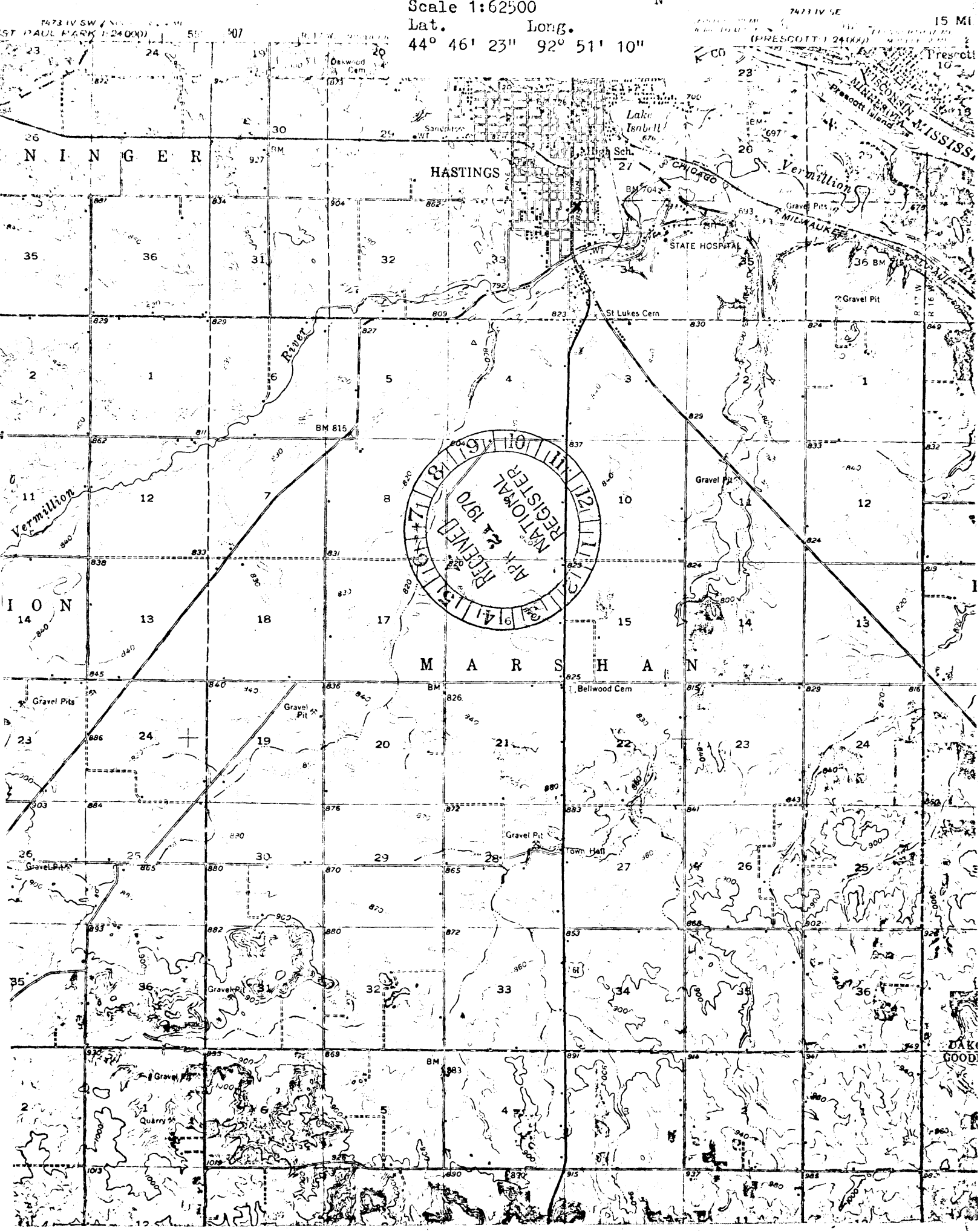
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U.S.G.S. 15' Quadrangle
Hastings, Minn.-Wis.
1957
Le Duc House
Scale 1:62500
Lat. Long.
44° 46' 23" 92° 51' 10"

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