

United States Department of the Interior
National Park 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 Bardwell - Ferrant House

and/or common Moorish House

2. Location

street & number 2500 Portland Avenue South N/A not for publication

city, town Minneapolis N/A vicinity of

state Minnesota code 22 county Hennepin code 053

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Patrick Dougherty

street & number 1823 Park Avenue

city, town Minneapolis N/A vicinity of state Minnesota 55404

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Registry of Deeds, Hennepin County Government Center

street & number 300 South Sixth Street

city, town Minneapolis state Minnesota

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title N/A has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date N/A N/A federal N/A state N/A county N/A local

depository for survey records N/A

city, town N/A state N/A

7. Description

Condition
 excellent deteriorated
 good ruins
 fair unexposed

Check one
 unaltered
 altered

Check one
 original site
 moved date July, 1898

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Bardwell-Ferrant House occupies a prominent corner location at 2500 Portland Avenue South in a residential community of Minneapolis.

The two storey frame structure is rectangular in plan and sits upon a limestone foundation. Wooden lattice work shields the foundation from view on the north side of the building. Charles S. Bardwell built his simple two storey home at 1800 Park Avenue South about 1883. The home's modest Queen Anne stylistic elements are still observable in the south facing rectangular bay with open balcony above, scroll shaped eave brackets and patterned brick chimney.

In 1890, the house was purchased by Emil Ferrant who engaged prominent Minneapolis architect Carl F. Struck to make alterations to the dwelling. Struck's design fused Moorish adornments onto the original modest building creating an exotic architectural fantasy. Two onion domed towers, sheathed in pressed metal and roofed with sheet copper, were added on the north facade. The western-most dome rises above a curved bay at the first storey level creating a two storey curvilinear shape to the north facade. Arch transom lights filled with stained glass cap each of the four sash windows at the dome's upper level. The dome at the northeast corner of the house rises from the second storey level creating an ogee arch open balcony.

The first storey porch follows the curve of the two domes as it wraps around the north facade. Spiral porch supports (some of which are still intact on the building's facade) were replaced with square posts in 1949. The main entrance is asymmetrically placed on the east facade. Double oak entry doors feature elaborate Moorish design panels with paired arch lights above.

Stained glass windows, in varying shapes and filled with deep rich colors, are prominent on the three major building facades, adding to the exotic Moorish flavor.

In 1898, the house was moved from its original location to its present site to make way for the construction of an apartment building.

Although the building is in a deteriorating condition, its architectural integrity has been preserved since the 1890 alterations.

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

Specific dates c. 1883, 1890 **Builder/Architect** Unknown, 1890 Additions, Carl F. Struck, Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Bardwell-Ferrant House is architecturally significant as a locally distinctive example of the national interest in exotic themes in the late nineteenth century. Constructed about 1883 for Charles Bardwell, the house was originally located at 1800 Park Avenue and was moved to its present site in 1898 to make way for the construction of an apartment building. The original simple Queen Anne form of the dwelling was transformed in 1890 into a Moorish fantasy by the addition of onion domed towers, ogee arch shapes and deep toned stained glass lights. Emil Ferrant engaged locally prominent architect Carl F. Struck who created the Moorish design theme for the house. Struck was the only Norwegian native architect in the 19th century to practice his craft in Minneapolis and was responsible for the design of Dania Hall, 1885 (National Register 1974). Few local buildings were constructed in the Moorish mode; rather, the exotic forms were added to otherwise simple structures. The Bardwell-Ferrant House is an unusually picturesque representative of exotic forms applied to traditional architectural styles and, as such, is an important asset to the community.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Minneapolis Planning Department, Heritage Preservation Commission. Heritage Preservation Designation Study: The Moorish House.

Kennedy, Roger G. Minnesota Houses: An Architectural & Historical View. Mpls: Dillon

Press, 1967.

10. Geographical Data

Acree of nominated property Less than one acre

Quadrangle name Minneapolis, South

Quadrangle scale 7.5

UTM References

A

1	5	4	7	8	9	10	4	9	7	7	8	8	0
Zone			Easting				Northing						

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Zone			Easting				Northing						

Verbal boundary description and justification

Lot 1 Block 1 R.D. Beede's 2nd Addition

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N/A code N/A county N/A code N/A

state N/A code N/A county N/A code N/A

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state Minnesota

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 National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Russell W. Fridley

title

State Historic Preservation Officer

date

Russell W. Fridley
7/5/84

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

Entered in the
National Register

date

8-9-84

Delores Byers
Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration