

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

**National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form**

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections



**1. Name**

historic Mitchell Jackson Farmhouse

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number 16376 7th St. Lane South not for publication

city, town Lakeland vicinity of congressional district First

state Minnesota code 22 county Washington code 163

**3. Classification**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: Settlement

**4. Owner of Property**

name Jim Hagstrom

street & number P.O. Box 704

city, town Lakeland vicinity of state Minnesota 55043

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Washington County Courthouse

street & number 14900 West 61st Street

city, town Stillwater state Minnesota

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

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

date 1981 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

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input 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 Mitchell Jackson Farm ouse is a frame structure of the temple-form Greek Revival style. The clapboard house sits on a rubble, random limestone foundation. Its symmetrical plan has a two-story central mass flanked by one-story wings. The central mass has a pedimented, gable-front roof. The roof cornice is carried across the front of the building, with the wide entablature typical of the style. Engaged pilaster boards mark the corners of the structure. One-story wings, slightly set back, flank the central portion. Each wing has a recessed porch supported by square columns with unadorned capitals. The pedimented gable and corner pilasters are repeated on the wings.

The house faces east, with front entries in the recessed porches of each wing. Each porch also shelters one double-sash window. The central portion has two windows on the second level and a bay window (added later). A later addition to the rear of the house has been removed. The house is in the process of restoration. A five-seater outhouse repeats the pedimented gable roof of the residence.

## 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input 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 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 type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** ca. 1850

**Builder/Architect**

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Mitchell Jackson Farmhouse is significant for its association with its second owner, Mitchell Y. Jackson, whose highly informative diaries have been partially reproduced in Minnesota Farmers' Diaries. The book's editor, Rodney C. Loehr, stated "(Jackson's) acute perceptions and wide range of observations place him above the ordinary farm diarist. Few other Minnesota farm diarists showed an equal facility with the pen or exhibited an interest in so wide a range of subjects." The farmhouse provides an important three-dimensional link to Jackson's activities in early Minnesota settlement.

Jackson came to Minnesota in the first great wave of immigration in the early 1850s. His original intention was to go west to Oregon from his home in Wabash, Indiana, but decided to seek opportunity in Minnesota. Railroads threatened the Wabasha Canal and his means of livelihood as a Wabasha businessman. In 1854 Jackson bought the Amos Newell farm in Lakeland and named the Greek Revival farmhouse "Cottage Spring" for the natural water supply a few yards from the front door. He became active in Washington County politics, serving as the county assessor (1855–58), and register of deeds (1866–70). He subdivided part of his land to form Jackson's Addition to Lakeland in partnership with St. Paul businessmen in 1857. Jackson's business and social life put him in touch with other important early settlers in the county (J.P. Furber, Lemuel Bolles, and others). His agricultural pursuits were typical of early farmers. He is significant not as an unusual farmer, but as one whose active years in Minnesota are well documented in his diaries.

In 1857, Jackson recorded: "I have now a nice little farm of 67 acres all under fence, a good house, barn, and spring. And if the soil was as good as I should like and I had some wood I think I should call this home." By 1871, though, he gave up agriculture to seek business opportunities. He moved to Iowa, then to Shakopee, Minnesota, where he entered the lumber business. Two years later he moved to Mason City, Iowa, to sell insurance. His life reflects an individual business pattern common with western entrepreneurs, combining agriculture, real estate, commercial trade and often moving from location to location to seek new opportunities.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

- Loehr, Rodney C. (editor). Minnesota Farmers' Diaries. St. Paul, Minnesota Historical Society. 1939.
- Rosenfelt, Williar E. (editor). Washington: A History of the Minnesota County. Stillwater. Croixside Press. 1977.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 2.5 acres  
 Quadrangle name Hudson, Minn.-Wis. 7.5

Quadrangle scale 7.5

### UMT References

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Lot 15, Block, Jackson Farm Addition

### 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 Thomas Harvey, Research Historian

organization Minnesota Historical Society date March 1981

street & number 240 Summit Avenue-Hill House telephone 612-296-9072

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*  
 Russell W. Fridley

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date 1/5/82

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

*Delores Byers*  
 Entered in the  
 National Register

date 2/19/82

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration