

MINNESOTA HISTORIC PROPERTIES INVENTORY FORM

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HISTORIC NAME: J. P. Furber House **COUNTY:** Washington
CURRENT NAME: **CITY/TWP.:** ^{East} Cottage Grove
LEGAL DESC.: Block G. Original Town, excluding southerly 113 feet. **ADDRESS:** 7310 Lamar Avenue

CLASSIFICATION:	CONDITION:	SIGNIFICANCE:	THEME/S:
Building <u> X </u>	Excellent <u> </u>	Local <u> X </u>	Primary <u> Settlement </u>
Structure <u> </u>	Good <u> X </u>	State <u> </u>	Secondary <u> </u>
Object <u> </u>	Fair <u> </u>	National <u> </u>	Others <u> </u>
District <u> </u>	Deteriorated <u> </u>		

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Yes No X Restricted **PRESENT USE:**
VISIBLE FROM THE ROAD: Yes X No residence
OCCUPIED: Yes X No

DATE CONSTRUCTED: 1871 **ORIGINAL USE:** residence
ORIGINAL OWNER: J. P. Furber **ARCHITECT/BUILDER:** Unknown

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Jacob Vandenberg 7310 Lamar Avenue Cottage Grove, MN 55016	ACREAGE: Less than one acre <u> X </u>
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LOCAL CONTACT/ORG.: N/A	UTM REFERENCE: St. Paul Park, Minn. 7.5 15 / 509360 / 4965360
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FORM PREPARED BY: Tom Harvey
DATE: 3/81

DESCRIPTION: The two-story frame J. P. Furber House sits on a large lot set back from the main street in the original village of Cottage Grove. The Italianate style house has a rectangular, side-hall plan, gabled front facade, and gable-roofed side bays. The wide eaves of the low-pitch roof are supported by scrolled brackets. Tall, narrow windows are outlined with simple frame surrounds and restrained entablature heads. A round window marks the front gable. The original front porch extended across the facade, covering the entry and two floor-to-ceiling windows. This porch has now been replaced by a doorway hood only. A rear corner porch has been replaced by a lean-to addition dating from before 1940. The house is sided with asbestos shingles.

SIGNIFICANCE: The J. P. Furber House represents a theme of settlement typical of several of Washington county's earliest towns: post-settlement formal town platting. J. P. Furber was proprietor of the Cottage Grove town site, established some 20 years after the village had its start. The Cottage Grove area was one of the first settled inland regions of the county. Some of the earliest agricultural development in the state centered on the township. By 1851 the village of Cottage Grove was the center of a thriving farming community and a wayside post office center. Among the early settlers were the Furber brothers, from New Hampshire. J. W., Samuel, Theodore, William, and J. P. Furber moved to Cottage Grove at different times between 1844 and 1860. In 1871 J. P. Furber formally platted the village of Cottage Grove on forty acres adjacent to the informally established town. J. W. Furber surveyed the town site. Several other communities in the county, including Stillwater, Afton, and Point Douglas, followed the same pattern of central place settlement prior to official town founding.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

for Keeper Melvin Lynn
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Note: These changes apply to
Furber, J. P., House in Washington
County, Minnesota.

REFERENCE NUMBER: 82003074

STATE: MINNESOTA

COUNTY: Washington

RESOURCE NAME (HISTORIC): Furber, John P., House

CITY: Cottage Grove

VICINITY OF:

ADDRESS:

CERTIFICATION DATE:

REMOVED DATE:

COMMENTS: There is no East Cottage Grove City

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State Historic Preservation Officer

JUN 17 1988

Date