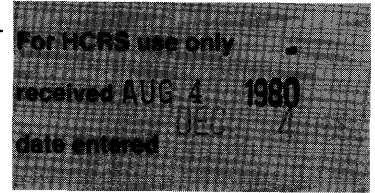


**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**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 Whiting, Timothy A., House

and/or common Whiting House (Heritage House)

2. Location

street & number 225 First Avenue Northwest (in Central Park) not for publication

city, town Rochester vicinity of congressional district First

state Minnesota code 22 county Olmsted code 109

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<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:

4. Owner of Property

name City of Rochester

street & number City Hall

city, town Rochester vicinity of state Minnesota

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Olmsted County Courthouse

street & number 515 Second Street SW

city, town Rochester state Minnesota

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Statewide Survey of Historic Resources

has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1973; 1979-80 federal state county local

depository for survey records Minnesota Historical Society -- 240 Summit Avenue-Hill House

city, town St. Paul state Minnesota

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date Nov. 10, 1971, and Nov. 10, 1972

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Timothy A. Whiting House is located in Rochester's Central Park, at 225 First Avenue Northwest. Originally the house stood about three blocks away at 527 North Broadway, in the same Lower Town area of north Rochester. It was moved to a storage lot in 1971 to avoid demolition and then to its present site in 1972.

It is a two story, wood frame, side-hall Italianate house, almost square in plan, sheathed in white lap siding. The hipped roof has bracketed eaves. One story hipped-roof bays and rooms project to the west, north, and south. A one story embellished porch extends across the east (front) side and there are small porches at the bay projections. Fenestration consists of four-over-four double-hung sash in rectangular openings with simple trim. There were minor alterations to the exterior during the moves. The restoration of the interior has utilized doors, floors, and hardware salvaged from three razed nineteenth century Rochester houses.

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/
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input 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 1875 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Whiting House is significant as a well-preserved representative example of residential Italianate architectural design which dates from Rochester's nineteenth century development as a center of agricultural commerce, before the twentieth century Mayo Clinic-related growth period. It was constructed for Timothy A. Whiting, prosperous Rochester grain merchant and owner of over 1,000 acres of cultivated land during the period when Olmsted County and southeast Minnesota was an important wheat-producing region. The Whiting House was moved three blocks in 1971-72 to avoid demolition; however, the house remains in the same north Rochester residential area traditionally known as Lower Town. Since the move the house has been restored and is presently maintained as a public historical museum.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Gebhard, David, and Tom Martinson. A Guide to the Architecture of Minnesota. University of Minnesota Press, 1977, p.315.
Rochester Symphony Guild presents the Heritage House. Rochester: Rochester Symphony Guild, 1974(?).

10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED

Acreeage of nominated property less than one

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Quadrangle name Rochester

Quadrangle scale 7.5

UMT References

A

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Zone		Easting				Northing								

B

Zone		Easting				Northing							

C

Zone		Easting				Northing							

D

Zone		Easting				Northing							

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Zone		Easting				Northing							

F

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G

Zone		Easting				Northing							

H

Zone		Easting				Northing							

Verbal boundary description and justification

Commencing at the northeast corner of Rochester's Central Park, thence southerly 200 feet; thence westerly 200 feet; thence northerly 200 feet; thence easterly 200 feet to the point of beginning.

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

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Robert M. Frame III, Architectural Historian/Research Historian
organization Minnesota Historical Society date April 1980
street & number 240 Summit Avenue-Hill House telephone 612-296-9074
city or town St. Paul 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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Russell W. Fridley
title State Historic Preservation Officer date 7-15-80

For HCERS use only
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register
for W. Ray Luce date 12/4/80
Keeper of the National Register
Attest: Linda Flint McClure date 12-2-80
Chief of Registration