

**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 Kelsey, Porter, House

and/or common Kelsey House

2. Location

street & number 14853 Seventh Avenue North not for publication

city, town Anoka vicinity of Anoka congressional district 8th

state Minnesota code 22 county Anoka code 003

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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<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 type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hartfiel

street & number 14853 Seventh Avenue North

city, town Anoka vicinity of state Minnesota

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Anoka County Courthouse

street & number

city, town Anoka vicinity of state Minnesota

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

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

date 1978, 1979 federal state county local

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

city, town St. Paul vicinity of state Minnesota

7. Description

Condition excellent good fair deteriorated ruins unexposed**Check one** unaltered altered**Check one** original site moved

date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Porter Kelsey House is located on the west shore of Round Lake, two miles northeast of Anoka on State Highway #7. It is set back from the highway and camouflaged by a thick stand of pine and by a maple grove.

Porter Kelsey constructed this two-story house in 1887 of buff-colored brick that was manufactured at his nearby brickyard. Although it is not a "pure" example of an architectural style, it contains many Italianate design features. These exterior design features include the building's "L"-plan, the distinctive wide eaves with coupled brackets, a truncated hipped roof, a rectangular balustrade atop the roof, and a veranda surmounted by a balustraded balcony. (The enclosure of the veranda constitutes the major alteration to the exterior of the house.) In addition, numerous interior design features represent the Italianate style.

The interior of the Kelsey House retains a significant degree of original design integrity. Beautifully crafted etched glass doors, carved woodwork, decorative hardware, and lighting fixtures (converted from kerosene to electricity) all dating to the turn of the century, are in a good state of preservation. Minor alterations such as kitchen modernization, new room arrangements, and the addition of supporting columns in the archways between two rooms, have not detracted from the overall architectural significance of this house.

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 type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1887 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Porter Kelsey House is significant due to its association with a historically important Anoka County industry, brick manufacturing, and as a well-preserved example of Italianate design features applied to a rural nineteenth century residence.

The Kelsey Brick Company produced high quality buff-colored brick on the western shore of Round Lake from 1879 until 1897. The majority of the brick manufactured at this brickyard was shipped by rail from Anoka to Minneapolis and St. Paul for the construction of buildings such as the Minneapolis City Hall (interior walls only). Locally, the brick was used in the construction of the Anoka County Courthouse (razed), many county schools and churches (only one is extant), the city of Anoka's commercial buildings, and the smokestack of Anoka's Washburn Sawmill (after the demolition of the smokestack the bricks were used in the construction of the Pease Printery, 111 Harrison Street, Anoka). The disastrous Panic of 1893 coupled with the loss of a long sought after spur line running from Anoka to the brickyard resulted in the demise of the brickyard. In 1897 the brick making machinery was sold and the brickyard's buildings were demolished.

The house was constructed in 1887 to replace a long rambling, frame house which had served to house the Kelsey family and the brickyard employees. The massive size (over twenty rooms) and the architectural design of the house represent a unique element on Anoka County's rural landscape. The nineteenth century rural house in Anoka County is characteristically small, invariably constructed of locally logged pine or oak, usually composed of two intersecting one-and-one-half story gable ended sections, and void of exterior ornamentation.

The Porter Kelsey House has been well-preserved by members of the Kelsey family, who owned the house for 68 years, and by two subsequent owners. The current owners, the Charles Hartfiel family, recently completed an interior restoration of the house.

PLEASE NOTE: The manuscript for this nomination was prepared before the one paragraph limit for significance statements was stipulated.

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED

Acreage of nominated property less than 1

Quadrangle name Anoka

Quadrangle scale 7.5

UMT References

A

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

B

Zone		Easting				Northing							

C

Zone		Easting				Northing							

D

Zone		Easting				Northing							

E

Zone		Easting				Northing							

F

Zone		Easting				Northing							

G

Zone		Easting				Northing							

H

Zone		Easting				Northing							

Verbal boundary description and justification

T32, R24, Section 30; Com. at NW cor. of NE 1/4 of Sec. 30; th. S. on W. line thereof 2 rods to pt. of com.; th. E. & parallel with N. line of said 1/4 Sec. 600' th. at rt. angles S. 18 rods; th. at rt. angles W. & parallel with N. line of said 1/4 Sec. 600'; th. N. on W. line of said 1/4 Sec. 18 rods to pt. of com.

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

state _____ code _____ county _____ code _____

state _____ code _____ county _____ code _____

11. Form Prepared By

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date April 1979

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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

Russell W. Fridley

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date 11/1/79

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

Sally G. Olden
Keeper of the National Register

date 12/26/79

Attest: Kristina O'Connell

date 12/26/79

Chief of Administration

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

for Keeper Melony Lynn
1/19/89

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**Note: These changes apply to
Kelsey, Porter, House in Anoka
County, Minnesota.**

REFERENCE NUMBER: 79001186

STATE: MINNESOTA

COUNTY: Anoka

RESOURCE NAME (HISTORIC):

CITY: Andover

VICINITY OF:

ADDRESS:

CERTIFICATION DATE:

REMOVED DATE:

COMMENTS:

Nina M. Archabal

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State Historic Preservation Officer

JUN 17 1988

Date