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**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

Riley Lucas Bartholomew House

AND/OR COMMON

Same

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

6901 Lyndale Ave. South

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Richfield

VICINITY OF

3

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Minnesota

CODE
22

COUNTY
Hennepin

CODE
053 ✓

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

___DISTRICT

___PUBLIC

___OCCUPIED

___AGRICULTURE

MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

UNOCCUPIED

___COMMERCIAL

___PARK

___STRUCTURE

___BOTH

___WORK IN PROGRESS

___EDUCATIONAL

___PRIVATE RESIDENCE

___SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

___ENTERTAINMENT

___RELIGIOUS

___OBJECT

___IN PROCESS

___YES: RESTRICTED

___GOVERNMENT

___SCIENTIFIC

___BEING CONSIDERED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

___INDUSTRIAL

___TRANSPORTATION

___NO

___MILITARY

___OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Richfield Public School System

STREET & NUMBER

7001 Harriet Ave.

CITY, TOWN

Richfield

VICINITY OF

STATE

Minnesota

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Hennepin County Government Center

STREET & NUMBER

300 6th Street South

CITY, TOWN

Minneapolis

STATE

Minnesota

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

___FEDERAL ___STATE ___COUNTY ___LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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|---|---------------------------------------|---|---|--------------------------------|------------|
| CONDITION | | CHECK ONE | | CHECK ONE | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT | <input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED | <input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE | <input type="checkbox"/> MOVED | DATE _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GOOD | <input type="checkbox"/> RUINS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FAIR | <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED | | | | |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Riley Lucas Bartholomew House at 6901 Lyndale Avenue South in Richfield was constructed ca. 1853. It was originally intended as a single-family farm dwelling. It embodies simple features of the Federal style. These features are evident in the corner pilasters, six-over-six double hung windows, low hipped roof, and massing of the original portion of the house.

The earliest portion of the house is rectangular in plan and is covered by a low hipped roof. In later years, a one story "el" was added to the north facade. The design features of the "el" differ primarily in simplicity, as can be noted in the regression of the pilaster strip into unadorned corner boards. This addition has a low gabled roof, open full-front porch, and two-over-two windows. At yet a later date, another one-story addition was added to the rear of the "el" and was provided with a full-front open porch. Each section of the house has a single-flue brick chimney, indicating that the original heating system was comprised of stoves.

On the interior, the logs utilized in the construction of the floor system of the original portion of the house are quartered. These logs have survived intact. The wall between the parlor and dining room is approximately one foot thick (the dining room is located in the first "el"; the parlor in the original portion of the house). The original portion of the house now contains a parlor and bedroom on the first floor and two bedrooms on the second floor. The dining room is in the first "el"; the kitchen and storage facilities are in the third addition.

The Bartholomew House now functions as the museum for the Richfield Historical Society. It was acquired by the Richfield Public School System in 1967 while in a delapidated condition. The House has since undergone an extensive restoration program, and is today in excellent condition.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

| PERIOD | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW | | | |
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| <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 type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION | <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | |

SPECIFIC DATES 1853 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Riley Lucas Bartholomew

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Riley Lucas Bartholomew House is significant because it was the home of one of Minnesota's prominent early citizens. He was a general in the Ohio militia, a Justice of the Peace in Minnesota, a member of the Republican Constitutional Convention, a State Senator and was a volunteer in putting down the Minnesota Sioux Uprising of 1862. Riley Lucas Bartholomew was born on May 30, 1807, in Harpersfield, Ohio. He later became high sherriff of Ashtabula County, Ohio. He held the rank of general in the Ohio militia. In 1852, General Bartholomew came to Minnesota, made a claim, and pitched a tent near Wood Lake (Hennepin County). He moved onto his 80 acre claim in the spring of 1853. Bartholomew then built a farm house in about 1853 and resided there for the remainder of his natural life.

General Bartholomew played a vital role in the civil activities of Hennepin County and the State of Minnesota. From 1855 to 1863, Bartholomew served as Justice of the Peace in Hennepin County, Minnesota Territory. In 1857, he was a member of the Republican Constitutional Convention which framed the Minnesota State Constitution. Two years later, he represented District 4 in the State Senate.

In addition to the civil duties carried out by General Bartholomew, he served in a group called "Northrup's Volunteers" during the Minnesota Sioux Uprising. As news of the event reached Minneapolis, volunteers under the command of Captain Northrup were called to aid the soldiers at Fort Ridgely.

General Bartholomew died in 1894. His family and descendants continued to occupy the dwelling until 1965. Prior to that time, the property was utilized as a general produce farm. In 1965 the Richfield Public School System initiated condemnation procedures on the property for the purpose of acquiring it for expansion of their recreation facilities. The house itself was rescued from a state of delapidation and offered to the Richfield Historical Society as headquarters for their museum. After completion of an extensive restoration program, the Historical Society transferred its collection to the house and opened it to the public.

