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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

**

Locke, Cassius M., House

AND/OR COMMON

Old Locke House

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

6666 East River Road

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Fridley

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

8th

STATE

Minnesota

CODE

22

COUNTY

Anoka

CODE

003

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

DISTRICT

X PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

AGRICULTURE

X MUSEUM

X BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

X UNOCCUPIED

COMMERCIAL

PARK

STRUCTURE

BOTH

X WORK IN PROGRESS

EDUCATIONAL

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

ENTERTAINMENT

RELIGIOUS

OBJECT

IN PROCESS

X YES: RESTRICTED

GOVERNMENT

SCIENTIFIC

BEING CONSIDERED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

INDUSTRIAL

TRANSPORTATION

NO

MILITARY

OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Anoka County Park Board

STREET & NUMBER

Anoka County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Anoka

VICINITY OF

STATE

Minnesota

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Registry of Deeds/Anoka County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

325 East Main

CITY, TOWN

Anoka

STATE

Minnesota

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Statewide Historic Sites Survey

DATE

1970

FEDERAL X STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Minnesota Historical Society, Building 25, Fort Snelling

CITY, TOWN

Saint Paul

STATE

Minnesota

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE	
<input 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 Locke House is situated on a wooded site on East River Road near Rice Creek, which flows into the Mississippi River north of Minneapolis. It is a two storey frame structure executed in the Greek Revival mode. Stylistic features exemplified include the characteristic six-over-six pane double hung windows, tripartite formal entry (central door with side lights and transom), broken-pedimented gables, corner pilasters, and slender brick chimneys. An "L" plan is employed; gables intersect at a common ridge height.

The house was originally built in 1847 to serve as a summer residence and base of operations for a logging operation in the area. With the construction in 1852 of the Territorial Road which passed a short distance from the house, its owner John Banfill converted the house into a wayside inn to accommodate travelers. The house continued to serve as an inn until the 1870s when the function of the property was changed to a dairy farm and the house became a year-around residence. In 1912 it was acquired by C.M. Locke who used it as a summer residence until his death in 1947. The exterior and interior of the house remain virtually unaltered since the 1870s.

The interior is comprised of large communal rooms on the first storey. These are: entry hall, dining room, living room, kitchen and service rooms. There are seven inter-connected bedrooms on the second floor. The entire building is lacking in any form of central heating and is served by stoves which feed into three chimneys.

Since acquisition of the house and property by the Anoka County Park Board and the Anoka County Historical Society, the Locke House has been excellently maintained as an historic house museum. It is furnished in a late nineteenth century fashion.

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 type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1847

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Constructed in 1847, the Locke House is significant as one of the earliest and best preserved Greek Revival style frame residences in Anoka County. It has survived in a relatively unaltered state and has served as a summer home, logging camp office, wayside inn for travelers on the First Territorial Road, area post office, dairy farm, and presently historic house museum. It is representative of architectural taste in Minnesota at the time when it attained statehood.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Files of Anoka County Historical Society

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY approx. 1 acre

UTM REFERENCES

A	1, 5	4, 7, 8, 2, 2, 0	4, 9, 9, 2, 7, 8, 0
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C			

B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Charles W. Nelson, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

Minnesota Historical Society

STREET & NUMBER

Building 25, Fort Snelling

CITY OR TOWN

Saint Paul

DATE

29 July 1976

TELEPHONE

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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 National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Russell W. Fridley

TITLE

Russell W. Fridley

DATE

10/1/76

State Historic Preservation Officer

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

[Signature]

DATE

12/12/96

ATTEST: DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

12/10/26

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

for Keeper Melvin Lynn
1/19/89

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**Note: These changes apply to
Locke, Cassius M., House in
Anoka County, Minnesota.**

REFERENCE NUMBER: 76001044

STATE: MINNESOTA

COUNTY: Anoka

RESOURCE NAME (HISTORIC): Banfill Tavern

CITY:

VICINITY OF:

ADDRESS:

CERTIFICATION DATE:

REMOVED DATE:

COMMENTS:

Nina M. Archabal

**Nina M. Archabal
State Historic Preservation Officer**

JUN 17 1988

Date