

HISTORIC NAME: Cameron, Daniel, House

COUNTY: Houston

CURRENT NAME:

CITY/TWP.: LaCrescent City

LEGAL DESC.: Lot 13, block 13, Cameron's Addition,  
LaCrescent City

ADDRESS: 429-435 South Seventh St.

## CLASSIFICATION:

Building X  
Structure \_\_\_\_\_  
Object \_\_\_\_\_  
District \_\_\_\_\_

## CONDITION:

Excellent \_\_\_\_\_  
Good X  
Fair \_\_\_\_\_  
Deteriorated \_\_\_\_\_

## SIGNIFICANCE:

Local \_\_\_\_\_  
State X  
National \_\_\_\_\_

## THEME/S:

Primary Politics/government  
Secondary Architecture  
Others SettlementOPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Yes \_\_\_ No X Restricted \_\_\_

PRESENT USE:

VISIBLE FROM THE ROAD: Yes X No \_\_\_

Apartment House

OCCUPIED: Yes X No \_\_\_

DATE CONSTRUCTED: 1871

ORIGINAL USE: Residence

ORIGINAL OWNER: Daniel Cameron

ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: John W. & Jann D. Welch  
713 Welshire  
LaCrescent, MN 55947ACREAGE: Less than one acre X

LOCAL CONTACT/ORG.:

N/A

UTM REFERENCE:

LaCrescent, Minn.-Wis. Quad.

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## DESCRIPTION:

The Daniel Cameron House is located in the south section of the city of LaCrescent in an area platted as Cameron's Addition. Originally a farm property, it has long since become part of the city's residential area. It consists of a central two-story rectangle surmounted by dominant glassed-in belvedere, with smaller, two-story wings to the east and south (rear). The entire structure is of wood frame construction with the Italianate details. The roof line is ornamented with dentils and brackets, paired everywhere but on the belvedere. There are porches located on the north side of the east wing and the east side of the south wing. The front entrance is recessed with pilasters and entablature, although the original large doorway has been filled by panelling and a smaller door and window. All windows are in rectangular openings, with two-over-six and two-over-four double-hung sash on the front facade and six-over-six elsewhere except on the belvedere, which has one-over-one double-hung sash. The interior has been subdivided into apartments.

## SIGNIFICANCE:

The Cameron House is significant for the commercial and political activities of its builder, Daniel Cameron, and his brother, Peter, who was the first settler in the township and in the city of LaCrescent. It is also significant for its Italianate architectural motifs which have made the house a local landmark. The Camerons were natives of Deerfield, New York, and both settled in LaCrosse, Wisconsin, in the 1840s. About 1851 Peter moved across the river and began the settlement which later became LaCrescent. After Peter died in the 1850s, Daniel established a farm where the present house was constructed in 1871. Daniel became a well-established and successful farmer and property owner, and served in the Minnesota Senate in 1864 and 1865. Cameron descendants continued in important business, financial, and educational positions in the city.

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