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Carl Gifford bought Lots 74-75 in 1868 and took out a mortgage for \$700.00. Whether the Morgan brothers built these houses for speculation or they were built by the first owners is not known. Mr. A. Sowle and/or Frank Smalley, masons, were considered to be the builders of these two houses.

(Milton and Milton Junction Courier, Feb. 7, 1957; Story of Milton Junction, 1951, p. 13; Douglas and Hartung, illus. p. 11; pp. 126-27; Bicentennial...Milton, 1977, pp. 62, 72; interview with Harriet Hillestad, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Howland, Sept. 1977.)

Owner: Mr. and Mrs. William Howland
c/o Mrs. Donald Hillestad
500 Golden Lane
Milton, Wisconsin 53563 ✓

De Jean House
27 Third Street

Lot 70 and North 5/8 of lot 71, Morgan's Addition, less than one acre
UTM: 16/339730/4738210

Description:

27 Third was presumably built about the same time as the Howland house, between the platting of Morgan's Addition in 1863 and the first sale of Lots 70-71 to Julian De Jean in 1868, with mortgages to him of \$450 and \$90. It, like its near neighbor, is a gable-roofed vernacular grout block building with straight wooden lintels and sills, and the builders were reputedly A. Sowles and Frank Smalley, as is the case with the Howland house. This house, previously owned by Lawrence Astin and presently owned by K. Spencer Howard, is whitewashed and shuttered. The main block is 20' x 26', with a one-story early-20th-century addition to the south side, which extends back in an ell from the main block.

Significance:

The significance of 27 Third is architectural, as one of the two grout buildings in Milton which were built up of grout blocks, in the 1860's, in former Milton Junction. It is similar to its near neighbor at 308 Vernal.

(Story of Milton Junction, 1951, p. 13; Douglas and Hartung, Rock County Historic Sites and Buildings, pp. 10, 126-27; Bicentennial...Milton, 1977, pp. 62, 72; interview, K. Spencer Howard, Sept. 1977.)

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