NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

1 NAME
HISTORIC
Pest House
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION
STREET & NUMBER
9033 Fairy Falls Road
CITY, TOWN Stillwater
STATE Minnesota
COUNTY Washington
CODE 22
CODE 163

3 CLASSIFICATION
CATEGORY
__DISTRICT
__BUILDING(S)
__STRUCTURE
__SITE
__OBJECT
STATUS
__X OCCUPIED
__UNOCCUPIED
__WORK IN PROGRESS
__ACCESSIBLE
OWNERSHIP
__PUBLIC
__PRIVATE
__BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
__IN PROCESS
__BEING CONSIDERED
PRESENT USE
__AGRICULTURE
__COMMERCIAL
__COMMERCIAL
__EDUCATIONAL
__ENTERTAINMENT
__GOVERNMENT
__INDUSTRIAL
__MILITARY
__MUSEUM
__PRIVATE RESIDENCE
__RELIGIOUS
__SCIENTIFIC
__TRANSPORTATION
__OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY
NAME Rex & Wendy Perry
STREET & NUMBER 9033 Fairy Falls Road
CITY, TOWN Stillwater
STATE Minnesota

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Washington County Courthouse
STREET & NUMBER 14900 North 61st Street
CITY, TOWN Stillwater
STATE Minnesota

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS
TITLE St. Croix National Scenic Riverway Survey of Historic Structures
DATE June 1976
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Minnesota Historical Society/Bldg. 25 Fort Snelling
CITY, TOWN St. Paul
STATE Minnesota
The Pest House is located in what is now a residential neighborhood just north of the Stillwater city limits. It is a wood frame building, one storey in height with clapboard siding and a gable roof. The original Pest House, built in 1872, had a rectangular plan with three rooms. After it became a private residence, additions were made to the north end of the house so that it now has an L-shaped plan. An enclosed porch was also added to the east side of the house. The original portion of the house has a stone foundation. The additions have cement block as a foundation material. The north-south axis of the building is roofed in tin, and the east-west axis is shingled.

Not included in the nomination are a barn and shed located to the east of the house.
The Pest House is significant as a community institution used in the late 19th and early 20th centuries to control the spread of communicable diseases.

In 1871 a Board of Health was appointed by the city council of Stillwater. Among its duties was the taking of necessary measures to prevent the introduction and spread of infectious or contagious diseases and to provide for and enforce the removal of persons afflicted with any contagious disease to such place as they may think necessary and to establish at public expense a pest house. Every such case was to be reported to the city council at the next regular meeting with a statement of expenses.

The city of Stillwater bought property for the Pest House in 1872 outside the city limits on a hill which was later to be called Pest House Hill. The Pest House was used mostly to control smallpox but was also used for epidemics of scarlet fever, typhoid, and diphtheria.

The Pest House was owned and maintained by the city until 1910. At this time contagious diseases were generally treated in the hospital. The Pest House was sold and subsequently used as a residence with additions being made to the original rectangular plan. At present it is a private residence, having been purchased by its owners in 1967.
MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Charter, School Laws and Ordinances of the City of Stillwater,
Stillwater, Minnesota: A.B. Easton, Stillwater Gazette, 1871.


GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY  Less than 1 acre

UTM REFERENCES

ZONE  EASTING  NORTING  ZONE  EASTING  NORTING

A  15  51  51  30  49  91  63  0
C  

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

From a point 478' E. and 178' N. of the SW corner of the SE\(\frac{1}{4}\) of the SE\(\frac{1}{4}\), Sec. 16, T30, R20, thence 200' N, thence 200' E, thence 200' S, thence 200' W to point of origin.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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.

Russell W. Fridley State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE 3/6/80

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

W. Ray  DATE 6/17/80

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:  

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER  DATE 6/17/80