

## MINNESOTA HISTORIC PROPERTIES INVENTORY FORM

HISTORIC NAME: Red Clover Land Company Demonstration Farm

COUNTY: Pine *Brund* vic, *80002106*

CURRENT NAME: Moore Residence

CITY/TWP.: New Dosey

LEGAL DESC.:

See continuation sheet

ADDRESS: Township Road 47 1/2 miles west of Cloverton

## CLASSIFICATION:

Buildings X  
Structure \_\_\_\_\_  
Object \_\_\_\_\_  
District \_\_\_\_\_

## CONDITION:

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

## SIGNIFICANCE:

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

## THEME/S:

Primary Settlement  
Secondary Agriculture  
Others \_\_\_\_\_OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Yes \_\_\_ No X Restricted \_\_\_\_\_

PRESENT USE:

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

Residence

OCCUPIED: Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_

DATE CONSTRUCTED: ca.1915

ORIGINAL USE: Demonstration Farm

ORIGINAL OWNER: Red Clover Land Company

ARCHITECT/BUILDER:

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Ruth I. Moore  
Markville, MN 55048ACREAGE: Less than one acre  
approx. 7 1/2LOCAL CONTACT/ORG.: Pine County Historical Society  
Askov, MN 55704UTM REFERENCE:  
Danbury Quad, 15  
15 / 550150 / 5113050

FORM PREPARED BY: Mark Haidet

DATE: March 1980

## DESCRIPTION:

The Red Clover Land Company Demonstration Farm is located in a picturesque setting one and a half miles west of the small community of Cloverton in eastern Pine County. The farmstead, situated on the bank of Hay Creek in a predominantly forested region, consists of a house, barn, and machine shed and shop.

The one story rectangular frame dwelling (ca.1915) is on a sloping site which permits maximum exposure of the elevated concrete foundation on the south and west sides. The structure is sheathed in white clapboard and is covered by a low hipped roof with wide overhanging eaves and exposed rafters. The front facade features a hipped dormer with leaded glass window, a protruding northeast corner section, and a simple porch sheltering the principal entrance. An enclosed elevated porch adjoins the rear of the house. Most windows are double hung with one over one lights.

A bellcast gambrel-roofed bank barn (ca.1915) with poured concrete stable walls is located behind the house. It measures 36' by 50'.

A small gable-roofed machine shed and shop (date unknown) sheathed in tin is located several hundred feet east of the barn.

The farm with its small sized buildings is a rare example of the typical farmsteads which once dotted the countryside in the cutover region of eastern Pine County. The house is occupied but the farmstead has not been used for agricultural purposes for several decades.

## SIGNIFICANCE:

The Red Clover Land Company Demonstration Farm is significant for its association with the settlement of eastern Pine County. This forested section of the county remained sparsely populated until the Soo Line Railroad constructed a line through the region in 1911. Land speculators quickly purchased much of the land in the vicinity of the railroad, platting townsites and encouraging agricultural settlement. The Red Clover Land Company, an Iowa corporation formed in 1910, purchased 28,000 acres in the vicinity of Cloverton. The company then advertised extensively throughout the Midwest. It developed this "showplace" farm about 1915 to demonstrate the region's fertility to perspective buyers. Settlers, attracted by the company's liberal terms and the profits to be made from the sale of pulpwood, flocked to the region in the decade following construction of the railroad. While the company deserves much credit for Cloverton's initial boom period, its liberal terms were a contributing factor in the region's demise. Many settlers had no intention to farm the land; they purchased property, sold the pulpwood on it, defaulted on their payments, and disappeared. Others, discouraged with the short growing seasons, also left. By the mid-twenties abandoned farmsteads dotted the region's countryside. Today, the forest has reclaimed much of the area; very few inhabited farmsteads exist.

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Red Clover Land Company Demonstration Farm

New Dosey Township, MN  
Pine County

Legal Description:

That part of T43N, R16W, Section 34 described as follows: Beginning at the NW corner of the NE quarter of Section 34, thence east along the section line 800 feet, thence south 400 feet, thence west 800 feet, thence north 400 feet to the point of beginning.

Bibliography:

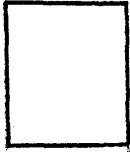
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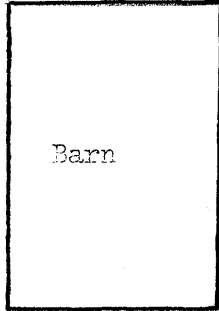
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RED CLOVER LAND COMPANY DEMONSTRATION FARM

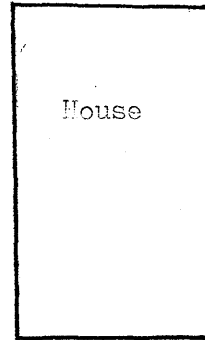
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not to scale



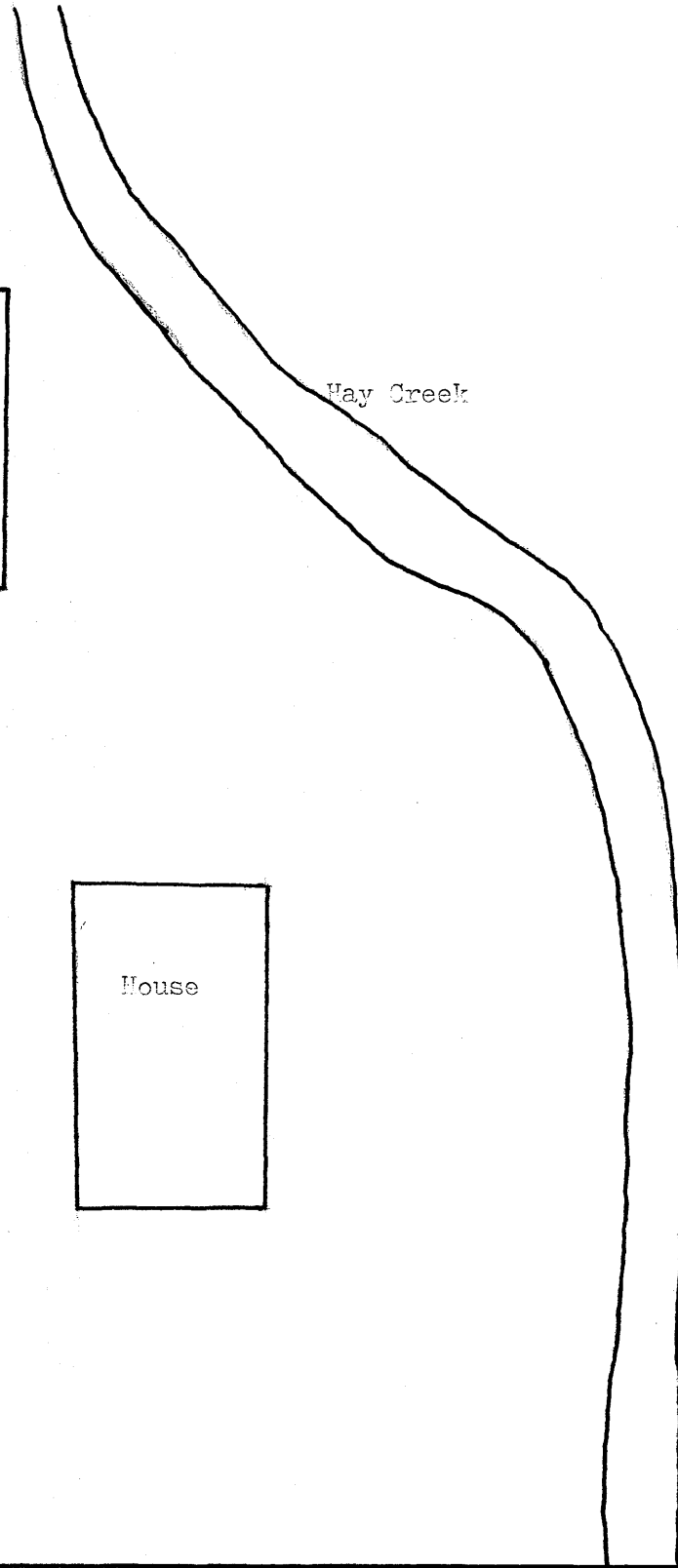
Shop and machine  
shed



Barn



House



Hay Creek



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Township Road 47

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

for Keeper Melvin L. Linn  
11/19/89

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Note: These changes apply to  
Red Clover Land Company  
Demonstration Farm in Pine County,  
Minnesota.

REFERENCE NUMBER: 80002106

STATE: MINNESOTA

COUNTY: Pine

RESOURCE NAME (HISTORIC):

CITY:

VICINITY OF: Askov

ADDRESS: off Co. Rd. 32

CERTIFICATION DATE:

REMOVED DATE:

COMMENTS:

*Nina M. Archabal*

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State Historic Preservation Officer

JUN 17 1988  
Date