

MINNESOTA HISTORIC PROPERTIES INVENTORY FORM

HISTORIC NAME: Hultgren House and Sand Pit

COUNTY: Pine 80002108

CURRENT NAME:

CITY/TWP.: Kerrick

LEGAL DESC.: That part of T45N, R18W, Section 35 described as follows: Beginning at the SE corner of the SW quarter of the NW quarter, thence north 528 feet, thence west 600 feet, thence south 528 feet, thence east 600 feet to point of beginning. Property is subject to the highway easement.

ADDRESS: State Highway 23 West of business district

CLASSIFICATION:	CONDITION:	SIGNIFICANCE:	THEME/S:
Building <u>X</u>	Excellent <u>X</u>	Local <u>X</u>	Primary <u>Settlement</u>
Structure _____	Good _____	State _____	Secondary <u>Industry</u>
Object _____	Fair _____	National _____	Others _____
District _____	Deteriorated _____		

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Yes ___ No X Restricted ___
 VISIBLE FROM THE ROAD: Yes X No ___
 OCCUPIED: Yes X No ___

PRESENT USE:
Residence

DATE CONSTRUCTED: ca. 1896

ORIGINAL USE: Residence

ORIGINAL OWNER: Louis Hultgren

ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Louis Hultgren

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Hultgren
Kerrick, MN 55756

ACREAGE: Less than one acre approx. 7

LOCAL CONTACT/ORG.: Pine County Historical Society
Askov, MN 55704

UTM REFERENCE:
Bruno Quad. 15 Minutes.
15/531540 / 5131600

FORM PREPARED BY: Mark Haidet

DATE: March 1980

DESCRIPTION: The Louis Hultgren House is located in the small railroad village of Kerrick in northern Pine County. It is situated on a wooded knoll near the railroad tracks west of the village's central district. A large sand pit, operated by the Hultgren family for years, is located immediately south of the house, but is no longer in use.

The house is a one and 3/4 story T-shaped structure sheathed in white clapboard and covered by a gable roof. The core of a portion of the house is log. Two one story frame sections are located on either side of the rear gable.

The main portion of the house is symmetrical. The entrance, at the center of the main facade, is adorned by an open porch featuring turned posts and balustrade, sawn curvilinear wooden ornamentation, and a dentilated design below the eaves. A pair of double hung windows is located on either side of the porch, and a large wall dormer is above the entrance. Three double-hung windows are situated in the gable ends -- one on the first level and a pair on the second level.

Alterations include replacement of the wall dormer's original door and balustrade with a double hung window, enclosure of the original rear porch, replacement of the window sash on the northwest frame section, and addition of a closed entrance porch on the rear of the house.

A detached frame garage is also located on the property.

SIGNIFICANCE:

The Louis Hultgren House is significant for its close association with an early Pine County industry - the moulding sand pits in Kerrick - and with the initial settlement and development of the Kerrick community. Louis Hultgren was born in Sweden in 1863 and immigrated to the United States in 1888. He settled in Kerrick, a small logging community on the recently constructed Eastern Minnesota Railroad (1888). In the early 1890s while working on improving the railroad right of way in northern Pine County, Hultgren discovered a fine moulding sand two miles south of Kerrick. He purchased the land in 1892, three years before the railroad moved its Kerrick depot to the site of the present community. Hultgren began extracting sand from the pit immediately south of the house sometime during the mid to late 1890s, and the Kerrick depot was moved near the site (for an uncertain reason) in 1895. The large house, one of the first residences in Kerrick, was built about 1896. It housed the local school during the community's early years and sheltered numerous settlers while they awaited completion of their own residences. The house remains in the Hultgren family, and the sand pit, which has supplied moulding sand to foundries throughout the Upper Midwest and central Canada, was operated by the family until the 1970s.

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for Keeper Melona Lynn
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Note: These changes apply to
Hultgren House and Sand Pit in
Pine County, Minnesota.

REFERENCE NUMBER: 80002108

STATE: MINNESOTA

COUNTY: Pine

RESOURCE NAME (HISTORIC): Hultgren, Louis, House and Sand Pit

CITY:

VICINITY OF:

ADDRESS: Mn. Hwy. 23

CERTIFICATION DATE:

REMOVED DATE:

COMMENTS:

Nina M. Archabal
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State Historic Preservation Officer

JUN 17 1988
Date