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National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic George M. Moore Farmstead

and/or common "Moorland"

2. Location

street & number off County Highway 4 N/A not for publication

city, town Middletown Township X vicinity of Jackson

state Minnesota code 22 county Jackson code 063

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Ken and Katherine Price

street & number P.O. Box 7315

city, town Spirit Lake N/A vicinity of state Iowa 51360

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Jackson County Courthouse

street & number 4th and Sherman Streets

city, town Jackson state Minnesota 56143

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Minnesota Statewide Historic Sites Survey has this property been determined eligible? yes X no

date 1985-86 federal X state county local

depository for survey records State Historic Preservation Office, Fort Snelling History Center

city, town St. Paul state Minnesota 55111

## 7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date _____ N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The George M. and Ora Moore Farm Home ("Moorland") is located in Section 31 of Middletown Township on the Minnesota-Iowa border in southern Jackson County. The 2.87 acre building site is located on a hill overlooking the region's Spirit lakes and consists of three buildings, a house, office building, and garage, standing in a wooded yard bounded by hedges. At the northwest corner of the site is the main entrance marked by a pair of curving gates constructed of randomly laid rocks. A set smaller of smaller gate posts marks an auxiliary entrance at the southwest corner of the yard. Across a gravel road to the west is an altered farmstead with a farmhouse, barn, and various small outbuildings which was originally connected with the Moore property but is not included in the nomination.

Moorland's handsome Craftsman style house, office, and garage were constructed in 1917. The architect and contractor of the buildings is not known, although Joe Prokes of Jackson, Minnesota, was the stone mason. Stone for the gate posts, chimneys, and porch piers was collected from the shore of Big Spirit Lake.

The Moore house is a large gable roofed stucco-covered bungalow with a heavy roofline designed to simulate thatchwork. A deep porch, encompassed by the roof and supported by square stone piers, spans the south facade and forms a porte cochere at the southwest corner of the house. The house has a gable and shed roofed dormer on the south (main) facade and a gable roofed dormer on the north facade. The house has traditional Craftsman style 6/1 sash windows, mock half-timbering, and a shallow bay window on the east facade. There are exterior granite chimneys on the west and east facades. The exterior of the house is basically intact with the exception of a recent asphalt shingled roof.

The interior of the Moore house is basically intact and has five bedrooms, one with an adjacent nursery. The interior has plaster walls, solid oak exposed beams in the living room, kitchen, and study ceilings, and oak wainscoting, bookcases, cupboards, and wood trim. French doors with bevelled glass panes lead from the living area to the porch.

Southwest of the house is a small gabled roofed, stucco-covered office building which matches the main house in design. The office has an exterior granite chimney, mock half-timbering, and a gable roofed overhang above the western entrance. The interior has an open fireplace and oak counters. The exterior of the office is basically intact with the exception of a recent asphalt shingled roof.

At the north edge of the property behind the house is a two story, gable roofed garage, also designed to match the house. The garage has stucco-covered walls, mock-half timbering, and an exterior endwall stone chimney. The garage is also intact with the exception of recent asphalt shingles.

The nomination includes three contributing buildings (house, office, and garage).



# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Jackson County Pilot, August 9, 1978.

History of Jackson County. Vol. II. Jackson County Historical Society, 1978.

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property approx. 2.87 acres

Quadrangle name Lakefield SE Quad

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References

A 15 331940 4819865  
Zone Easting Northing

B  
Zone Easting Northing

C

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E

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Verbal boundary description and justification

See continuation sheet.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N/A code N/A county N/A code N/A

state N/A code N/A county N/A code N/A

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Susan Granger/Contract Historian

State Historic Preservation Office

organization Minnesota Historical Society

date February 1986

street & number Fort Snelling History Center

telephone (612) 726-1171

city or town St. Paul

state Minnesota 55111

# 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

\_\_\_ national \_\_\_ state  local

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.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Russell W. Fridley

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date 12/3/86

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Entered in the National Register

date 1/7/87

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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The nominated property is all that which is located on a tract of land in the North Half of the Northeast Quarter ( $N\frac{1}{2} NE\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section Thirtyone (31), Township One Hundred One (101) North, Range Thirtyfive (35) West, described as follows: Commencing at a point 1060.7 feet West of the Northeast Corner of Section 31; thence S  $.01^{\circ}52'W$  a distance of 554.2 feet; thence N  $51^{\circ}11'W$  following the Centerline of the Township Road a distance of 357.6 feet; thence N.  $.00^{\circ}24'E$  following the Centerline of the Township Road a distance of 332.3 feet; thence East along the north line of said Section 31 a distance of 290.0 feet to the point of commencement.



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**Note: These changes apply to  
Moore, George M., Farmstead in  
Jackson County, Minnesota.**

**REFERENCE NUMBER:** 86003604

**STATE:** MINNESOTA

**COUNTY:** Jackson

**RESOURCE NAME (HISTORIC):**

**CITY:**

**VICINITY OF:** Jackson

**ADDRESS:** off Co. Hwy. 4

**CERTIFICATION DATE:**

**REMOVED DATE:**

**COMMENTS:**

*Nina M. Archabal*  
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**Nina M. Archabal**  
**State Historic Preservation Officer**

**JUN 17 1988**  
\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**