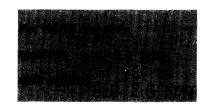
United States Department of the Interior Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form



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

1. Nam	ne			
historic	Leathers, H.G.,	House		
and/or common	Leathers House			
2. Loca	ation			
street & number	22957 Rum River	Blvd.		not for publication
city, town	St. Francis	vicinity of	congressional district	8th
state	Minnesota code	22 county	Anoka	code 003
3. Clas	sification			
Category district X building(s) structure site object	Ownership X public private both Public Acquisition in process being considered	Status X occupied unoccupied work in progress Accessible yes: restricted yes: unrestricted no	Present Use agriculture commercial educational entertainment government industrial military	museum park X private residence religious scientific transportation other:
name street & number	Mrs. Robert E.	Leathers (Etta)		
city, town	St. Francis	vicinity of	state	Minnesota
5. Loca	ation of Lega	l Descripti	on	
courthouse, regis	stry of deeds, etc. Anoka	County Courthouse	e	
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6. Repi	resentation i	n Existing	Surveys	
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7. Description

Condition deteriorated spood ruins fair unexposed	Check one X unaltered altered	Check one original siteX moved date (rear portion only)	
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Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The H.G. Leathers House is scenically located on a heavily wooded lot overlooking the Rum River. This well-preserved Victorian house is a significant architectural element in the small, rural rivertown of St. Francis.

The rear section of the house, composed of a two story rectangular shaped building with an attached one story addition, was constructed ca. 1883 as a residence for the Leathers family and as a store. It was originally constructed on a lot nearer the Rum River, and moved to its present location ca. 1890. This section of the house is constructed of wood frame with clapboard siding on a partial basement. It contains a storeroom (the original store building), and a kitchen on the first floor, and two bedrooms on the second floor.

The front, or west section, of the house was constructed of wood frame with clapboard siding ca. 1890. The front, the most decorative, facade of the house is composed of three bays -- a two and one half story conical tower is flanked by steeply gabled two and one half story bays. Elaborate fretwork is located in each of the front gables. A colonnaded veranda graces the front facade. Pilaster strips appear at each corner of the house. A porch with turned posts and spandrels and a two story projecting bay window, with a pent roof at the second story level, embellish the south facade. The interior of this section contains a formal entry, two parlors, and a dining room on the first floor, and two bedrooms, a bath, and a formal landing on the second floor. The turn of the century woodwork and hardware have been preserved throughout the interior of the house.

8. Significance

Period prehistoric 1400-1499 1500-1599 1600-1699 1700-1799 1800-1899 1900-	Areas of Significance—C — archeology-prehistoric — archeology-historic — agriculture — X architecture — art — X commerce — communications		law literature military music	re religion science sculpture social/ humanitarian theater transportation other (specify)
Specific dates	ca.1880; ca.1890	Builder/Architect Ur	ıknown	

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The H.G. Leathers House is primarily significant for its association with a family that has contributed to the commercial, social, and religious history of St. Francis for three generations. Additionally, the house, maintained in its original condition, is an excellent example of one of Anoka County's rare Victorian residences.

In 1883, H.G. Leathers, a native of Anoka County, settled in St. Francis. In that year, Leathers, a pharmacist, started the town's first drugstore in conjunction with a dry goods store. The store, which moved to several locations in St. Francis, was operated by the Leathers family until 1977. In addition, H.G. Leathers served as postmaster of St. Francis from 1904 until his death in 1932. His son, Robert, served as postmaster from 1932 until 1969. In addition to operating a store and post office, the Leathers' family operated a Ford car dealership (begun in 1918). The organization and construction of the St. Francis Methodist Church (1892) was largely the work of the Leathers family.

Although this house cannot be neatly categorized under one style heading, its design contains features of several Victorian architectural styles. These features, including ornamental fretwork in the front gables, decorative stickwork, a conical tower, a veranda, and stained glass windows, represent one of Anoka County's only Victorian residences.

PLEASE NOTE: The manuscript for this nomination was prepared before the one paragraph limit for significance statements was stipulated.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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