NAME

St. Croix Boom Company House and Barn

LOCATION

9666 North St. Croix Trail

St. Croix Boom Company House and Barn

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

CLASSIFICATION

PUBLIC

X PRIVATE

OWNERSHIP

DISTRICT

BUILDING(S)

X STRUCTURE

X SITE

X OBJECT

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

IN PROCESS

BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

X OCCUPIED

X UNOCCUPIED

X WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

YES: RESTRICTED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

NO

PRESENT USE

X AGRICULTURE

X COMMERCIAL

X PARK

X EDUCATIONAL

X PRIVATE RESIDENCE

X ENTERTAINMENT

X RELIGIOUS

X GOVERNMENT

X SCIENTIFIC

X INDUSTRIAL

X TRANSPORTATION

X MILITARY

X OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

James Prosser

STREET & NUMBER

9666 North St. Croix Trail

CITY, TOWN

Stillwater

STATE

Minnesota

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

14900 North 61st Street

CITY, TOWN

Stillwater

STATE

Minnesota

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

Minneapolis

STATE

Minnesota
The St. Croix Boom Company House is located adjacent to the St. Croix Boom Site, two miles north of Stillwater on the St. Croix River. The house is a two-storey building, sided in clapboard and set on a stone foundation. The original house built in 1885 had a rectangular plan, but additions have since been made to the west and south. The cross gable roof has been modified by the addition of a large dormer on the west side (rear) of the building. The three original gables are decorated with spindlework in the shape of a spoke wheel. The one-storey, wrap-around porch is balustraded and has decorated pediments above the two entrances. The eastern portion of the porch has been screened in.

The barn is a 1½ storey building of rectangular plan with clapboard siding. It has a center gable roof with spindlework matching that of the house on the side gables. A cupola/vent sits atop the center gable.
The St. Croix Boom Company House was the home of W.F. (Frank) McGray, superintendent of the St. Croix Boom Company for 34 years. It is located adjacent to the St. Croix Boom Site which is a National Historic Landmark. Along with its barn, the house is the only known extant building directly associated with the Croix Boom Company.

The St. Croix Boom Company built a boom in 1856 two miles above Stillwater, Minnesota on the St. Croix River for the sorting and rafting of lumber cut by the valley's many lumber companies. The St. Croix Boom Company closed down in 1914 after 57 years of continuous operation. Frank McGray is reported to have sent the first log through the boom in 1856, and on June 12, 1914, it was he who hitched the last log to go through.

McGray entered the employ of the St. Croix Boom Company in 1856 and in 1871 was made superintendent or boom master. He lived on a farm across the river in Wisconsin until 1885 at which time appears that the company built a residence for him and his family on company property above the boom site. McGray retired from the company in 1905 at the age of 71. He had purchased his residence from the St. Croix Boom Company in 1895 and continued to live in it after his retirement until 1919 when he sold the property. Several families have owned the house since McGray sold it, the present owners having bought it in 1955.
MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA
ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1 Acre
UTM REFERENCES
ZONE EASTING NORTHING
A 1 5 | 5 | 1 6 | 9 4 0 4 9 9 2 3 6 0
B category NOT VERIFIED ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED
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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION
From a point along State Highway 95, 850' W., and 150' S. of the NE corner of the SE
T30, R19, 250' NW, thence 250' NE, thence 250' SE, thence along the NW side of Highway 95 250' SW to point of origin.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

FORM PREPARED BY
NAME/TITLE
Peggy Lindoo
ORGANIZATION
Minnesota Historical Society
STREET & NUMBER
Bldg. 25 Fort Snelling
CITY OR TOWN
Minneapolis
STATE
Minnesota
DATE
10/3/77
TELEPHONE
612/726-1171

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION
THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:
NATIONAL____ STATE____ LOCAL X

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 3/6/80

FOR NPS USE ONLY
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION
DATE 6/3/80
ATTTEST:
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER
DATE 6/2/80
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER
St. Croix Boom Company House and Barn
Stillwater, Minnesota (Vicinity of)

Minnesota Historical Society
690 Cedar Street, St. Paul, MN
May 7, 1976
North (front) and West facades of
barn

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