

MINNESOTA HISTORIC PROPERTIES INVENTORY FORM

HISTORIC NAME: Lovell, Ellen M., House ("Oakenwald Terrace") COUNTY: Fillmore
 CURRENT NAME: _____ CITY/TWP.: Chatfield
 LEGAL DESC.: ¹³ Outlot 15, NW NW Section 5, ^{Gimmestad} T104, R11 ADDRESS: 218 Winona Street

CLASSIFICATION:	CONDITION:	SIGNIFICANCE:	THEME/S:
Building <u>X</u>	Excellent _____	Local <u>X</u>	<u>Architecture</u>
Structure _____	Good <u>X</u>	State _____	_____
Object _____	Fair _____	National _____	_____
District _____	Deteriorated _____		_____

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Yes _____ No X Restricted _____ PRESENT USE: _____
 VISIBLE FROM THE ROAD: Yes X No _____ Residence
 OCCUPIED: Yes X No _____

DATE CONSTRUCTED: 1896 ORIGINAL USE: Residence
 ORIGINAL OWNER: Ellen Lovell ARCHITECT/BUILDER: unknown/John Kingsley

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Shelby & Marion Lund 218 Winona Street Chatfield, MN 55923	ACREAGE: Less than one acre <u>X</u>
LOCAL CONTACT/CRG.: Fillmore County Historical Society, Boc 193, Preston, MN 55965	UTM REFERENCE: Chatfield Quad. 7.5 15 / 565450 / 4854950
FORM PREPARED BY: Robert M. Frame	
DATE: February 1981 *	

DESCRIPTION: *Revised by Dennis A. Gimmestad, June 1982

The Ellen M. Lovell House ("Oakenwald Terrace") is situated along the northeast or "upper side" of Chatfield's Winona Street, the location of the community's larger and more architecturally significant houses. The site of the house was earlier the location of the home of prominent Chatfield financier Jason C. Easton.

Built in 1896, the Lovell House is a very large, three story L-shaped building with gambrel roof, designed in the Shingle Style. Painted green with yellow trim, the main unit of the house parallels Winona Street with the equally large L extension to the rear. The primary (Winona Street) facade has a round bay which terminates in a tower with a bell-shaped roof. The roof slopes are penetrated by three brick chimneys and several dormers. The interior of the L contains two very large gable-roof bays which extend the full height of the house. Fenestration consists of double-hung sash many of which contain multi-light diamond panes in the upper half. There is a large porch along the main facade and a small porch on the northwest facade.

The interior contains considerable oak woodwork, including a vestibule and stairways.

SIGNIFICANCE:

The Ellen J. Lovell House is primarily significant for its noteworthy design. In 1895, Ellen Lovell, widow of Chatfield merchant and financier Charles M. Lovell, purchased the southern third of the Jason Easton estate from its second owner Lucian Johnson. (Easton was a central figure in early real state speculation and finance in southeastern Minnesota; he left Chatfield in 1884.) The portion of the estate purchased by Mrs. Lovell contained the Easton residence, which she demolished and replaced with a new dwelling. "Oakenwald Terrace", as the home came to be called, survives today as an unaltered example of the Shingle Style. It is reported that the house was designed by "a Boston architect", and although it is known that Ellen Lovell made trips to Boston during these years, this has not been confirmed nor has research yet revealed the name of the architect. Nevertheless, Oakenwald Terrace is one of Minnesota's best examples of the Shingle Style.

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Chatfield Democrat, January 26, 1897; August 11, 1893; April 23, 1896; April 9, 1896; May 21, 1896; October 1, 1896; March 4, 1897.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
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Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Fillmore County Multiple Resource Area
State MN

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

- 11. Steffens, Ephraim, House Entered in the National Register Keeper Delores Byers 4/27/82
Attest _____
- 12. Quickstad Farm Implement Co. Buildings Substantive Review Keeper William H. Brown 4.27.82
Attest Linda McClelland 4/19/82
- 13. Spring Valley Public Library Entered in the National Register Keeper Delores Byers 4/27/82
Attest _____
- NR Review* 14. Lenora Methodist Church Substantive Review Keeper Beth Grosvenor 11/19/82
Attest _____
- 15. Preston Brewery Substantive Review Keeper William H. Brown 4.27.82
Attest Linda McClelland 4/19/82
- 16. Strong, William, House at Carimona Entered in the National Register Keeper Delores Byers 4/27/82
Attest _____
- 17. Rushford Wagon and Carriage Company Entered in the National Register Keeper Delores Byers 4/27/82
Attest _____
- 18. Parsons Block and Hall Substantive Review Keeper Beth Grosvenor 11/19/82
Attest _____
- 19. Rushford City Mill (D. J. Tew Mill) Entered in the National Register Keeper Delores Byers 4/27/82
Attest _____
- 20. Lovell, Ellen, M., House Substantive Review Keeper Beth Grosvenor 11/19/82
Attest _____

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Substantive Review

*Lowell, Ellen, M. House
Fillmore Co. MRA
Fillmore Co
MN*

Working No. 3.15.82.73d

Fed. Reg. Date: 2.1.83

Date Due: 11/19/82

Action: ACCEPT 11/19/82
 RETURN
 REJECT

Federal Agency: _____

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

very weak statement of significance: "noteworthy" design is not explained or characterized; otherwise statement merely says it is an "evolution" of the single style - see original nomination for some support. Finder is more familiar w/ this & w/ the MRA, so I will accept her decision.

Recom./Criteria Accept - C

Reviewer Crosven

Discipline Historia

Date 11/19/82

see continuation sheet

*Call to clarify VBD (as is, it is ident. to Haven the)
→ VBD should be outlet (13) - per call Dennis Gimmestad. ←*

Nomination returned for: technical corrections cited below
 substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? yes no

7. Description

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

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

8. Significance

Period _____ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates _____ Builder/Architect _____

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

- _____ summary paragraph
- _____ completeness
- _____ clarity
- _____ applicable criteria
- _____ justification of areas checked
- _____ relating significance to the resource
- _____ context
- _____ relationship of integrity to significance
- _____ justification of exception
- _____ other

9. Major Bibliographical References

X 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____
Quadrangle name _____
USGS Reference _____

X Verbal boundary description and justification

*Should ~~be~~ be ~~that~~ Outlot 13
(phone call w/ Dennis Gimmestead)*

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:
_____ national _____ state _____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature _____

Title _____ date _____

13. Other

- _____ Maps
- _____ Photographs
- _____ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



Ellen Lovell House
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Robert Frame
1981

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Cedar Street, St. Paul, MN 55101

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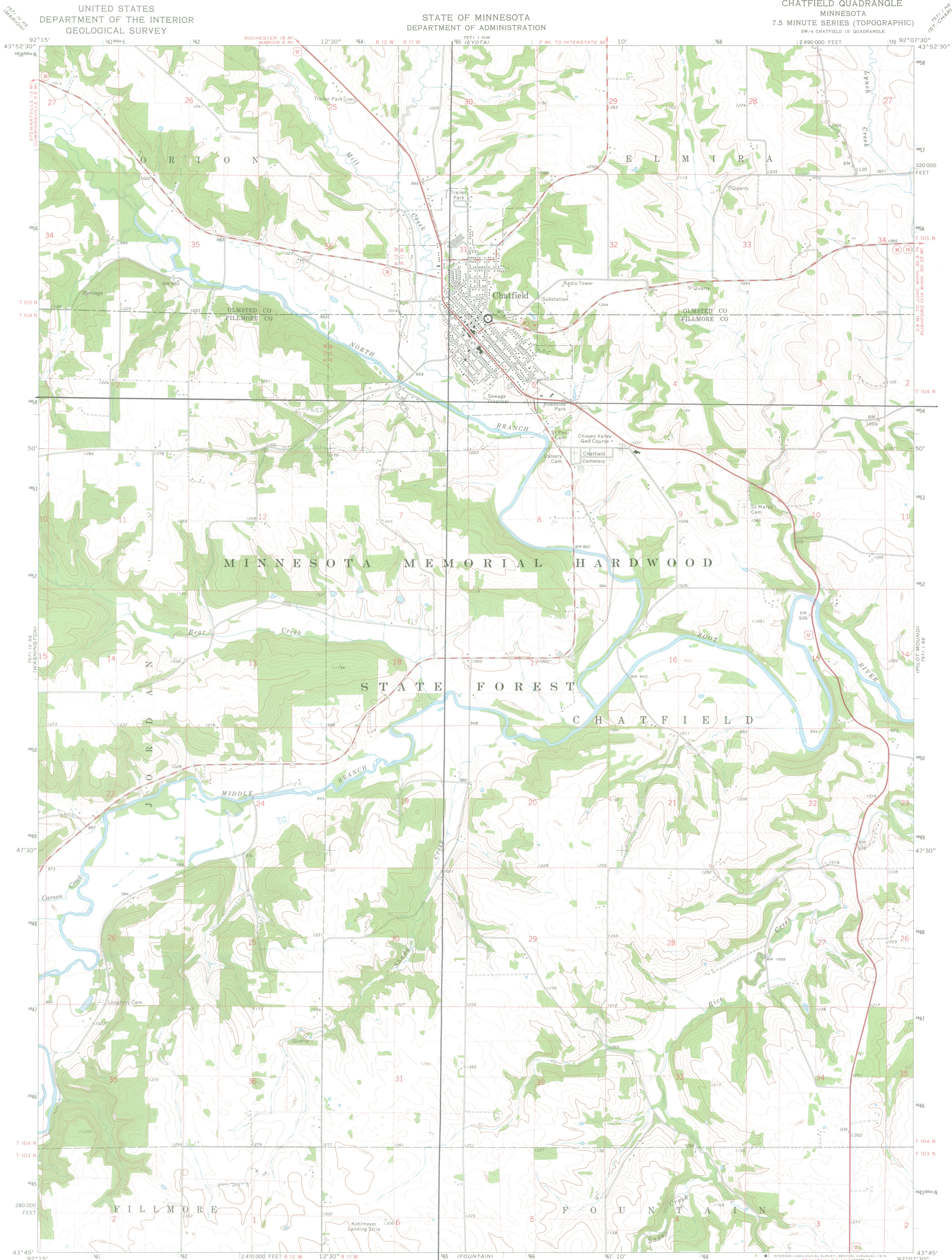
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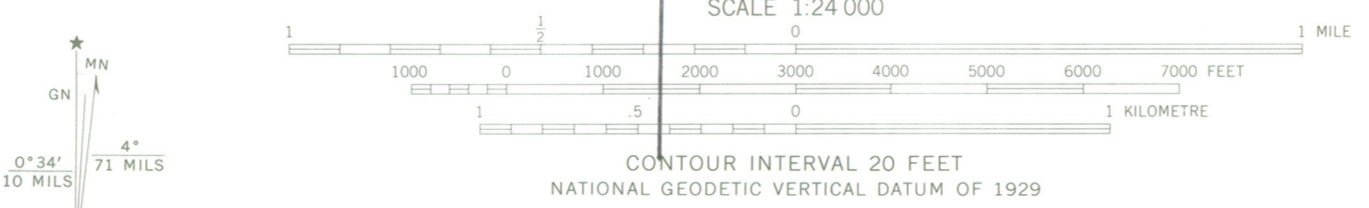
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1000-metre Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 15, shown in blue. 1927 North American datum
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where generally visible on aerial photographs
This information is unchecked



ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Primary highway, hard surface
Secondary highway, hard surface
Light-duty road, hard or improved surface
Unimproved road
Interstate Route
U. S. Route
State Route

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