

HISTORIC NAME:	Ault Store	COUNTY:	Rice
CURRENT NAME:		CITY/TWP.:	Dundas
LEGAL DESC.:	Lot 4 and Nly 10 ft. of lot 5, block 13, Original Town	ADDRESS:	Second Street
CLASSIFICATION:	CONDITION:	SIGNIFICANCE:	THEME/S:
Building <u>X</u>	Excellent <u>X</u>	Local <u>X</u>	Primary Commerce
Structure _____	Good _____	State _____	Secondary Settlement
Object _____	Fair _____	National _____	
District _____	Deteriorated _____		
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:	Yes ___ No <u>X</u> Restricted ___	PRESENT USE:	
VISIBLE FROM THE ROAD:	Yes <u>X</u> No ___	Residential	
OCCUPIED:	Yes <u>X</u> No ___		
DATE CONSTRUCTED:	1866	ORIGINAL USE:	Commercial
ORIGINAL OWNER:	Edgar Ault	ARCHITECT/BUILDER:	Unknown
OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS:	Wayne Eddy & Others Box 201 Northfield, MN 55057	ACREAGE: Less than one acre <u>X</u>	
LOCAL CONTACT/CRG.:	Rice County Historical Society, P.O. Box 5, Faribault, MN 55021	UTM REFERENCE:	Northfield Quad. 7.5 15 / 483895 / 4919300
FORM PREPARED BY:	Britta Bloomberg		
DATE:	February 1981		

DESCRIPTION:

The Ault Store is located in Dundas on Second Street on the east side of the Cannon River. It is situated in a residential neighborhood across the river from the principal business district. The store is the last remaining commercial building on the east side of the river in what was Dundas' original business district.

The two story stone structure was constructed in 1866 of locally quarried limestone. The building is rectangular with a low gable roof, the gable end oriented to the street. Three large rectilinear openings occupy the first floor front (east) facade. A double transomed door occupying the center bay is flanked by large nine paned storefront windows. Heavy vertical stone members separate the openings. Larger cut stones at the corners of the building on the second story level give the suggestion of corner quoins. Two double hung windows with six over six lights and heavy stone lintels are located on the second story front facade. Fenestration on the north and south facades consists of windows located at the second story level and doorways in the rear bay.

After being vacant for several years, the store has recently been purchased and restored for residential use.

SIGNIFICANCE:

The Ault Store is significant as the last remaining commercial building associated with Dundas' original business district. It is also significant as a good example of the first generation of commercial buildings constructed in Rice County communities during the 1850s and 60s. The building was constructed in 1866 by Edgar Ault, who had been in the mercantile business in the community since 1859. Ault's store occupied the first floor of the building and carried a full line of furniture, drugs, and a few staples. The front room on the second floor housed the community's first library, and the back room was used for office space. The office of the Dundas News occupied the rear office at the time of its founding in 1876 until it was sold and incorporated into the Northfield News in 1879. Second Street, east of the river, was the location of Dundas' first business district. Nearby were another general store, a hotel, a shoe store, a restaurant, a meeting hall, and a saloon. The commercial focus of the town shifted to Railway Street west of the river after the Minnesota Central Railway was constructed and the Railway Addition to Dundas was platted in 1865. Edgar Ault followed the move across the river and moved his store to larger quarters on Railway Street in 1882. The scale and simplicity of the design and the use of locally available materials mark the old store as characteristic of the generation of commercial buildings first constructed by Rice County residents.

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

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Name Rice County Multiple Resource Area
State MN

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

- 1. Valley Grove **Substantive Review**
Keeper William H. Braukam 4.6.82
Attest Linda McClelland 4/6/82
- 2. Ault Store **Entered in the National Register**
Keeper Selma Byers 4/6/82
Attest _____
- 3. Drake Farmhouse **Entered in the National Register**
Keeper Selma Byers 4/6/82
Attest _____
- 4. Shattuck Historic District **Substantive Review**
Keeper William H. Braukam 4.6.82
Attest Linda McClelland 4/6/82
- 5. Faribault Historic Commercial District **Entered in the National Register**
Keeper Selma Byers 4/6/82
Attest _____
- 6. Hospital **Entered in the National Register**
Keeper Selma Byers 4/6/82
Attest _____
- 7. Lord, Drew H., House **Substantive Review**
Keeper William H. Braukam 4.6.82
Attest L. McClelland 4/2/82
- 8. Bonde Farmhouse **Entered in the National Register**
Keeper Selma Byers 4/6/82
Attest _____
- 9. Rock Island Depot **Entered in the National Register**
Keeper Selma Byers 4/6/82
Attest _____
- 10. Rice County Courthouse and Jail **Substantive Review**
Keeper William H. Braukam 4/6/82
Attest L. McClelland 4/2/82

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
 EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET *(Rice County Multiple Resource Area)*

United States Department of the Interior
 National Park Service

82003004

Property: Ault Stone
 State, County: MN, Rice
 Federal Agency: _____

Working No. 3/2/82-586
 Fed. Reg. Date: 2.1.83
 Date Due: 4/1/82 - 4/16/82
 Action: ACCEPT 4/6/82
 RETURN _____
 REJECT _____

resubmission
 nomination by person or local government
 owner objection
 appeal

Entered in the
 National Register
 photos 1
 maps _____

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom. / Criteria _____
 Reviewer _____
 Discipline _____
 Date _____
 see continuation sheet

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"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
		<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

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

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8. Significance

Period _____ Area 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

10. Geographical Data

Acres of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

USMT References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

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 _____

Site _____ 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



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