# National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

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#### 7. Description

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Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Armstrong House a  $2\frac{1}{2}$  story brick double house, is located on the north side of West 5th Street, between Main Street and Smith Avenue, near Seven Corners in Downtown St. Paul. It is located in a commercial area, between the American Linen Company, a brick Victorian commercial building, and the Catholic Youth Center, a brick late Beaux Arts building.

The Armstrong House is 21/2 stories and U-shaped in plan, with the base of the "U" forming the facade. It measures sixty-four feet long, fifty feet wide, and forty-six feet tall and was constructed at an estimated cost of \$21,000. The entire facade is profusely decorated with cut stone bands and molded brickwork in a variety of patterns. The asymmetrical four bay facade consists of alternately recessing and projecting bays topped with a multiple gabled roof adorned with numerous finials. The two double door entrances which flank the facade have somewhat altered wooden gabled roof entrance porches. Between the two entrance porches are two bay windows, a three-sided one story bay window topped by a large segmental arch surrounding three windows on the east side, and a rectangular bay window with rounded corners which extends up two stories and is topped by a Palladian type attic window flanked by acorn finials in the gable end on the west side. On the second floor above the western entrance porch is a rounded arch into which is recessed a segmental arched window, while the eastern entrance porch is topped by a rectangular window enframed by projecting brick piers which extend up to a horizontal band with circular motifs which is topped by a pediment in the gable end with scrollwork in the tympanum.

The side and rear walls of the building are red pressed brick with little ornamentation other than limestone sills and lintels. The interior has been altered considerably. Sections of the wall which divides the double house have been removed and numerous fire doors have been installed. Some of the original interior woodwork survives.

The exterior of the Armstrong House is basically intact although aluminum combination windows have been installed and the original slate roof has been replaced with asphalt shingles. The entrance porches have been altered slightly and the brickwork within them has been painted. The building is in satisfactory condition though some of the brickwork is in need of repair.

The Armstrong House is located on a prime commercial site which is part of the City of St. Paul's Lower Cathedral Hill Development District. It is threatened with demolition due to development, proposed changes in street patterns and the proposed extension of Interstate 35E.

#### 8. Significance

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Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Armstrong House, built in 1886, is historically and architecturally significant as one of the earliest and most sophisticated extant buildings designed by prominent St. Paul architect, Edward Payson Bassford (1838-1912) and as the only double house still standing in downtown St. Paul. It is a richly ornamented and picturesque design which incorporates Richardsonian Romanesque detailing applied to a Queen Anne form.

The land on which the Armstrong House was built was owned by Minnesota's first territorial treasurer, George Washington Armstrong, a real estate speculator and lender who came to Minnesota in 1853, and died in 1877 leaving some twenty properties including the 233-235 West 5th Street site to his family who lived on Summit Avenue in a house which was demolished in 1887 to make way for the construction of the James J. Hill House. John Milton Armstrong, the brother of George Washington Armstrong, was appointed trustee to the properties, and it was he who commissioned Bassford to design the double house in 1886 as a rental property. The Armstrong family owned the house until 1943. In 1948 the building was purchased by the present owners who converted it to the Key Hospital for alcoholics, and seventeen years later established the Armstrong House, a board and care facility which was named after Bertha Quinlan, a partial owner of the property from 1950-52.

Bassford, the architect of the Armstrong House, was born in Maine, studied architecture under Charles Painter, and Peabody and Stearns in Boston. He came to St. Paul in 1866 where he became one of the city's leading Victorian architects. His designs include the first combined City Hall and Court House (built in 1884-1886) and the Germaina Life Building (1888), the Walsh Building (1888), and the McColl Building (1892), a St. Paul Heritage Preservation Commission and National Register of Historic Places site. Bassford also designed a number of houses, dating from 1890 to 1910, many of which are still standing in the Historic Hill District of St. Paul and most of which are Colonial Revival in style.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Building Permit No. 8798, City of St. Paul Building Permits Division. St. Paul Pioneer Press, July 20, 1912.

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organization Ramsey County Historical Societ	y date October 8, 1981
street & number 75 West 5th Street	telephone (612) 292-0090/222-0701
city or town St. Paul	state Minnesota 55102
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#### NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET

United States Department of the Interior National Park Service 83000925

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### UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

#### NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Armstrong, John M., House Working No. 24 June, 1488 Fed. Reg. Date: Date Due: \_ Entered in the Action: \_\_ACCEPT\_\_\_1/9/89 resubmission National Register \_RETURN\_ nomination by person or local government \_\_REJECT \_\_\_\_ owner objection Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_ appeal ☐ sample request NR decision Substantive Review: appeal Reviewer's comments: The National Register has accepted additional information Recom./Criteria\_\_\_\_ submitted by the SHPO. This information clarifies name, Reviewer \_\_\_\_ address and geographic location information on the Discipline\_ original documentation. \_\_\_\_ 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 ☐ yes ☐ no Has this property been determined eligible? 7. Description Condition Check one Check one unaltered original site accellent deteriorated \_\_ ruins altered ☐ moved good date unexposed ☐ fair Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance summary paragraph completeness ☐ clarity alterations/integrity ☐ dates

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Location, street & number: 225 Eagle Parkway

Zip code: 55102

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Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

Minnesota Historical Society

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## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

#### NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

PROPERTY Armstrong, John M., House NAME:
MULTIPLE NAME:
STATE & COUNTY: MINNESOTA, Ramsey
DATE RECEIVED: 5/24/06 DATE OF PENDING LIST: DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 7/07/06 DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:
REFERENCE NUMBER: 83000925
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TO:	Janet Matthews, I National Register		MAY 2 4 2006	
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#### STAFF COMMENTS:

The property was moved in a manner consistent with the comments of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, in accord with its procedures 36 CFR part 800 and a memorandum of agreement. The enclosed is the final documentation relating to the property's relocation.



#### MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

May 19, 2006



Dr. Janet Matthews Keeper, National Register of Historic Places Mail Stop 2280, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor 1201 Eye Street, NW Washington, DC 20005

Dear Dr. Mathews:

RE: Relocation documentation for the John M. Armstrong House, Ramsey County, Minnesota (Reference Number: 83000925)

In accordance with Federal regulations 36 CFR part 60.14 enclosed is the final documentation relating to the relocation of the John M. Armstrong House, Ramsey County, Minnesota.

The property was moved over a period of seven days (November 1-7, 2001) from its West 5<sup>th</sup> Street address to 225 Eagle Parkway in St. Paul in manner consistent with the comments of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, in accord with its procedures 36 CFR part 800 and a memorandum of agreement.

If you have questions regarding this material, please contact Susan Roth, National Register Historian at 651/215-0118, <a href="mailto:susan.roth@mnhs.org">susan.roth@mnhs.org</a> or at the address below.

Sincerely,

Britta L. Bloomberg

**Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer** 



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