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Form 10-300 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (Rev. 6-72) NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

## NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

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The Adolf Muench House is a two and one half story frame dwelling constructed during the mid-1880s. Designed in the Queen Anne Style, the Victorian house remains well preserved with original window sash and trim, clapboard siding, and porch and gable detailing.

Located high on the Mississippi River bluff over the central business district of Saint Paul, the house's most prominent feature from that location is the finely detailed octagon corner tower. The tower, incidently, still sports its original, wrought-iron weather vane. The house's exterior features are typically Queen Anne, being asymmetrical on all four sides.

Although originally built as a single family home, the residence became duplexed as part of the housing shortage in Saint Paul during World War I and has remained so till today. Despite this change, the interior has undergone very minor alteration, still retaining most of its original woodwork. The house has been well maintained by its owner of the past sixty years and is in excellent structural condition.



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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Adolf Muench House was the home of one of Saint Paul's leading nineteenth century, German citizens and who was a member of a family which played a leading role in not only the development of the city but also the state from territorial days.

Adolf Muench came to Minnesota along with his three brothers, Emil, Gustav and Herman, in the 1850s from Saxony, Prussia. Spending his early days in Taylors Falls, Minnesota, an important early lumbering center, he moved to Saint Paul in 1871 to form the Muench Bros. Lumber Company. This company was a business offshoot of an earlier lumbering enterprise begun with the Minneapolis milling giant, W. D. Washburn.

In Saint Paul Adolf Muench also became the president and publisher of the old "Volkszeitung" newspaper. This was a consolidation of two former Saint Paul German papers, founded during territorial days. Under Muench's leadership it became the foremost voice of the German people in Saint Paul and a significant force in city and state politics.

The Adolf Muench House is a symbol of the Muench family which between the four brothers played a significant role in the political, economic and social development of the city and state. The family provided a territorial representative, a state treasurer, a leading physician, and a business enterprise which helped to develop the state's embryonic lumbering industry. The house further is a well preserved and maintained example of towered Queen Ann architecture, constructed of excellent materials and reflecting the owner's occupation.



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NR May 12, DOE NAME AS IT APPEARS IN FEDERAL PEGISTER: Muench, Adolf, House OTHER NAMES: "The Manor" LOCATION: STREET & NUMBER 653 East Fifth St. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 4th St. Paul CITY, TOWN VICINITY OF COUNTY Ramsey code 123 STATE Minnesota OWNER OF PROPERTY: (Circle) PRIVATE STATE LOCAL GOV'T MUNICIPAL COUNTY FEDERAL (AGENCY NAME) : ADMINISTRATOR (underline) NPS REGION: (CIRCLE) N.ATLANTIC MID ATLANTIC SOUTHEAST MIDWEST SOUTHWEST ROCKY MOUNTAIN WEST PACIFIC NORTHWEST FEATURES: INTERIOR EXTERIOR ENVIRONS \_Substantially intact-2 \_\_ Substantially intact-1 ... Substantially intact-3 \_unknown .- 5 \_unknown -6 \_ unknown - 4 \_ not applicable - 8 \_ not applicable - 7 \_ Nct applicable-9 -Interior, exterior, chvirons not intact-0 EXCELLENT UNALTERED \_DETERIORATED CONDITION -\_ORIGINAL SITE \_RUINS LALTERED \_G000 \_UNEXPOSED Reconstructed \_FAIR \_Unknown \_Unexcavated Excavated Yes-restricted Yes-unrestricted No access Unknown historic district? YES NO WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? NO IF YES, NAME: WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? YES IF YES, NAME: ADAPTIVE USE: Saved? YES NO FUNCTION(S): (use vocabulary words) now- Same SIGNIFICANCE: \_ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC \_\_LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE \_\_RELIGION \_entertainment \_LAW/Gov't/politics \_science \_ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC \_CONSERVATION \_health AGRIGULTURE \_ECONOMICS \_LITERATURE \_recreation LARCHITECTURE - 4 \_EDUCATION \_\_MILITARY \_SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN \_settlement -29 \_ENGINEERING \_MUSIC

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