

# Appendix B • Cultural Resources



Olmsted County contains human-made and natural physical features that are significant to its history and character. Historic, geologic, hydrologic, biological, and ecological features combine to create a landscape that the community recognizes as significant.

The community should encourage the preservation of these features as an important part of our quality of life.

## Inventory

In the early 1990s, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources published a systematic survey of the county's natural habitats, known as the Olmsted County Biological Survey. This effort identified significant natural areas and collected and interpreted data on the status, distribution, and ecology of plants, animals, and native plant communities throughout the county. It is used extensively in land use planning and decision-making in order to preserve these critical areas.

A similar resource inventory is needed to help protect Olmsted County's cultural resources. Strategies such as avoidance and reuse could prevent the loss of our community's heritage and keep it alive for future generations. The work completed for rural areas of Olmsted County through the efforts of Professor Robert Douglas of Gustavus Adolphus College provides a basis for developing such a catalog.

The basis for his effort was early county atlases, which were used to identify locations of significant agricultural, cultural, and business-related sites and structures in rural areas at the end of the 19th century. With only a few exceptions, Dr. Douglas excluded residences and sites in cities. He conducted extensive field work to determine the current fate of those sites and structures and adjoining areas. Following presentations at the Olmsted County Planning Advisory Commission and the annual meeting of the Olmsted County Township Officers Association, Dr. Douglas added to the compilation, following up on the suggestions of rural residents and elected officials who knew of additional significant sites.

There are two lists provided below: a list of structures listed on the National Register of Historic Places (also included in the 1995 GLUP), and the list of sites identified through the work conducted by Dr. Douglas. Entries found on both lists are noted in *italics*.

**Figure B-1**



## Sites on the National Register

### Small cities and rural Olmsted County

- Bush, John G., House — Center Street, Dover
- Eyota Cooperative Creamery — 222 Washington Avenue, S., Eyota
- Frank's Ford Bridge — County Road 121 over South Branch Zumbro River, Oronoco Township (Figure B-1)

- Krause, Christopher, Farmstead — CSAH 10 Sec. 27, Dover Township
- Maywood Historical District — County Highway 125, Rochester Township
- Oronoco School — County Highway 18, Oronoco
- Pleasant Grove Masonic Lodge — off CSAH 1, Pleasant Grove Township
- St. Mary's Hospital Dairy Farm — County Highway 104, Cascade Township
- Stoppel, George, Farm — County Highways 25 and 22, Rochester Township
- White, Milo, House — 122 Burr Oak Street, Chatfield

### City of Rochester

- Former Avalon Hotel — 301 North Broadway
- Chateau Dodge Theatre — 15 1st Street SW
- Chicago Great Western Depot — 20 4th Street SE
- Mayo, Dr. William J., House (Mayo Foundation House)— 701 4th Street SW
- Plummer Building, Mayo Clinic — 110 and 115 2nd Avenue SW (Figure B-2)
- Plummer House and Garden — 1091 Plummer Lane SW
- Pierce House — 426 2nd Avenue SW
- Rochester Armory — 121 North Broadway
- Rochester Public Library (now Mayo Medical School)— 226 2nd Street SW
- Toogood Barns (now Stone Barn Dentistry) — 615 16th Street SW
- Whiting, Timothy A. House — 225 1st Avenue, NW (Central Park)

Figure B-2



## Sites in *A Field Guide to Historic Sites in Olmsted County*

### Cascade Township

- *St. Mary's Hospital Historic Dairy Barn*. Located on CR 104, ½ mile south of US Hwy 14. Section 31. (Figure B-3)
- Pleasant Prairie Cemetery. Located on the Frontage Road, just south of its intersection with CSAH 14. It can be seen to the left headed north of US 52. Section 4.
- Remains of Historic Feed Mill. Along the South Fork of the Zumbro River, near intersection of CR 133 and 55 St. NW. Section 11.

### Dover Township

- Dover School. Located in Dover, MN.
- Dover United Methodist Church. Located in Dover.
- Evergreen Cemetery. One-fourth mile west of CR 10 on north side of 25 St. SE.
- School. Located on farmstead at northwest corner of CR 10 and 10 St. SE.
- Wolf Mound (naturally occurring monadnock). One mile east of CR 10 on south side of 15th St SE. On Bernard Wegman farm. Lat/Lon N 94 01 W 92 06 220. (Figure B-4)

### Elmira Township

- Elmira Church. Near the southwest corner of the intersection of CR 30 and 60 St. SE.
- Historic Barns. Located on CR 30, a mile or so south of Elmira Church on the east side of the road.

Figure B-3



Figure B-4



- School. Five miles south of Dover on 170 Ave. SE; turn right onto 90 St SE; 1/2 mile on right (north side).
- School. On west side of Chatfield, heading west on MN Hwy 30; north side of the road.

Figure B-5



## Eyota Township

- School House foundation. 2.5 miles west of MN Hwy 42 on north side of 30 St SE. Located on Kyle Kimery farm.
- Holy Redeemer Cemetery. 1.5 miles south of US 14 East on the west side of 110 Ave SE.
- Oak Grove Cemetery. Located on the east side of the road across from Holy Redeemer Cemetery.
- English Lutheran Cemetery. One mile west of CR 7 on south side of CR 129.
- Cline Cemetery. 0.25 miles west of CR 7 on north side of 55 St SE.
- Site of Trout Spring Creamery. CR 7 south to 55 St SE. It is 1 ½ miles on the left. Dave Ward Farm.
- Stage Road Inn (?) CR 7 south to 55 St SE. 1 and ½ miles on the right. Mr. and Mrs. Greg Meyer farm.
- Historic Quarries. CR 7 south left for ½ mile on 60 St SE.
- Site of Ecker Grist Mill. Located in the Southeast corner of Chester Woods Park.
- Bear Creek Spring House. CR 7 south (MN Hwy 42). Right onto 30 St SE. Near intersection with CR 102.
- Historic Eyota Mural. On the side of the Higgins Custom Cabinetry building in downtown Eyota. (Figure B-6)

Figure B-6



## Farmington Township

- Zion (German) Evangelical Church Cemetery. Located on CSAH 21, 1/2 mile west of 70 Ave NE.
- Emmanuel Lutheran Church (MO Synod) in Potsdam, MN.
- Emmanuel Lutheran Church Cemetery. Located by the church in Potsdam.
- Abandoned Stores. In Potsdam.
- Restored School House. 1/2 mile north of Potsdam on CSAH 11.
- Round Barn. About 0.5 miles north of CSAH 14 (75 St NE) on 7th Avenue NE. N 44 7" W 92 20'.
- Old Smoke House or Spring House. Located on Gene Schnell Farmstead at the intersection of MN 247 & CSAH 11. (Figure B-7)
- Round Barn. Located just east of Potsdam on MN 247. N 44 10" 7", W 92 20'
- Greenland Cemetery. Located at the junction of MN 247 and Co. Rd 128.
- School. Located ½ mile north of MN 247 on 50 Avenue NE.
- Farm Hill Cemetery. Just east of the junction of US 63 and 125 St NE.
- School. At junction of US 63 and 125 St NE.
- Ringe Creamery. Intersection of 40 Ave NE and CSAH 14 (75 St NE).
- Historic Granary. Located on the Blue Horizon Farm. 1/4 mile east of 40 Ave NE on CSAH 14 (75 St NE).

**Figure B-7**



## Haverhill Township

- Old School House. Located ¼ mile west of the intersection of 75 St NE and 40 Ave NE; N 44 07 and W 92 24.
- Fitch Cemetery. Located ½ mile east of the intersection of 75 St NE and 40 Ave NE.

- Old School. Corner of 75 St NE and Hadley Valley Rd. NE.
- Haverhill Town Hall. Located near the junction of CSAH 11 and CSAH 2. (Figure B-8)
- Family Cemetery. Near intersection of CSAH 11 and CSAH 2. Just south of the Haverhill Town Hall.
- St. John's Evangelical Cemetery. Located on 65 St NE ½ mile west of CSAH 24.

Figure B-8



## High Forest Township

- High Forest Cemetery. Located in the northeast part of the village of High Forest. (Figure B-9)
- High Forest Community Church. In High Forest.
- School. Located near the intersection of 95 St SW and 31 Ave SW. Near the end of the new runway of the Rochester Municipal Airport.
- Historic Bank Barn. Located 1 mile east of Stewartville on MN Hwy 30.
- Historic Barns. South of Stewartville, 0.25 miles west of TH 63 on CSAH 6.

Figure B-9



## Kalmar Township

- Old (First Security) Town Bank (in Byron).
- Former City Hall (in Byron)
- Odd Fellows Lodge (in Byron)
- Byron Fire Station Number 1 (in Byron)

- Possible site of Byron Mill. Located near CSAH 5 west of the intersection with CR 105, at the confluence of Tompkins Creek and the South Branch Middle Fork of the Zumbro River.
- Helleckson Log House. Located in Oxbow Park.
- Site of the Post Town Community. Located at the intersection of CR 103 and CR 105.
- Kalmar Town Hall. Located at the intersection of CSAH 3 and Town Hall Road.
- Mount Hope Cemetery. Located at the intersection of CSAH 4 and 70 Avenue NW.
- Douglas Trail. Located in the village of Douglas. (Figure B-10)

Figure B-10



## Marion Township

- School. Located near Chester Heights, at the corner of C.R. 119 and 10th Street SE.
- Marion Town Hall. Located just north of the intersection of CSAH 36 (Marion Road) and CSAH 11.
- Marion Church of Christ, 5296 65th Ave SE, Rochester. In Marion across from the park.
- Marion Cemetery. Located on the east side of Marion.
- Historic water barrel. Located in the back of Marion Church of Christ. (Figure B-11)
- Predmore Lane sign. One-fourth mile north of TH 52 on 75th Avenue SE.
- Classic bank barn built of local limestone in 1879, now on the Schmidt farm.

Figure B-11



- Log Cabin Motel & Grill, 2345 Marion Road SE, Rochester.

## New Haven Township

- Center Grove Cemetery. Located ¼ mile west of Douglas on CSAH 14. (Figure B-12)
- Historic Town of Genoa. Two miles west of Douglas on CSAH 14.
- Othello Cemetery. 1/4 mile west of the junction of CSAH 14 and 110 Ave NW.
- Old New Haven Town Hall. Near junction of CSAH 3 and CSAH 31.
- New Haven School. Located next to the Town Hall.
- St. Michael's Cemetery. Located at the intersection of 105 Street NW and CR 113.
- School. Old District 77. Located at the intersection of CSAH 5 and CR 113.
- School. Old District 80. 1/4 mile south of the junction of 125 St NW on New Haven Road NW.

## Orion Township

- Orion Center Cemetery. CSAH 7 intersection with Mill Creek Rd SE. (Figure B-13)
- Orion Township Hall. Located 500 feet north of Orion Center Cemetery.
- School foundation and well (plugged). CR 129 at the intersection of N. Branch Rd SE.
- Church (House). Cummingsville on N. Branch Rd SE.
- School. One mile southeast of Cummingsville on MN Hwy 30 on north.

**Figure B-12**



**Figure B-13**



- School. Part of a house on corner of MN Hwy 30 and 90 Ave SE.

## Oronoco Township

- Old Oronoco School (residence in City of Oronoco).
- New Oronoco School (Community Center in City of Oronoco). (Figure B-14)
- Presbyterian Church (in City of Oronoco).
- Old Mill Stone (in Allis Park in City of Oronoco).
- Historic Commercial Building (VFW Hall in City of Oronoco).
- Oronoco Cemetery. ½ mile east on CSAH 12 from Oronoco.
- *Frank's Ford Bridge*. At the end of C.R. 121 at the Zumbro River.
- Historic Barn. Near intersection of CSAH 14 (75th St NW) and 11 Ave NW.

Figure B-14



## Pleasant Grove Township

- Marker for the Dubuque Trail (Walker's Stage Road). Located adjacent to Union Cemetery in village of Pleasant Grove.
- School. Located behind marker for the Dubuque Trail.
- Jerusalem Cemetery. Located south of I-90 on CSAH 20, ¼ mile east on 87th St. SE.
- St. Bridget's Catholic Church. Located on the north side of CSAH 20 east of the intersection of CSAH 16 and CSAH 20.
- St. Bridget's Cemetery. Located immediately east of St. Bridget's Church on the north side of CSAH 20.
- School. About 1.5 miles west of CSAH 1 on 93rd St. SE.
- Bank. Located in village of Simpson, immediately west of CSAH 1 on CSAH 20.

- Fairview Cemetery. Located at the southwest corner of the intersection of CSAH 12 and 75th St. SE.
- *Fugle's Mill*. Located on the west side of CSAH 1 south of the Root River bridge. (Figure B-15)
- Limestone Quarry. ¼ mile north of Fugle's Mill on west side of CSAH 1.
- Barn. Located across from Fugle's Mill on CSAH 1.
- Pleasant Grove School (now a residence). Located in the village of Pleasant Grove.
- Pleasant Grove Town Hall. Located in the village of Pleasant Grove.
- *Masonic Lodge #22*. Located in the village of Pleasant Grove.
- Union (Evergreen) Cemetery. Located east of the village of Pleasant Grove on the NW corner of the intersection of CR 139 and CR 140.

Figure B-15



Figure B-16



## Quincy Township

- Round Barn. Located along CR 107 roughly 2,000 feet south of the bridge over the Middle Fork of the Whitewater River. (Figure B-16)
- Quincy Mill Site. Located across from the bridge over the Middle Fork of the Whitewater River on CR 152
- Little Valley Cemetery. Near junction of CSAH 2 and 163 Ave NE.
- Possible site of Little Valley Post Office. On a farmstead at the junction of CSAH 2 and 175 Ave NE.
- Pleasant Valley Cemetery. Located on 140 Ave NE 1/4 mile south of 75 St. NE.

## Rochester Township

- Donovan School.
- Pagenhart farmstead.
- Peters farmstead. South of Zumbro River on Bamber Valley Road SW. (Figure B-17)

## Rock Dell Township

- Rock Dell Township Hall. Located at the northwest corner of MN Hwy 30 and CSAH 3.
- Quarry. Located ½ mile east of Rock Dell on CR 126.
- Old Zumbro Creamery. In the village of Rock Dell. (Figure B-18)
- Log House. In the village of Rock Dell.
- Zion Cemetery. ½ mile south of the intersection of CSAH 3 and 60 St SW.
- East St. Olaf Lutheran Church. 6200 CSAH 3 SW.
- East St. Olaf Lutheran Cemetery. Across CSAH 3 from the church.
- John P. Tverberg Family Log Home. Located in the East St. Olaf Lutheran Church Cemetery.

## Salem Township

- South Zumbro Lutheran Church. Near the junction of CSAH 17 and 120 Ave SW.
- South Zumbro Cemetery. Located ½ mile west of CSAH 3 on CSAH 17.
- Riverside Cemetery. Located ½ mile south of the junction of CSAH 25 and CSAH 3.

Figure B-17



Figure B-18



- Separator Plant. It is now the Hiawatha Valley Farm Store. Located at the intersection of CSAH 25 and CSAH 3. (Figure B-19)
- Salem Corners Town Hall. Located at the intersection of CSAH 25 and CSAH 3.

## Viola Township

- St. Paul's United Church of Christ and Cemetery. Located ½ mile east of CSAH 7 on CSAH 9.
- Oak Hill Cemetery. Near junction of MN Hwy 42 and 23 St NE.
- Viola Town Hall. In the town of Viola.
- Viola Gopher Count Historical Marker. In the Viola park.
- Viola Bible Church. In Viola. (Figure B-20)
- Viola Cooperative Creamery. 10500 Viola Rd NE
- School house. Near the ghost town of Corra at the junction of 97 Ave NE and CSAH 24.
- Possible site of Corra Post Office. Near intersection of 97 Ave NE and CSAH 24. Near the old schoolhouse.

**Figure B-19**



**Figure B-20**

