

CITY OF STILLWATER ARCHITECTURE- HISTORY INVENTORY FORM

Address: 717 South First St.

Inventory No: WA-SWC-1363

Historic Name: John & Elizabeth Miller

County: Washington

Current Owner: Unlisted

City/Township: Stillwater

GEO CODE: 3303020110017

Township: T30N R20W, Section 33 (NE 1/4 of NE 1/4)

U.S.G.S. Quad Map: Stillwater, Minn-Wisc., 1967, photorevised 1993

U.T.M.: 15-515500 4988220

Architect/Contractor:

Style: Vernacular

Date Built: 1885

Photo Number(s): 014587

Frame(s) 12

Survey Name: East 1/2 of Churchill, Nelson & Slaughter's Addition HPPA

Form prepared by: Donald Empson, Empson Archives

Date Surveyed: February-June, 2003

Physical Description: A large gable front with a later 1900's open porch added.

Significance: This house is ____ is not__X_ preliminarily eligible to the National Register of Historic Places.

Statewide Historic Contexts: St. Croix Triangle Lumbering, 1843 -1914.

Local Historic Context: Development of Residential Neighborhoods in Stillwater, 1850s-1940s.

National Register Eligible (prelim.): ____ Yes __X__No

Date listed on the National Register:

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Present Use: Residential, single family

Zoning District: RB-2 family residential

Integrity:

☐ Excellent

☒ Good

☐ Fair

☐ Poor

Condition:

☐ Excellent

☒ Good

☐ Fair

☐ Poor

Stories: 2-1/2

Roof style or shape: Peaked

Structural System: Wood

Windows: 1x1

Foundation: Limestone

Wall Treatment: Wood siding

Alterations:

Legal Description: Churchill, Nelson & Slaughter's Addition

Block 1 Lot Lots 24 & 25

Historic Information: In April of 1872, seven years after the end of the Civil War, Elizabeth Churchill sold Lots 24 & 25 to Henry Prince, a Stillwater merchant and land speculator. Henry, in turn, sold them to George Prince, who sold them to Emily Prince, and in August of 1880, Emily Prince sold the lots to John L. Miller, a carpenter and house mover. Soon after purchasing the property, John & Elizabeth Miller took out a mortgage from the St. Croix Valley Savings Bank. By 1885, the tax assessor had valued the lots at \$1500, indicating a substantial house — which took the number, 717 South First Street — on the property. On one of the coldest evenings of the year, January 20, 1911, there was a large fire in the house requiring one-and-one-half hours to extinguish. Damage was estimated at \$2,514.92.

Sources:

X Deeds 212; 5 Deeds 534; Z Deeds 585; T Mtgs 465; SAM 78, Roll 15; 1887-1894 Stillwater City Directories; Stillwater Fire Department Records.

Open to the public: ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Limit