



## HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION DESIGN REVIEW MEETING AGENDA

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Wednesday, August 17, 2016  
5:00 P.M.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **ROLL CALL**

\_\_\_\_\_ Co-Chair Vujovich  
\_\_\_\_\_ Co-Chair Randers  
\_\_\_\_\_ Commissioner Cox  
\_\_\_\_\_ Commissioner Bolton-Iverson  
\_\_\_\_\_ Commissioner Stern

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A. Approval of Agenda for August 17, 2016 meeting

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. Approval of the minutes of the June 15, 2016 meeting (There was no quorum for the July 20 HPC meeting)

5. **BUSINESS**

- A. **Update Regarding Project for Local Designation of Historic Properties**
  - i. **Final two properties**
- B. **Historic Plaques**
- C. **Early Notification to HPC of Proposed Construction Projects**
- D. **Other**

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

**A quorum of the City Council or Other Commissions may be present to receive information.**

**Kim Swanson Linner**

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**From:** Jim Cox <jim.cox@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 27, 2016 2:11 PM  
**To:** Jim Randers - HPC/DR; Martin Stern - HPC/DR; ward1; Ron Moorse; Kathy Bolton-Iverson - HPC; Peter Vujovich; Jim Cox  
**Cc:** Kim Swanson Linner  
**Subject:** DR/HPC - NO MEETING for 7/20/2016 ~ No Quorum

Commissioners,

The July DR/HPC meeting was not held due to lack of attendance. There was not a quorum.

Commissioners Cox and Stern and Ron Moorse had an unofficial discussion with Paul Sundstrom regarding the residing of his garage and house on his property located at 15885 34th St. in Afton.

**NEXT MEETING: August 17, 2016 @ 5:00pm**

**If any Commissioners cannot make the August meeting, please notify Ron Moorse and Jim Cox, Secretary as soon as possible. Thank you.**

Jim Cox, DR/HPC Commissioner/Secretary  
12941 22nd St. S.  
Afton, MN 55001  
C: 612.414.0155

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**LOCAL PROPERTY DESIGNATION**

**DRAFT**

**NAME OF PROPERTY:**

*Historic Name:* Erastus and Sophronia Bolles House  
*Other Names:* Erastus Bolles House (National Register of Historic Places 1981)  
*SHPO Inventory No.:* WA-AFC-  
*Parcel No:* 10.028.20.32.0005

**LOCATION:**

*Street & No.:* 1741 Stagecoach Trail South  
*City/Town:* Afton  
*State, County, Zip:* Minnesota, Washington County, 55001

**PROPERTY OWNER:**

*Owner Name:* Elizabeth A. Herrington and Jon Timothy Olson  
*Owner Phone/Cell:* 651-436-1472  
*Street & No.:* 1741 Stagecoach Trail South  
*City/State/Zip:* Afton, Minnesota 55001

**CLASSIFICATION:**

<i>Ownership of Property</i>	<i>Category of Property:</i>	<i>Number of Resources within Property</i>		
		<i>Contributing</i>	<i>Noncontributing</i>	
X private public	X building(s)	1	2	buildings
	district	1		sites
	site			structures
	structure		1	objects
	object			
		<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

*Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register of Historic Places:* 1      *Open to the Public:* No

**FUNCTION or USE:**

*Historic Functions:* DOMESTIC/single dwelling  
*Current Functions:* DOMESTIC/single dwelling

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**SIGNIFICANCE:**

**Historic significance:** Associated with activities, processes, events, trends or persons of importance to the community, state or nation.

**Narrative Statement:**

Erastus Bolles was born in Madison County, New York on March 9, 1821. As a young man he learned blacksmithing and tool making. He traveled to New Boston, Connecticut and then to Southbridge Massachusetts, making jewelry for nine years. He married Sophronia Hayward (1823-1888) of Oxford, New York in 1847. (Neill) They eventually had three children, a daughter and two sons. At the time of his arrival in Minnesota the family consisted of Erastus, his wife, a son and daughter (Charles and Emma) and his mother-in-law, Semantha Shaw Hayward. (Son Fred was born later in 1860.) He claimed 640 acres of land in the settlement of Valley Creek that is located approximately 2 miles northwest of the original Afton Village. There he and his family built a ten-room, 1½ -story house that stands on Stagecoach Trail today and was occupied by three generations of the Bolles family.

The Bolles family story in Minnesota begins with Lemuel Bolles, Erastus' uncle, who was born in 1792 in Union, Connecticut. He came to St. Croix Falls in 1842 and laid a claim on land west of the river. He built a home and a water powered grist mill (1845) called Milton Mills. This mill changed hands several times and was finally shut down about 1875. In 1852 Lemuel became the first postmaster in the Afton area. The post office, located at his mill, burned down in 1880. Lemuel married in 1855 and had two children. He died in Stillwater, Minnesota in 1867 and was buried in Afton. Bolles Creek was named for Lemuel. (In January 2015, the University of Minnesota's Agricultural Experiment Station released a new hard red spring wheat named "Bolles" in honor of the first flour mill built in Minnesota.) (Minnesota Agricultural Experiment Station website)

The Bolles family contributed several "firsts" to the Valley Creek area. Lemuel (the first postmaster) and Erastus each built the first and second mills respectively. The house Erastus built was the first frame residence in the area (earlier homes were of logs and sod) and his house eventually had the first running water and the first telephone as well. (Grant)

The house was built in 1856 with the help of nearby friendly Chippewa Indians. According to his granddaughter, Evelyn Bolles Grant (b.1905), only the cultivated land was fenced in the very early days, as livestock were allowed to roam at will. A portion of the area's old Indian Trail crossed over the back of Erastus' pasture land and was clearly visible up until at least the 1940s. (Part of the trail remains today as Indian Trail South forking off of Stagecoach Trail South and winding through the woods to the north and west toward Saint Paul.)

As noted, Erastus built the area's second mill, also operated by water power, in 1856, this one on the north branch of Bolles Creek a quarter mile south of the town hall. (Historic Afton Valley Creek Tour) When it burned down he rebuilt the mill, this one run by gasoline engine. (Engquist) Erastus also opened a blacksmith shop, manufactured farm equipment and started a general store, another first in Valley Creek. The store was built in 1873 and burned down and was rebuilt in 1880.

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Erastus' children attended the Boxell School until it burned down. On April 7, 1863 a school was organized at Erastus' home to replace it. He donated some of his land for \$1.00 and a tax of \$400 was collected in order to build the school. The school was erected west of County Highway 21. (Robb) Erastus became the Director of the Bolles School, eventually called Valley Creek School #39. The school became so overcrowded, sometime circa 1900, that the Town Hall adjacent to the Bolles House was needed for additional classroom space.

Erastus gave Valley Creek its name in 1874 when he, like his uncle, was appointed postmaster. The post office was located in his general store. (Grant) Erastus died in 1881.

When Erastus son, Charles, purchased his father's businesses in the 1870s he moved the mill further down the creek and added corn and feed grinding to the operation. This mill, call the Valley Creek Roller Mill, ran by steam power and burned down as well. (Grant) Rebuilding yet again, Charles used the mill for grinding feed alone, discontinuing flour milling, the blacksmith shop and the manufacturing operation.

Charles served on the Afton Township Board for 45 years. He was very musical, playing the piano and organ, as well as the cornet and drums in the Valley Creek Band. During WWI he worked at a defense plant in Stillwater. Charles operated the mill at a loss for several years, eventually losing it to mortgage foreclosure. He died after a stroke on April 27, 1933. At that time his daughter, Evelyn, came back to the house with her husband, Jay Grant, to care for her mother. When her mother died in 1943 she inherited the house and remained there after her husband died in the mid 1970s. (Grant) Evelyn herself died October 31, 1986.

**Architectural significance:** Possessing distinctive characteristics of a style, place, period, method or materials of construction, builder or architect.

<b>Architectural Classification:</b>	Single dwelling
<b>Materials Used:</b>	Wood frame, Asphalt shingles
<b>Foundation:</b>	Field stone, limestone
<b>Walls:</b>	Wood
<b>Roof:</b>	Asphalt shingled

***Narrative Description:***

The Erastus Bolles House is a 1½ -story, L-shaped wood frame cottage built on the east side of Stagecoach Trail South in what was the early settlement of Valley Creek. Constructed in 1856, the north/south end gabled massing with a field stone walled basement was built with balloon framing. A later, slab framed west wing with formal entry was added to the original structure as the family grew. As noted in the National Register formwork for the property, the style of the house is a very simple gabled structure with Greek Revival features including unadorned low-pitched gables, corner boards, narrow clapboard siding, and a front entry with narrow side lights flanking the door. The entry-set is framed by wide board panels and crowned by a shallow pediment and electric light fixture. A brick walk, steps and landing lead to the main entry door.

The structure displays a variety of window configurations. There are six-over-six double-hung, wood frame windows in the formal rooms, four-over-four in the more utilitarian rooms, and three-over-three in the north

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facing windows on the west wing. The larger windows are framed in flat wood surrounds with very slightly projecting lintels and sills.

While there once was a shallow side porch tucked into the L of the main massing it does not appear on the earliest known photograph of the house and likely post-dated the period of significance (1856-1888). The secondary front entry remains in the L as also seen in the circa 1890 photograph.

Off the back, east-facing elevation is a simple one-story summer kitchen that likely dates back to the early construction date of the initial construction. A doorway in the south-facing elevation of the summer kitchen provides informal access in the back of the house.

The limestone foundation (west wing) and the field stone foundation to the back of the house are concealed by lush vegetation and gardens that form a soft visual base between the structure and the surrounding grounds.

The original barn on the property, as seen in the historic photograph, is no longer extant. In 1987 the owners built a barn/garage near the location of the original barn. A potting shed with screen porch was built in 2013 in the back yard to the east and slightly north of the main house.

The grounds display a variety of gardens and lawns including a pine tree and various plantings brought to Minnesota by Sophronia over 150 years ago. The inner yards are defined by a wood twig picket fence to the west near Stagecoach Trail and to the south along the drive to the barn in the back of the property.

The property was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1981 as the *Erastus Bolles House*. The house is now located within the city limits of Afton, Minnesota.

**SIGNIFICANCE STATEMENT:** The Erastus and Sophronia Bolles House is significant as a well-preserved example of early settlement architecture in Valley Creek (now Afton Minnesota), and as the home of one of the most important families in that settlement’s history. The residential structure has retained its original fenestration, siding, and interior features including the steep staircase in the oldest portion of the house, as well as the formal spindled staircase on the later west wing of the structure. The period of significance spans the time from the home’s construction in 1856 until Sophronia Bolles’ death in 1888.

**OTHER ITEMS OF SIGNIFICANCE:**

<p><b>Related Historic Contexts:</b>          Townsite Development in Washington County 1839-1955          Immigration and Ethnicity in Washington County ca. 1838-1920          Early Agriculture and River Settlement 1840-1870          Railroads and Agriculture Development 1870-1940</p>	<p><b>Significant Person(s):</b>          Erastus Bolles          Sophronia Bolles          Charles Bolles</p>
<p><b>Period of Significance:</b>          1856 to 1888</p>	<p><b>Cultural Affiliation:</b></p>
<p><b>Significant Dates:</b>          Date of Construction 1856</p>	<p><b>Architect/Builder(s):</b>          Unknown</p>
<p><b>Contributing Resources (within the Period of Significance)</b>          The main residence          The grounds</p>	
<p><b>Non-contributing Resources (outside the Period of Significance)</b>          The Barn/garage (1987) and Potting Shed (2013)          The twig picket fence (1998)</p>	

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**GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:**

*Acreage of Property:* 2.76 acres

**Legal Description of Property:** SW CORNER NW1/4-SW1/4 W 14 RDS OF S 11 1/2 RDS & ALSO PT SW1/4-SW1/4 SD SEC 10 BEING THE N 87FT OF THE W 330 FT & ALSO: NW1/4 SW1/4 SEC 10 COM 2 CHAINS 87 1/2 LINKS N OF SW CORNER THN E 3 CHAINS 50 LINKS THN S 2 CHAINS 87 1/2 LINKS THN E 6 CHAI 50 LINKS THN N 5 CHAINS THN W 10 CHAINS THN S 2 CHAINS 12 1/2 LINKS TO BEG EXC 10 RODS X 5 1/2 RODS TO CITY OF AFTON: EXCEPT:PART OF NW1/4-SW1/4 SD SEC 10 BEG AT A POINT 239.25 FEET NORTH AND 165 FEET EAST OF SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION WHICH IS SOUTHEAST CORNER OF PROPER- TY NOW OWNED BY AFTON THENCE EAST 495 FEET THENCE NORTH 90.75 FEET THENCE WEST 495 FEET TO A POINT WHICH IS NORTHEAST CORNER OF PROPERTY OWNED BY AFTON THENCE SOUTH 90.75 FEET TO POINT OF BEGINNING AND EXCEPT: PART NW1/4-SW1/4 OF SECTION 10 TOWNSHIP 28 RANGE 20 BEING EAST 310 FEET OF THAT PART NW1/4-SW1/4 OF SECTION 10 LYING SOUTH OF LINE A BELOW DESCRIBED AND WEST OF LINE B BELOW DESCRIBED: LINE A. BEGINNING AT POINT 239.25 FEET NORTH AND 165 FEET EAST OF SOU THWEST CORNER OF NW1/4-SW1/4 OF SAID SECTION 10 THENCE EAST 495 FEET TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH LINE B BELOW DESCRIBED AND THERE TERMINATING LINE B. BEGINNING AT A POINT ON SOUTH LINE OF NW1/4-SW1/4 OF SAID SECTION 10 660 FEET WEST OF SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 10 WHEN MEASURED ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE THENC NORTH 363 FEET AND THERE TERMINATING SECTION 10 TOWNSHIP 028 RANGE 020

**Boundary Justification:** Washington County tax records.

**PHOTOGRAPHIC DOCUMENTATION:**

**Historic Photographs:**



*The Erastus and Sophronia Bolles House in Valley Creek as it appeared circa 1890. Note the original barn in the background right.*

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*Current Photographs:*



*The Bolles House looking to the east. The stick picket fence was constructed in 1998 by the current owners.*



*The front elevation of the Bolles House with the camera looking to the northeast.*

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*The house and summer kitchen addition with the camera looking to the northwest.*



*The east elevation of the house and summer kitchen.*

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*The north elevation.*



*The Bolles House looking from the drive toward the north, northwest.*

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*The barn/garage structure was built in 1987 near the location of the lost, original barn.*



*A potting shed was built in the backyard to the east and slightly north of the main house.*

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AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH(S) AND SITE MAP(S) OF THE PROPERTY:

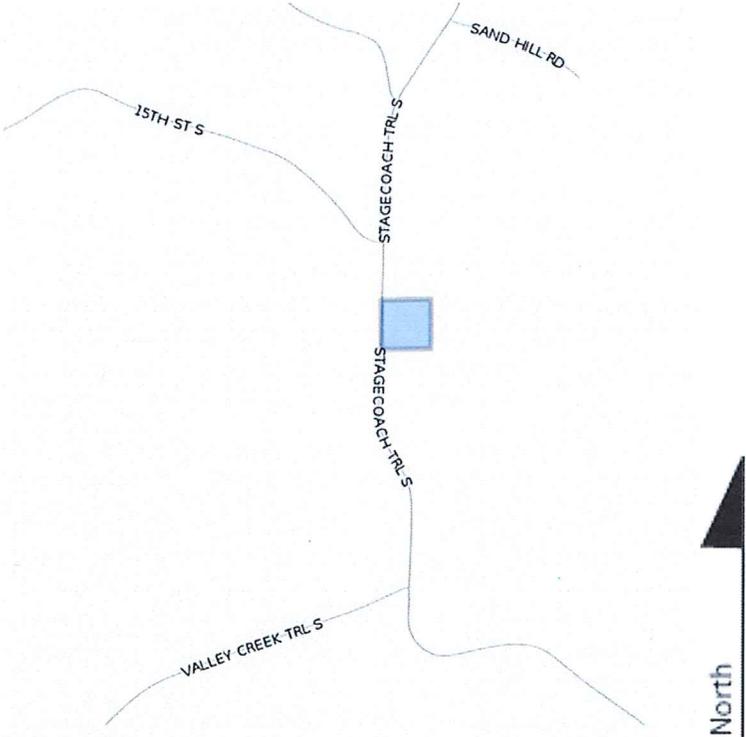


*This portion of the 1874 Washington County map shows the location relationship of Afton Village on Lake St. Croix and the Valley Creek settlement to the northeast of the Village. The Bolles House is by the square to the left of "E Bolles." The Bolles School location is marked by the school building icon to the northwest of the Bolles property.*

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*Aerial photograph of the Erastus and Sophronia Bolles House and grounds. Note the Valley Creek Township Hall to the north of the Bolles property.*



*Parcel map for the Bolles House on Stagecoach Trail South in the Valley Creek area.*

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**LOCAL PROPERTY DESIGNATION**

**FORM PREPARED BY:**

Name/Title: Thomas R. Zahn & Associates LLC  
Street & No.: 807 Holly Avenue  
City/Town: Saint Paul  
State, County, Zip: Minnesota, Ramsey County, 55104  
Telephone No.: 651-221-9765  
Date Prepared: July 28, 2016

**STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER COMMENT:**

Review and comment by the State Historic Preservation Officer pursuant to Minnesota Statute \_\_\_\_\_; Subd. \_\_\_\_.

Date Submitted to SHPO: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of SHPO Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

**AFTON CITY COUNCIL REVIEW / APPROVAL:**

Designation of property pursuant to: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Action: \_\_\_\_\_

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**DRAFT**

**NAME OF PROPERTY:**

*Historic Name:* Bissell Mound  
*Other Names:*  
*SHPO Inventory No.:* WA-AFC-  
*Parcel No:* 08.028.20.31.0003

**LOCATION:**

*Street & No.:* 13305 15<sup>th</sup> Street South  
*City/Town:* Afton  
*State, County, Zip:* Minnesota, Washington County, 55001

**PROPERTY OWNER:**

*Owner Name:* Karen L. Stoltzmann and M.B. Janel  
*Owner Phone/Cell:*  
*Street & No.:* 13305 15<sup>th</sup> Street South  
*City/State/Zip:* Afton, Minnesota 55001

**CLASSIFICATION:**

<i>Ownership of Property</i>	<i>Category of Property:</i>	<i>Number of Resources within Property</i>		
		<i>Contributing</i>	<i>Noncontributing</i>	
X private	building(s)		0	buildings
public	district	1		sites
	X site		0	structures
	structure		0	objects
	object			
		<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

*Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register of Historic Places:* 0      *Open to the Public:* No

**FUNCTION or USE:**

*Historic Functions:* LANDSCAPE/natural feature  
*Current Functions:* LANDSCAPE/natural feature

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**SIGNIFICANCE:**

**Historic significance:** Unique geographical features that have served as visual landmarks to the community, state or nation.

**Narrative Statement:**

The three Bissell Mounds are located on township section 8 in Afton, Minnesota on Highway 15 east of Mounds Prairie Cemetery. They were named for Elijah Bissell, an early settler to the area, who first laid claim to land that included these three formations in 1842. (The original name of 15<sup>th</sup> Street South was Bissell Mounds Road.) (Grant) The main road between St. Paul and the St. Croix River once ran past these mounds. (stcroixscenicbyway.org) Little seems to be known about Elijah Bissell, other than that he farmed there for approximately eight years and then left the area.

The mound that is the subject of this study is the most easterly mound located in the cultivated field. Wayne Mays, publisher of *Ancient American* magazine, believes the mound to have historical significance. Mr. Mays has visited this particular mound three times, most recently circa 2012. He was accompanied by Sharon White Rabbit, a Ho-Chunk shaman from western Wisconsin. The top of the mound is flat and appears to have been tilled and used for planting at some point in time. A GPR (ground penetrating radar) device identified an open rectangular “disturbance in the soil” below ground that Mays believes could be a burial site. Pottery and flint fragments were also found which were given to the mound owner. This owner related that as a child (probably in the 1950s) she had found a number of points and fragments, now lost over time. (Mays)

Local lore includes a story of the use of this mound in 1974 as a campsite for Indians who came to Saint Paul for the federal trial of the American Indian Movement activists Dennis Banks and Russell Means. It is believed by some that these supporters camped on this particular mound during the trial because it was a sacred early Indian burial site (Martens) although this could not be verified.

Conversations were held with Bruce Koenen of the Office of the State Archaeologist and David Mather, the State Historic Preservation Office National Register archaeologist. Both Koenen and Mather stated that they believed the mounds to be geological features only; however they also noted that prominent land forms were sometimes used for burials, and that these mounds have not had an archaeological survey.

Various books and manuscripts were reviewed at the Afton Historical Museum, the Washington County Historical Museum and the Minnesota Historical Society library. These included *History of Washington County and the St. Croix Valley* (Neill, 1881) that describes the mounds but provides no local lore; and *Aborigines of Minnesota* (Winchell, 1911) that makes no reference to Bissell Mounds, although mention is made of the Rattlesnake effigy in Afton.

**Narrative Description:**

There are three Bissell Mounds with two located immediately adjacent to Neal Avenue South and one in a cultivated field to the east of Neal Avenue and to the south of 15<sup>th</sup> Street South. The mounds along Neal Avenue have been developed with residential structures on each. The easterly mound has not been inhabited or significantly disturbed by European settlement.

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The mounds are composed of bedrock capped with stratified limestone. Loose sand and gravel, once present on the hillsides of the mounds thousands of years ago, has eroded over time. The mounds were formed millions of years ago when epicontinental seas covered North America. (Collins) Older sources vary on the size of the mounds. Estimates range from forty to seventy-five feet in height and are said to occupy from one-quarter acre to over one acre each. The mounds, which are all presently in private hands, have never been archaeologically surveyed.

The subject mound is the tallest of the three mounds and supports the second highest elevation in Afton, superseded only by Mount Hope Cemetery on the bluff overlooking Afton Village. The easterly mound is covered with wild vegetation and volunteer growth with the top of the formation relatively flat.

**SIGNIFICANCE STATEMENT:** The Bissell Mound is significant as a unique land formation that has served as a natural landmark in the Afton area and is a site with Native American associations and where artifacts have been found in the past.

**OTHER ITEMS OF SIGNIFICANCE:**

<i>Related Historic Contexts:</i> Early Agriculture and River Settlement 1840-1870 Railroads and Agriculture Development 1870-1940	<i>Significant Person(s):</i> Elijah Bissell
<i>Period of Significance:</i> Pre-historic to 1966 (50 years back)	<i>Cultural Affiliation:</i>
<i>Significant Dates:</i> 1842 when Elijah Bissell procured the property	<i>Architect/Builder(s):</i>
<i>Contributing Resources (within the Period of Significance)</i> The most easterly mound on parcel 08.028.20.31.0003	
<i>Non-contributing Resources (outside the Period of Significance)</i> None	

**GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:**

*Acreage of Property:* approximately 1.00 acre

***Legal Description of Property:***

PT S1/2-NE1/4 COM AT SE COR SD S1/2-NE1/4 THENCE W ALONG THE 1/4 SEC LINE 10 RODS TO A PT THENCE NORTH 16 RODS TO A PT THENCE EAST 10 RODS TO A PT ON THE SEC LINE THENCE SOUTH ALONG SD SEC LINE 16 RODS TO POB SECTION 07 TOWNSHIP 028 RANGE 020

*Boundary Justification:* Washington County tax records.

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**PHOTOGRAPHIC DOCUMENTATION:**

*Current Photographs:*



*Bissell Mound looking south from 15<sup>th</sup> Street South. The sister mounds that are developed upon and flank Neal Avenue, are to the west and south of the main Bissell Mound in the picture.*

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**AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH(S) AND SITE MAP(S) OF THE PROPERTY:**

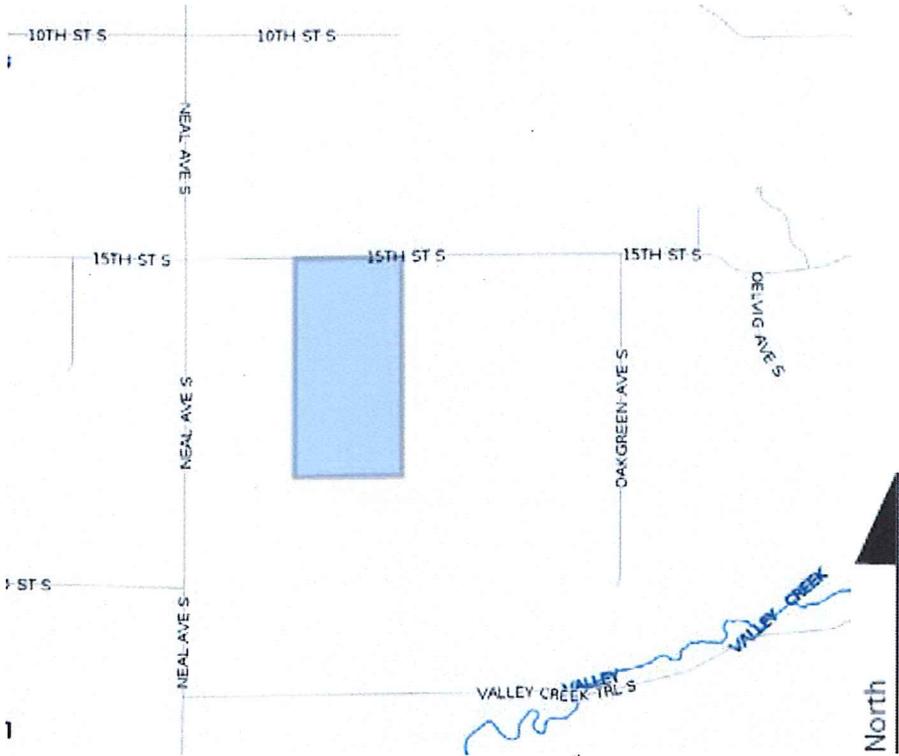


*There are three Bissell Mounds near the intersection of 15<sup>th</sup> Street South and Neal Avenue South. Two developed mounds are located immediately adjacent on the east and west side of Neal Avenue South. The most easterly mound in the center of the cultivated field is the target mound of this nomination.*

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*Close-up aerial photograph of the nominated mound.*



*Parcel map for the Bissell Mound site to the south of 15<sup>th</sup> Street South and east of Neal Avenue South in Afton Minnesota.*

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