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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

PROPERTY NAME: Burpee, Anna and Samuel Murry, House

MULTIPLE NAME: Rural Goodhue County MRA

STATE & COUNTY: MINNESOTA, Goodhue

DATE RECEIVED: 12/20/13      DATE OF PENDING LIST:  
DATE OF 16TH DAY:                      DATE OF 45TH DAY: 2/05/14  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 80002051

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N    DATA PROBLEM: N    LANDSCAPE: N    LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N  
OTHER: N    PDIL: N    PERIOD: N    PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N  
REQUEST: N    SAMPLE: N    SLR DRAFT: N    NATIONAL: Y

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT     RETURN     REJECT    \_\_\_\_\_ DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

**Additional Documentation Approved**

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept  
REVIEWER Edson Beall      DISCIPLINE Historian  
TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_      DATE 2.5.14

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.

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**Reference Number:** 80002051

**Resource Name (Historic):** Burpee, Anna and Samuel Murray, House

**Comments:** This is the correct historic name. This documentation includes a corrected Statement of Significance. With the corrected Statement of Significance, the applicable criterion is C alone.

*Barbara Mitchell Howard*  
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 Barbara Mitchell Howard  
 Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

*December 13, 2013*  
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 Date

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**State:** Minnesota

**County:** Goodhue

**Location:** 314 Second Street SW, Pine Island

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**Narrative Description**

The Anna and Samuel Murray Burpee House, built in 1895,<sup>1</sup> is located in Pine Island, Minnesota, at 314 Second Street SW, in the Auditors Subdivision of the NW ¼ of the SW ¼, Section 32, Township 109, Range 15.<sup>2</sup> It is on the north side of Second Street SW between Kenely Court SW to the west and the intersection of Second Street SW and Second Avenue SW to the east. Two blocks from the city's downtown, this section of Second Street SW is approximately 500 feet long; the first two houses on the north side of the street east of Kenely Court SW were built at approximately the same time as the Burpee House, which is the third house in this row. The houses on the south side of the street are from the mid-twentieth century.

The Burpee House sits on the front half of a moderately wooded lot measuring approximately 120 feet by 250 feet. The North Branch of the Middle Fork of the Zumbro River runs along the property's northern rear boundary. A detached, two-car garage from the late twentieth century is located east of the house.

The house is a 2½-story, wood-frame house in the Queen Anne style with cross gables, with the principal gable oriented to the south toward the street. The main section of the first floor measures 25 by 27 feet with a rear section of approximately 26 by 20 feet. The open front porch, with a gable and bargeboarding over the entryway, spans the width of the south wall and wraps around the southeast corner of the house (Photo #3). The porch is enhanced with decorative brackets and railings, turned posts, and spindlework on its railing balusters and open frieze (Photo #4). The south wall includes a large, single-pane window with a transom above. A single-story, three-sided bay window projects from the east wall on the first floor (Photo #3).

An exterior staircase, not original to the house, rises along the east wall to meet a second-story deck at the north rear of the house (Photos #2 and #3). A secondary hipped roof extends from the southwest corner and includes a stained-glass window with a single pane of glass surrounded by smaller panes, typical of the Queen Anne style (Photo #1). Larger second-floor windows include mock transom detailing. A projecting bay extends off the west wall with a double-hung window and stained-glass transom and decorative brackets below the bay (Photo #2). Gable ends have matching double-hung, one-over-one windows, with those on the south façade paired. Small, paired stained-glass windows, also single panes surrounded by smaller panes, appear in the gable peaks, along with three tiers of shingles in different styles. The eaves also have bargeboarding with spindles and roundels. The chimney, not original to the house, rises above the roof.

The interior of the house has retained much of its original woodwork, including door and window lintels, wainscoting, baseboards, and paneled doors. Double pocket doors separate the living room from the entrance hall (Photo #5). The staircase in the hall includes newel posts with decorative mitered newel caps and turned balusters (Photo #6).

<sup>1</sup> The house first appears in the Goodhue County tax records in 1896, but it is referred to in *The Pine Island Record* on 19 May 1895.

<sup>2</sup> 1896 Tax List, 20. Goodhue County [MN] Auditor, Tax Lists. State Archives, Minnesota Historical Society.

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When compared to a photo from about 1910 (Historic Photo, Additional Documentation-3), the present-day Burpee House appears largely unaltered. The chimney, while larger than the original, remains in the same location. The added exterior staircase is relatively unobtrusive and is not visible from the front of the house. The house retains its integrity of design with a wrap-around porch, projecting bays, and irregular massing typical of the Queen Anne style. All of the original exterior ornamentation and much of the interior ornamentation and finishing appear to be intact, maintaining the integrity of the workmanship and the materials used.

The Burpee House keeps its integrity of location. The setting is slightly compromised by the adjacent garage and the mid-twentieth-century houses on the south side of the street, but its neighbor to the west, built in the same period as the Burpee House, remains, and the river bank north of the house has not been developed. The integrity of feeling and association is strong—the residential character of the street has remained unchanged.

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**Applicable National Register Criteria**



- C. Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.

**Period of Significance:** 1895

**Statement of Significance**

Built in 1895 in the village of Pine Island, Minnesota, the Burpee House is significant under National Register Criterion C in the Area of Significance of Architecture as it embodies the distinctive characteristics of the Queen Anne style and is a noteworthy example of this style in Pine Island. Its period of significance is 1895 and it is locally significant.

Located at 314 SW Second Street (formerly White Street),<sup>1</sup> the Burpee House is part of Pine Island's Auditors Subdivision,<sup>2</sup> an expansion after the community was initially platted in 1856-57.<sup>3</sup> Located in southeastern Minnesota, Pine Island is in the southeast corner of Goodhue County, at the confluence of two middle branches of the Zumbro River. The city's name comes from a Dakotah word meaning "island of pines;" the two branches of the river appeared to create an island where white pine trees grew. The surrounding area was predominantly hardwood timber.<sup>4</sup>

First settled in 1854, the townsite quickly grew, taking advantage of the area's natural resources.<sup>5</sup> The first saw mill was built in 1856 for processing the area's lumber; it was dismantled in 1901 when there was little timber left.<sup>6</sup> The rolling pastures and rivers were well-suited for cattle, and Pine Island eventually became known as the "Cheese Center of Minnesota."<sup>7</sup> In 1878, the Chicago and North Western Railway Company built a branch line to the village and, in the same year, the village of Pine Island was incorporated separately from the township.<sup>8</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *Plat Book of Goodhue County, Minnesota* (Minneapolis: C.M. Foote & Co., 1894), 44-45.

<sup>2</sup> 1896 Tax List, 20. Goodhue County [MN] Auditor, Tax Lists. State Archives, Minnesota Historical Society.

<sup>3</sup> Ralph W. Holmes, contrib., *History of Dakota and Goodhue Counties*. (Chicago: H.C. Cooper, Jr., & Co., 1910), 204.

<sup>4</sup> Holmes, 202.

<sup>5</sup> Mrs. C.T. Mondale, "Pine Island, 1874-1971." In *Goodhue County Historical News*, vol. 5, no. 2 June 1971, 1, Minnesota Historical Society.

<sup>6</sup> Holmes, 203.

<sup>7</sup> Mondale, 1.

<sup>8</sup> Holmes, 205.

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In 1895, *The Pine Island Record* commented on the growing village:

Did you see the town grow this week? People have to keep their eyes open or some day they will get lost in the shuffle. The old timers who prefer pastures to streets and new buildings will soon be able to retire to suburbs.<sup>9</sup>

That same year, Samuel Murray Burpee and his wife, Anna Smith Burpee, built their house in the subdivision on White Street.<sup>10</sup> Samuel Murray Burpee was a local merchant who, except for a brief stint in South Dakota, lived in Pine Island his entire life.<sup>11</sup> His wife Anna was a farmer's daughter<sup>12</sup> who grew up in Pine Island and, after graduating from the Winona Normal School in 1889, returned to Pine Island to teach for three years. They were married in 1892<sup>13</sup> and their house, listed under Anna Burpee's name, first appeared in the county tax records in 1896.<sup>14</sup>

The two and one-half story, wood-frame house was built in the Queen Anne style. This style was first popularized in the United States by the British Executive Commissioner's Building at the Philadelphia Centennial Exposition of 1876 and praised by the *American Builder* for its "wonderful adaptability to this country."<sup>15</sup> Its popularity spread throughout the United States with pattern books in the 1880s.<sup>16</sup> In 1889, architect Louis H. Gibson, writing about the recent emergence of the style, said:

The Queen Anne style . . . meant anything—particularly something that was pointed, erratic, and unusual. It, however, did a good work. It enabled architects to get out of the old beaten paths. . . . The name "Queen Anne" was the passage from an old conservatism . . . to something that was fresh and attractive.<sup>17</sup>

The Burpee House reflects the Queen Anne style with its multi-sloped roof and a wrap-around porch that accentuates the asymmetry of the house. It includes typical Queen Anne style ornamentation such as spindlework on the porch frieze, railing balusters, and supports, along with lace-like porch brackets and bargeboarding on the eaves. The shingled gables and projecting bays offer the varied elevation texture typical of the Queen Anne style. Windows with a large center pane surrounded by smaller panes on the second floor and at the gable peaks are also characteristic of the style.<sup>18</sup>

The Burpees and their two children lived at the house until 1901 when Samuel Murray Burpee committed suicide at the age of 33.<sup>19</sup> At the time of his death, Burpee was considered "one of the solid

<sup>9</sup> *The Pine Island Record (PIR)*, 12 April 1895, unnumbered page.

<sup>10</sup> *PIR*, 10 May 1895, unnumbered page.

<sup>11</sup> *PIR*, 21 November 1901, 1.

<sup>12</sup> United States Census of 1870.

<sup>13</sup> *PIR*, "Married," 28 October 1892, 1.

<sup>14</sup> 1896 Tax List, 20.

<sup>15</sup> Marcus Whiffen, *American Architecture since 1780: A Guide to the Styles*. rev. ed. (Cambridge, MA: The MIT Press, 1969), 117-118.

<sup>16</sup> Virginia and Lee McAlester, *A Field Guide to American Houses* (New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1988), 268.

<sup>17</sup> Louis H. Gibson, *Convenient Houses with Fifty Plans for the Housekeeper* (New York: Thomas Y. Crowell & Co., 1889), 104-105.

<sup>18</sup> McAlester, 263-266.

<sup>19</sup> *PIR*, "Suicide," 14 November 1901, 1.

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businessmen of the town." The funeral was held at the house<sup>20</sup> and Anna continued to live there with her children and her father, Oscar E. Smith until at least 1910.<sup>21</sup> In the 1905 Minnesota state census, her occupation is listed as "capitalist;" her father's is "landlord."<sup>22</sup> In the 1910 federal census, both Anna and her father's occupation are listed as "own income."<sup>23</sup> In 1914, Anna Burpee sold the house to John and Anna Fitzgerald with a \$3,000 mortgage that was paid off in 1919.<sup>24</sup> By 1920, Anna Burpee had moved to Iowa with her two children,<sup>25</sup> and in 1930 she was living with her daughter and son-in-law in Nebraska.<sup>26</sup>

**Summary**

The Burpee House is eligible for the National Register under Criterion C in the Area of Significance of Architecture, embodying the key characteristics of the Queen Anne style during the height of its popularity. It is a noteworthy example of this architectural style in the community of Pine Island.

<sup>20</sup> *PIR*, "A Sketch of the Career of the late S.M. Burpee," 21 November 1901, 1.

<sup>21</sup> United States Census of 1910.

<sup>22</sup> Minnesota State Census of 1905.

<sup>23</sup> United States Census of 1910.

<sup>24</sup> Property abstract notes, provided by owner Patricia Kimble.

<sup>25</sup> United States Census of 1920.

<sup>26</sup> United States Census of 1930.

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**Previous documentation on file (NPS):**

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
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- recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey # \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary location of additional data:**

- State Historic Preservation Office
  - Other State agency
  - Federal agency
  - Local government
  - University
  - Other
- Name of repository: Minnesota Historical Society Library

**Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned):** GD-PIC-053

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**Geographical Data**

**Acreage of Property** less than one acre

**Latitude/Longitude Coordinates**

Latitude: 44.201260

Longitude: -92.650665

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**Photographs**

**Photo Log**

**Name of Property:** Anna and Samuel Murray Burpee House

**City or Vicinity:** Pine Island

**County:** Goodhue County                      **State:** MN

**Name of Photographer:** Denis Gardner

**Date of Photographs:** 23 October 2013

**Location of Original Digital Files:** Minnesota SHPO, 345 Kellogg Blvd. West, St Paul, MN 55102

**Number of Photographs:** 6

**Description of Photograph(s) and number, include description of view indicating direction of camera:**

Photo #1  
South façade, camera facing north

Photo #2  
North elevation (left) and west elevation (right), camera facing southeast

Photo #3  
South façade (left) and east elevation (right), camera facing northwest

Photo #4  
Porch detail, camera facing west

Photo #5  
Interior living room pocket doors, camera facing southwest

Photo #6  
Interior staircase, camera facing southeast

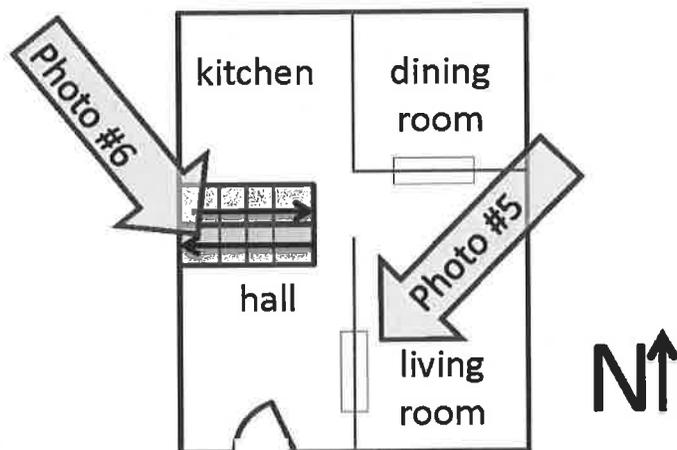
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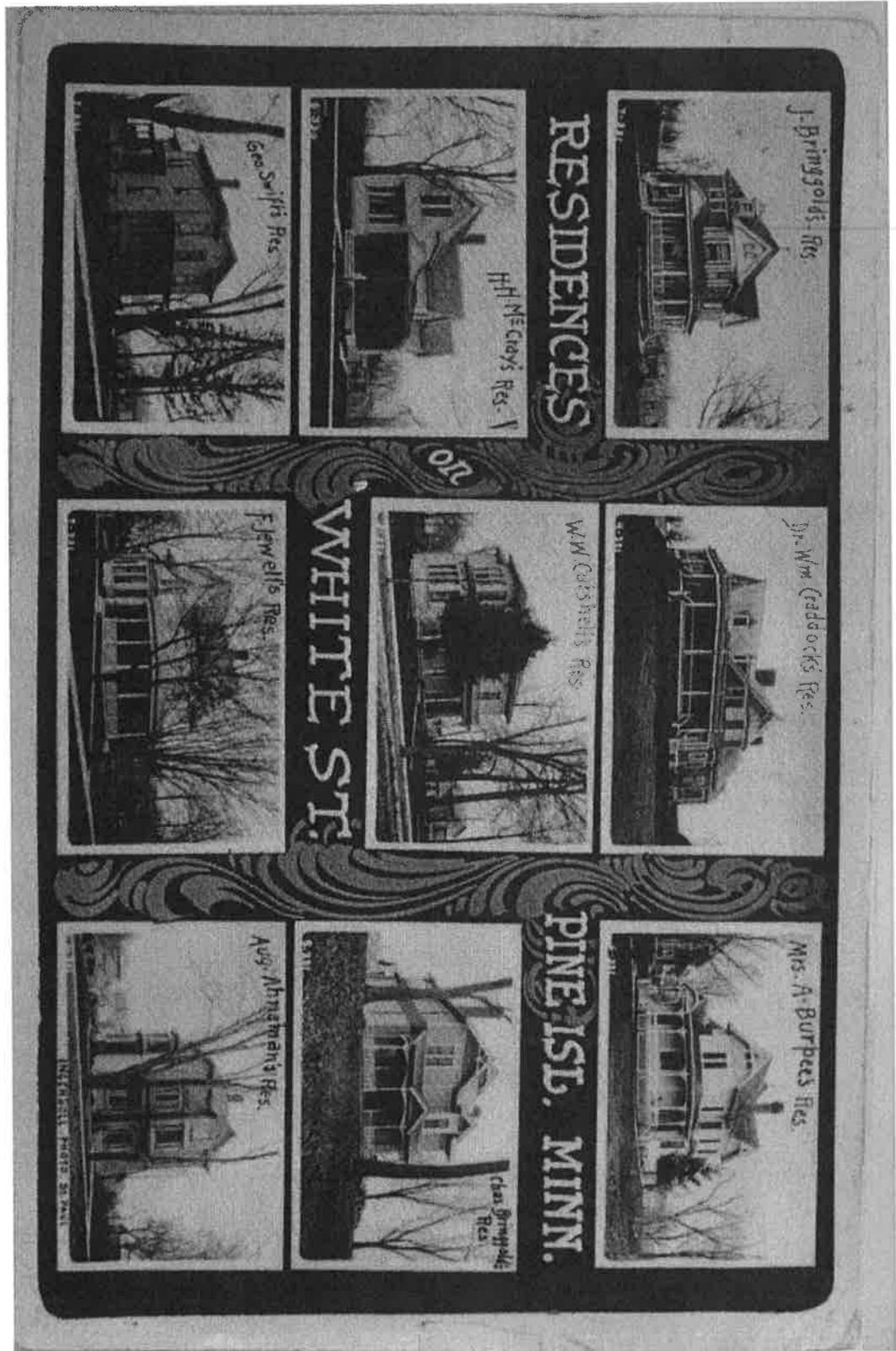
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HISTORIC PHOTO

Photocopy of Pine Island, Minnesota promotional material, circa 1910. Burpee House is in upper-right corner.





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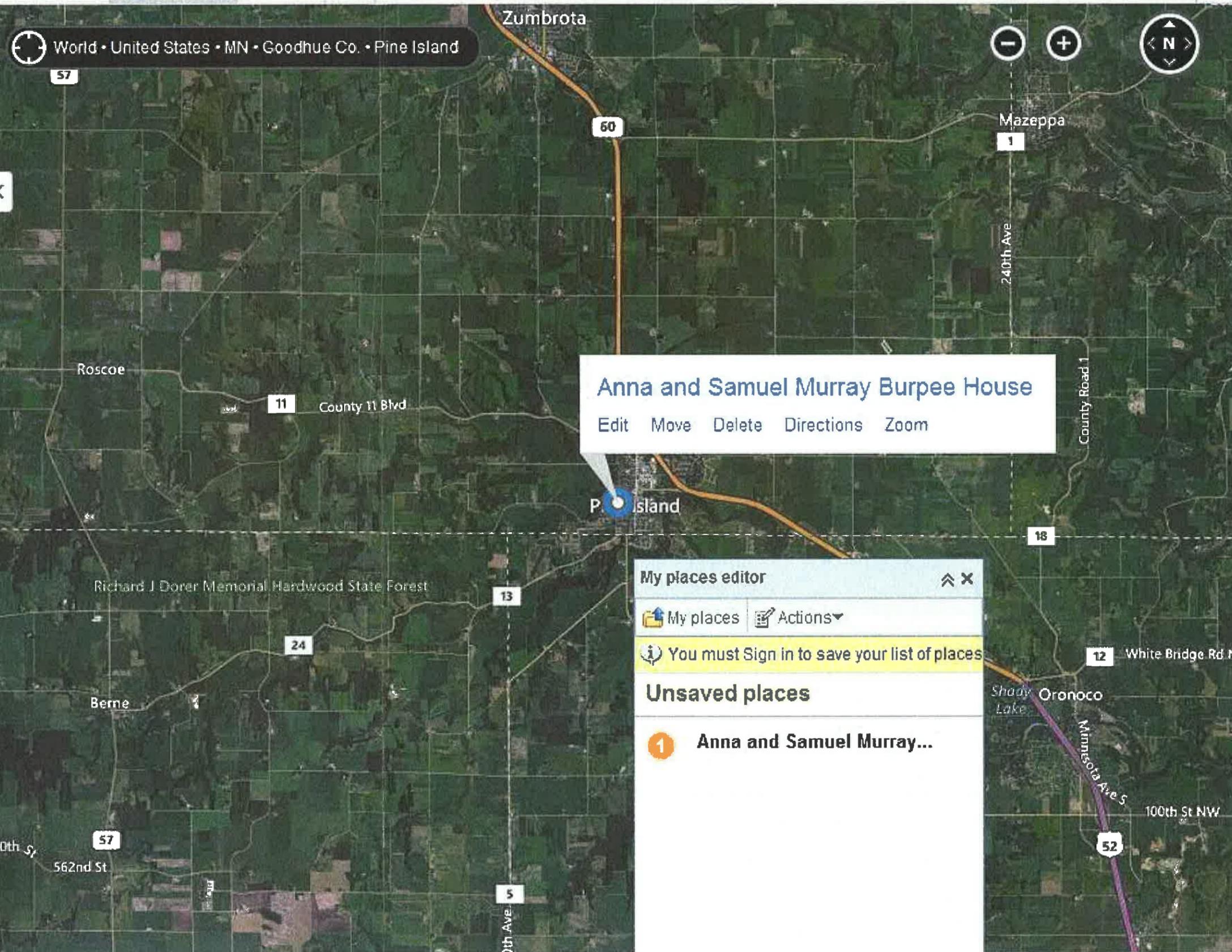
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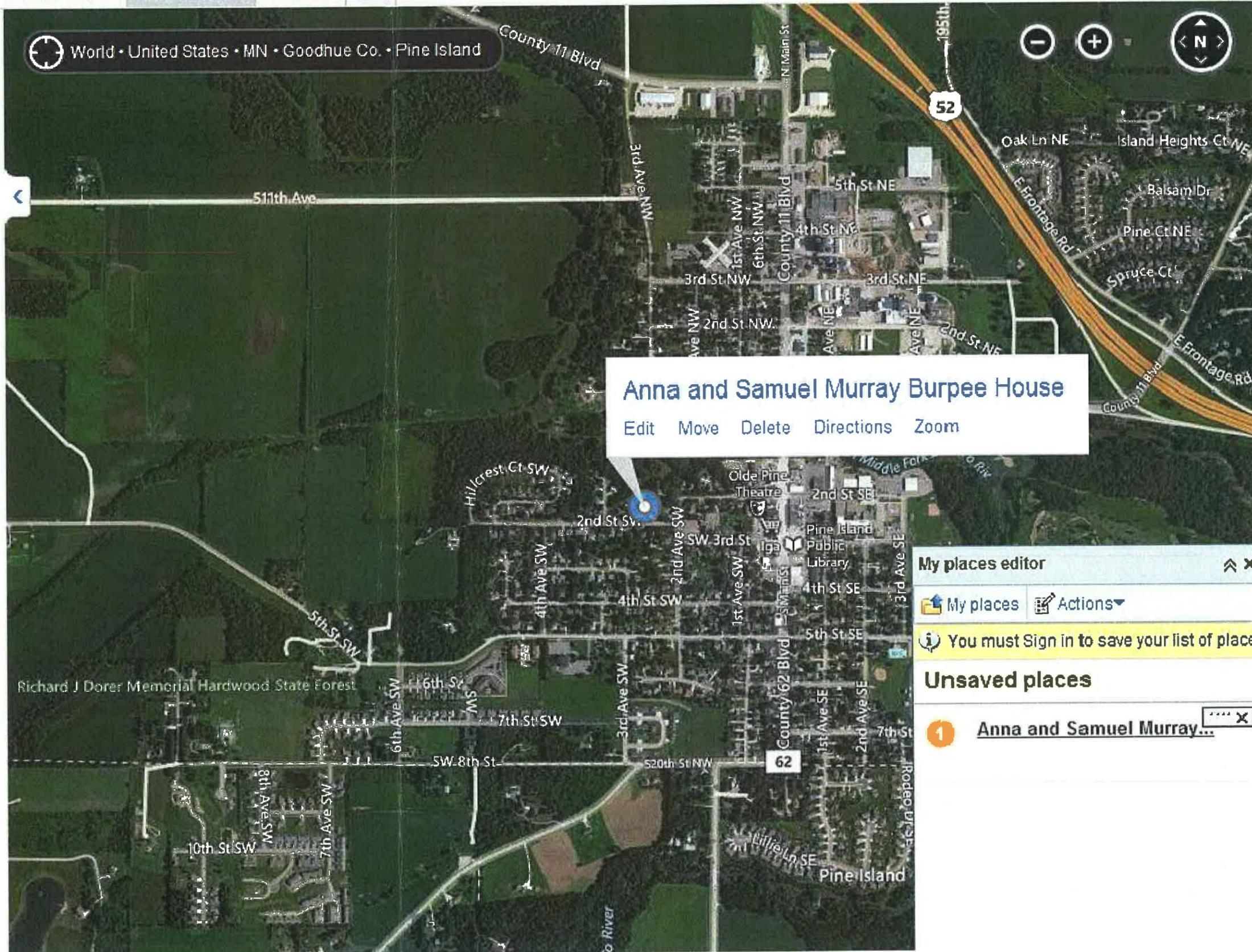
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