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Andrew Doig House

LOCATION: 21286 T-56, Dodge Center, MN 55927

STATUS: Private Residence

TYPE: Historic, District, Settlement

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: Andrew Doig and his four brothers, all stone masons from Dundee, Scotland, came to Wasioja from Canada in 1856. The Doigs were known as the finest stone masons in the state during the latter half of the nineteenth century. Their work was done in the "French Canadian" style, with carefully cut lintels and sills and stone laid in level courses. This house, the Seminary walls and the Wasioja Elementary School building are the only examples of the Doig Brothers' handiwork remaining in Minnesota today. Andrew built this house in 1858, The house was restored in 1963.

SIGNIFICANCE: Andrew Doig, a stone mason who designed and engineered the school house and the Seminary in the district, built this house in 1858. Doig migrated to Wasioja from French Canada in 1856 and established a monument business. This house is representative of the Greek Revival style with its limestone quoins, broken pediment, belly windows and meticulously cut lintels and sills. Andrew Doig built this house of Wasioja limestone, carefully cut and laid in level courses. The wood lean-to section on the back of the house was part of the original structure. The main floor of the house contains a large living room with a wide, plank floor, a country-style kitchen with a fireplace and a small bedroom. A hand-built staircase leads to two bedrooms on the second floor. The original hand-hewn ceiling beams are intact.

OTHER RESOURCES:

<https://catalog.archives.gov/id/93201663>

PROPERTY PICTURES:



Andrew Doig House, 2016



Andrew Doig House, 1972



Andrew Doig House, 1965

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