

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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1. Name: Jortin Forbes House
2. Location: 211 N. Ann Arbor St., Saline, MI.
3. Classification: building, private, occupied, unrestricted,
residential
4. Property Owner: Raymond Burmeister
211 N. Ann Arbor
Saline, MI 48176

7. Description

Condition: good; altered; original site

In near original condition, this Vernacular Midwest upright and wing house sits on a small lot shaded by a mature pine tree in the 200 block of N. Ann Arbor Street (photo #32). The two-story gabled brick construction features a two-story upright and a one-story wing to the south, segmental-arched head windows, and a raking cornice without returns above a wide frieze. The Eastlake hipped roof front porch, with its spindled frieze, spool and spindle balusters, and decorative brackets, is probably a later addition.

8. Significance: period--1800-1900
areas of significance--architecture, commerce
specific date: 1860

One of the few brick residences in the City, and one of the earlier surviving homes, this simple brick structure is a nice example of mid-nineteenth century Vernacular architecture. Tax records, combined with evidence from the 1864 plat map, suggest that Jortin and Matilda Forbes built the house in 1860. The building appears on the 1872 Bird's Eye View and is clearly indicated as the Forbes' property on the 1874 atlas. Jortin Forbes served in a number of Village posts, among them street commissioner in 1866-67, inspector for the first Village election in 1866, marshall in 1866-67, and justice of the peace in 1878. Matilda Forbes had a milliner shop.

9. Major Bibliographical Sources

(see General Bibliography section for full citation)

Chapman, History of Washtenaw County, 1881.

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Michigan State Gazetteer, 1875.

Saline Historic District Commission, Saline Has a Past in its Future,
1976.

Saline Historic District Commission Survey Notebook, 1975.

Saline Tax Records, 1868-1871.

10. Geographical Data

acreage: less than one

Quadrangle: Saline, scale 1:24,000

UTM References: 17/270150/4671980

Verbal boundary description: Lot 14, Assessor's Plat 3

Justification: This is the entire property associated with the
structure.

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

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Name Saline MRA
State Washtenaw County, MICHIGAN

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Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

1. Annin, Joseph, House

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Melrose Byrum 10/20/85

Attest

2. East Michigan Avenue
Historic District

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Melrose Byrum 10/20/85

Attest

3. Forbes, Jortin, House

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National Register

Keeper

Melrose Byrum 10/20/85

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4. Guthard, Charles, House

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National Register

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5. Lutz, George R., House

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National Register

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Melrose Byrum 10/20/85

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6. Miller--Walker House

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National Register

Keeper

Melrose Byrum 10/20/85

Attest

7. North Ann Arbor Street
Historic District

Substantive Review

Keeper

accept Patrick Andrews 10/10/85

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8. Oakwood Cemetery Mausoleum

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National Register

Keeper

Melrose Byrum 10/20/85

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9. Saline First Presbyterian
Church

Entered in the
National Register

Keeper

Melrose Byrum 10/20/85

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10. Sturm, Louis, House

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Forbes, Jortin, House (Saline MRA)
Washtenaw County
MICHIGAN

Working No. AUG 29 1985
Fed. Reg. Date: 2-3-87
Date Due: 9/26/85 - 10/13/85
Action: ACCEPT 10-10-85
 RETURN
 REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

Entered in the
National Register

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____
Reviewer _____
Discipline _____
Date _____
_____ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: _____ technical corrections cited below
_____ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? yes no

7. Description

Condition	Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	
	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	
	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

8. Significance

Period _____ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates _____ Builder/Architect _____
Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*)

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- applicable criteria
- justification of areas checked
- relating significance to the resource
- context
- relationship of integrity to significance
- justification of exception
- other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____
Quadrangle name _____
UTM References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

___ national ___ state ___ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature _____

title _____ date _____

13. Other

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____

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PHOTOS: JORTIN FORBES HOUSE



- a. Saline Multiple Resource Nom.
(211 N. Ann Arbor)
- b. Saline, Washtenaw Co., MI
- c. L. Sommers
- d. fall, 1984
- e. Mich. Bureau of History
208 N. Capitol
Lansing, MI
- f. facing w
- g. photo #32 of 40

Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000333