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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

AUG 14 1989

NATIONAL REGISTER

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1. Name of Property

historic name Conner, Donald L., House
other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number 2705 Manor N/A not for publication
city, town Midland N/A vicinity
state Michigan code MI county Midland code 111 zip code 48640

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>1</u>	_____ buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____	_____ structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	_____	_____ objects
		<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing:
Res. Archi. of Alden Dow in Midland, MI
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.
Richard B. Wickett Signature of certifying official 8-1-89 Date
Director, Bureau of History
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:
 entered in the National Register. _____
 See continuation sheet. _____
 determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet. _____
 determined not eligible for the National Register. _____
 removed from the National Register. _____
 other, (explain:) _____

Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(enter categories from instructions)

International Style

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation concrete
walls wood

roof asphalt
other N/A

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

7. Description

The Donald Connor house, a modest, one-story residence, sits on a long, narrow, sloping corner lot. Dow placed this home length-wise on the lot with a lower level at the rear of the house. The front end of the Connor house facing Manor Drive contains a two car garage, nicely framed and highlighted by the broad fascia. The outstanding feature of this modest structure is the long trellis walkway that leads well beyond the front plane of the garage. The trellis extends along the side house and projects out past the main entry. This architectural element, which reflects the rectangular shape of the house, is built out of 2x10" boards with cross members every four feet. It is supported by 12 sets of rods, a pair at every third cross member. On the interior, the living room, dining room and kitchen are at the rear of the main level and they open onto a tree lined backyard. An additional bedroom is on the lower level, cut into the sloping lot. The yard is sheltered by a row of trees at the rear property line.

One of Dow's more modest designs, the Connor house is visually pleasing with its flat roof and strong horizontal plane. The outstanding feature is the long trellis which guides to the front door, and now, covered with the vines, forms a protected walkway. The architecture of this geometric structure is thereby tied in with nature, and the stark lines of this sculptural element softened.

The windows along the wall facing the trellis, readily visible from the street, guide the visitor to the trellis and the front door. These features draw attention from the double garage doors at the front of the house. The rhythm of the posts supporting the trellis provides a nice balance to the solid rectangular form of the house. The horizontal plane of the trellis and roof is interrupted only by the brick chimney.

8. Statement of Significance

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Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance

1936

Significant Dates

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Alden B. Dow

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

See continuation sheet

8. Statement of Significance

The Donald Conner house, a modest home, well-designed in a stark and modest variation on the International Style, is significant as a good example of Dow's work with moderately priced homes. The details and overall concept of the Conner house reveal the concerns and objectives of Alden Dow. The placement of the house on the sloping lot gains an additional level at the rear of the house. The trellis, an attractive architectural feature emphasizing the walkway to the entrance and thereby overshadowing the driveway and two-car garage, is a particularly attractive and functional element. In addition, the house is carefully placed on the lot to take advantage of its length and sloping yard. The best view of the house is dominated by the horizontal lines of the fascia and trellis. The structural elements of the house and its strong geometric shape are embodied in the trellis. Alden Dow again shows his ability to design a modestly priced home in a contemporary style that over the years has remained attractive and interesting.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Previous documentation on file (NPS): None
 preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
 previously listed in the National Register
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 designated a National Historic Landmark
 recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
 recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

See continuation sheet

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository:

Dow Creativity Center, Midland, MI

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property Less than one acre

UTM References

A 16 723270 4833900
Zone Easting Northing

B _____
Zone Easting Northing

C _____

D _____

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description
Lot 77 Midland Manor #2.

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

This includes the entire lot.

See continuation sheet

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Robert G. Waite, Preservation Consultant
organization _____ date March, 1989
street & number 12318 Fox Lake Court telephone 703/352-0595
city or town Fairfax state VA zip code 22033

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: Conner, Donald L., House

MULTIPLE NAME: Residential Architecture of Alden B. Dow in Midland 1933--19
38 MPS

STATE & COUNTY: MICHIGAN, Midland

DATE RECEIVED: 8/14/89 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 8/29/89
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 9/14/89 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 9/28/89
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 89001439

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: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 9/28/89 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

*This nomination was not prepared on archival paper
as required by N.R. Bulletin 16 (Supplement)*

RECOM./CRITERIA Return
REVIEWER Patricia Andrus
DISCIPLINE Historian
DATE 9/28/89

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

CLASSIFICATION

count resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

historic current

DESCRIPTION

architectural classification
 materials
 descriptive text

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

BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

acreage verbal boundary description
 UTMs boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

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OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

Signed Patrick Andrews Phone _____
Date 9/28/07

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Entered in the National Register 12/4/89. Signature of the Keeper: [Signature] Date of Action: [Blank]

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10. Geographical Data

Acres of property Less than one acre

UTM References

A	<u>16</u>	<u>723270</u>	<u>4833900</u>
	Zone	Easting	Northing
C			

B			
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REQUESTED ACTION: RESUBMISSION

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STATE & COUNTY: MICHIGAN, Midland

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DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 12/08/89
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 89001439

NOMINATOR: STATE

DETAILED EVALUATION: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT 12/4/89 DATE

Entered in the
National Register

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA _____
REVIEWER _____
DISCIPLINE _____
DATE _____

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

CLASSIFICATION

count resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

historic current

DESCRIPTION

architectural classification
 materials
 descriptive text

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

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_____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____



k g harding
3319 rivercrest court
midland mi 48640

8/88

Donald Conner residence
Midland, Michigan
Ken Harding
August-1988
Northwood Institute-Alden B. Dow
Creativity Center
exterior, front, camera facing NE
KH-E1

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Donald Conner residence
Midland, Michigan
Ken Harding
August-1988

Northwood Institute-Alden B. Dow
Creativity Center
exterior, rear, camera facing SW
KH-E2

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88/8
k g harding
3319 rivercrest court
midland mi 48640



Ken Harding 3-88
Neg: Northwood
Institute
Facing SW

Donald Conner Residence
Midland, Michigan
Alden B. Dow, Architect

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Ken Harding 3-88
Neg: Northwood
Institute

Living Room
Facing NE

Donald Conner Residence
Midland, Michigan
Alden B. Dow, Architect

AUG 14 1989

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

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64500275