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Lorine Niedecker Cottage in Town of Sumner, Jefferson County Placed on the State Register of Historic Places

Sumner, Wis. – The Wisconsin Historical Society placed the Lorine Niedecker Cottage (Town of Sumner, Jefferson County) on the State Register of Historic Places on May 19, 2017. State Historic Preservation Officer Jim Draeger presents a certificate to Karl Gartung.

This cottage was the home of Lorine Niedecker, a member of an international group of Objectivist poets. Her literary influence extended far outside of the small community where she lived, although rural Jefferson County, the Cottage, and its setting influenced her poetry. Niedecker's poetry owes much to her life and the place where she lived, and the subject matter of much of her work- in the Objectivist tradition- directly references her home and its environs. This Cottage is the place where she wrote most of her poetry. The Cottage and surrounding landscape were influential forces and integral connections to her writing. Despite comparisons to William Carlos Williams, Ezra Pound, and Emily Dickenson, Lorine Niedecker is not generally well known in literary circles, or even in the Wisconsin poetry community. Interestingly, she is better known nationally to those critics, poets, and academics who follow Modernist poetry.

The State Register is Wisconsin's official list of state properties determined to be significant to Wisconsin's heritage. The State Historic Preservation Office at the Wisconsin Historical Society administers both the State Register and National Register in Wisconsin.

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