

## SITE

Historic Buildings

## SITE LOCATIONS

St. Paul, Minnesota  
Hastings, Minnesota  
Shakopee, Minnesota

## VISTA® PRODUCTS USED

Crystal Elegance V58  
Soft Horizons V33

## Lest We Forget



Alexander Ramsey House

Three nationally significant historical properties in Minnesota that include architecturally outstanding houses, outbuildings, and grounds have all turned to solar control window film in an effort to help protect against the sun's damaging rays. In each instance, the goal is to protect and preserve valuable original furnishings that are an historic mark of the founding generations.

### Alexander Ramsey House

In 1872, Alexander Ramsey, the first Governor of the Territory of Minnesota, with his wife, Anna, completed a Mansard style Victorian American home in St., Paul. The scale of the three-story Mansard style building is impressive: 15-foot ceilings on the first floor, a 300-square-foot (plus bay) library, 360-square-foot reception room, and a 800 square-foot grand parlor. Anna's interior scheme demonstrated her personal tastes and allegiance to major Victorian preoccupations: tradition and heritage, consumerism, and the desire to be fashionable, and the cult of domesticity. The house's elaborate furnishings stand witness to an historic period in Minnesota's development and they were fading fast.

Custodians sought out a Vista® dealer who recommended and installed over one thousand square feet of Vista® V58 Crystal Elegance to provide protection from fading. The film totally (99.9%) stops ultraviolet light at the glass and reduces solar heat by 26%. Ultraviolet rays and light and heat are the primary causes of fading. The sun's glare is also reduced by 36% to enable comfortable viewing.

### William and Mary LeDuc House

The unaltered Gothic Revival architecture of this nineteenth century home establishes its national significance. William LeDuc, an attorney, entrepreneur, and distinguished Civil War officer, served as US commissioner of Agriculture under President Rutherford B. Hayes. William and his wife Mary produced a stunningly landscaped architectural gem in a young river town on the Minnesota prairie. The house survives virtually unaltered from its appearance when it was completed in 1866. In 1970, the site was listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Over eight hundred square feet of clear solar control window film was installed to protect against a fading interior. Clear film was chosen so as to maintain

# preservation



Scott County Historical Society Home

the pristine appearance of the original glass, while blocking 99.9% of ultraviolet rays.

## Scott County Historical Society Home

The Scott County Historical Society is a county-wide professional institution for the management of historical resources of Scott County. The Society Home houses many important artifacts and collections which preserve and share the history of Scott County. Scott County, named for General Winfield Scott (1786-1866), General of the Army and apocryphally attributed to the Scott of "Great Scott", is an area of 375 square miles located to the southwest corner of the Minneapolis-St Paul. The curator, who was alarmed at the rate of deterioration of the Home's contents, "googled" her way to the Vista® window film website — [www.vista-films.com](http://www.vista-films.com) – and determined that she needed Vista® V33 Soft Horizon to protect the irreplaceable possessions. She contacted the local Vista® dealer who installed 315 square feet of the film which blocks all (99.9%) of the sun's ultraviolet light



William and Mary DeLuc House

from penetrating the glass of the museum and nearly (49% reduction) halves solar heat to drastically reduce fading and interior deterioration.

All three Minnesota historical buildings are now "free at last", protected from the sun's damaging ultraviolet rays!