

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Minnesota
COUNTY: Nobles
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE JUN 30 1975

1. NAME

COMMON:
Slade Hotel

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Slade Hotel

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
corner of Second and Main Streets (lots 11 & 12, block 2)

CITY OR TOWN:
Adrian

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
Sixth

STATE: **Minnesota** CODE: **22** COUNTY: **Nobles** CODE: **105**

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Fred Slade

STREET AND NUMBER:
corner of Second & Main Streets (Slade Hotel)

CITY OR TOWN:
Adrian

STATE:
Minnesota

CODE:
22

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Register of Deeds - Nobles County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Worthington

STATE:
Minnesota

CODE:
22

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Statewide Historic Sites Survey

DATE OF SURVEY:
 Federal State County Local

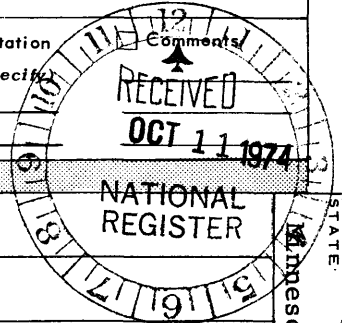
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Minnesota Historical Society

STREET AND NUMBER:
Building 25, Fort Snelling

CITY OR TOWN:
Saint Paul

STATE:
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Slade Hotel at the corner of Second and Main Streets in Adrian is typical of the once common small-town brick hotel buildings which were executed in the eclectic late nineteenth century Italianate/Romanesque mode. It is a two storey structure which has retained its original exterior appearance. The front (original) section measures seventy by forty five feet and was constructed by a builder named McKennan (from Sioux Falls, South Dakota) in 1891. A rear section (60 feet) was added in the same style about five years later to supply a demand for more accommodations. The front facade is divided into two sections -- one comprises the entry and lobby of the hotel and the other formerly housed the Adrian State Bank. The section formerly occupied by the bank is presently vacant.

The exterior is a soft-glazed brick which has evidence of years of weathering but has been periodically repointed and deteriorated brick replaced. At present, the exterior of the building is in an excellent state of preservation.

Actually, three storeys comprise the interior system of the hotel. Now a storage area, the basement level, which can be entered from the street formerly sported a saloon and card room. The ceilings in this level are nine feet nine inches in height and the area is finished in pressed metal.

The first level contains the hotel lobby, staircase, former dining room and kitchen spaces. The dining room and kitchen ceased to function as such in 1910 and have since been converted into quarters for the proprietors. Much of the original furnishings may be found in this section of the hotel.

The upper storey is devoted to rooms. The front portion has retained the rooms in original configuration, whereas, several of the rooms in the rear portion have combined into efficiency apartments.

All woodwork and the desk in the lobby have been preserved in excellent condition. Original hardware, fixtures, trim, and window sashes are in use and well maintained.

Of merit is a small frame building to the rear of the hotel. This was used as a "Salesmen's Sample room" or "drummer's room" in the early years of the hotel's economic life. In this building, travelling salesmen (or "drummers") would display and sell their wares. The building is in fair condition, showing effects of weathering and deterioration, however, it has not been modified from its original appearance and greatly adds to the historic merit of the hotel complex. It is rare in Minnesota to find a sample room extant in conjunction with a turn-of-the-century hotel.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian; 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
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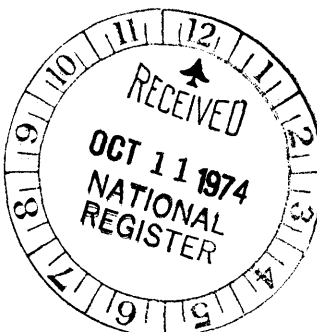
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

George Slade and his wife homesteaded a farm near Adrian, Minnesota in 1873. After ten years of farming and selling butter, cheese, poultry, and other dairy products the Slade's moved into Adrian where they purchased the old Central Hotel. They changed the name of the hotel to the Slade Hotel and operated it until 1891. At that time the old frame structure was moved off the site and the present brick hotel was constructed. The hotel became a popular community gathering place and stop-over for travellers. Mrs. Slade operated the hotel and set up dining facilities which further attracted guests, while George Slade continued to operate the farm to supply meat and vegetables for the hotel. In addition Slade operated a livery stable to the rear of the hotel which provided facilities for about thirty horses. An adjacent barn housed several cows which provided milk, cream, and butter for the hotel kitchen.

The hotel continued to play an important part in community life well into the twentieth century and up to the present day. After the death of George Slade in 1936, control and operation passed to his son, Fred Slade, who is the present owner. Fred Slade, was born in Room 6 of the hotel on 2 April 1896 and has spent his entire life in direct association with the family's enterprise.

The Slade Hotel is significant to the town of Adrian as part of the community's social and economic history, but further, it represents what is believed to be the oldest family-operated hotel in Minnesota. It has been carefully maintained and preserved in a turn-of-the-century flavor. Hotel records from the time of Slade's purchase in 1883 are extant, and together with the building, make a valuable contribution to the interpretation of Minnesota's history.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Hotel Records, Slade Hotel, Adrian
 Slade, Fred : Personal Memoirs
 "The Slade Hotel : Adrian's Living Museum"
 Worthington Globe, 3 April 1971

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

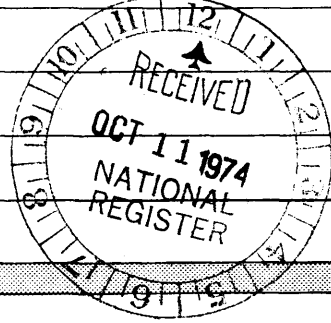
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **less than 1 acre**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Charles W. Nelson, Supervisor, Historic Sites Survey and Planning

ORGANIZATION: **Minnesota Historical Society** DATE: **12 August 1974**

STREET AND NUMBER:
690 Cedar Street

CITY OR TOWN: **St. Paul** STATE: **Minnesota** CODE: **22**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name Russell W. Fridley
 Russell W. Fridley, Director
 Title Minnesota Historical Society

Date October 7, 1974

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

[Signature]
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 6/30/75

ATTEST:
[Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register

Date JUN 27 1975

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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✓ Architecturally, the Slade Hotel is the finest unaltered example of late Victorian commercial design in the municipality of Adrian and in the general geographic area. It has received continual meticulous maintenance which has greatly aided in enhancement of its architectural merit. Extreme care has been devoted to interior and exterior details, even to the extent of retention of the more-than-six-foot high wooden storm windows and screens throughout. No other building in the commercial district of Adrian has survived the advent of plasticized storefronts and "modernization" treatments which have served only to conceal the local brick. With exception of the metal finials, the ornamental treatment of the Slade Hotel is integral, and not of the "applied" nature common to late nineteenth century buildings throughout the state.