

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Red Wing City Hall

and/or common

2. Location

street & number West Fourth Street, ~~Between Bush & Plum~~ not for publication

city, town Red Wing vicinity of congressional district First

state Minnesota code 22 county Goodhue code 049

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name City of Red Wing

street & number

city, town Red Wing vicinity of state Minnesota

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. County Recorder's Office, Goodhue County Courthouse

street & number

city, town Red Wing vicinity of state Minnesota

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Statewide Survey of Historic Places has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1979 federal state county local

depository for survey records Minnesota Historical Society -- 240 Summit Avenue-Hill House

city, town St. Paul vicinity of state Minnesota

7. Description

Condition excellent good fair deteriorated ruins unexposed**Check one** unaltered altered**Check one** original site moved

date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Red Wing City Hall is located on the south side of Fourth Street between Bush and Plum Streets, just north of the city's downtown commercial center. The building occupies half of a city block and is set off by a large lawn and landscaped area. The building's size, masonry construction, and setting contribute to its distinctiveness in this part of town.

The large two story masonry building is designed in the Renaissance Revival style, It is nine bays across the front and five bays deep. The five central bays on the Fourth Street facade form a central projection and are separated by pilaster strips running from the ground to the cornice. All of the first story windows are capped by triangular cornice window heads of a lighter colored stone. A contrasting keystone is located over each second story window. The entry is located in the center bay of the front facade and is topped by a pediment that matches the window caps. A belt course of lighter color located at the bottom of the first floor windows separates the smooth wall finish of the upper two floors from the rusticated stone work below. A large cornice circvents the building.

The east facade of the building differs from the other sides in that this side houses the Red Wing Fire Department. The garages located on the south end of the east facade are capped by triangular pediments that match the window and door treatment on the first floor.

The only addition to the building is a small one story brick addition on the west side at the rear of the building.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1905-06

Builder/Architect Lowell Lamoreaux

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Red Wing City Hall is significant as the only building associated solely with the city government of Red Wing, an important southeastern Minnesota community. Built in 1907 at the height of the town's City Beautiful movement, the building represents a community effort to provide modern public facilities for the city. Architecturally, the building is a well preserved example of the Renaissance Revival style, a popular style for public buildings at the turn of the century. It is one of several "landmark" buildings constructed in Red Wing during the early twentieth century.

The present location of the City Hall, the northern half of block 22, was first chosen and purchased by the city in 1887. In 1890 a building fund was begun. During the same year the fire engine house was moved to the city lot. The organization of a paid fire department at the turn of the century played a crucial role in the construction of the present building; additional quarters and modern facilities were needed. In 1905, it was decided that the new city hall should house both the fire station and city hall, and a committee of both Fire Commissioners and City Councilmen was appointed to investigate various alternatives. After considerable discussion as to location, cost and plan, the design of Lowell Lamoreaux, the St. Paul architect who had previously designed the community's T.B. Sheldon Memorial Auditorium, was accepted and the present building was constructed. The building included the fire station, jail, and city offices, and was valued at \$35,000. The lot valued an additional \$12,000. The building continues to serve the community by housing the fire department and the city offices and council chambers.

The Red Wing City Hall was built during the period when the community was experiencing increased local pride which resulted in numerous civic improvements. During the first decade of the twentieth century five other "landmark" buildings were constructed: the Post Office, the T.B. Sheldon Memorial Auditorium, the Chicago, Milwaukee, and St. Paul Passenger Depot, the Y.M.C.A., and the Carnegie-Lawther Library. All but the library are standing and in use today. The Levee Park and the John H. Rich Park were also established at this time. Of all these civic improvements, only the City Hall was totally a planned community effort--the others were either completely or partially funded by private interests. As a community effort to meet a community need during a particularly intense period of local awareness, the Red Wing City Hall is significant. The value of recognizing and preserving this "landmark" building is increased by the fact that it has been well maintained and continues to serve the community as it was originally intended.

PLEASE NOTE: The manuscript for this nomination was prepared before the one paragraph limit for significance statements was stipulated.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Angell, Madeline, Red Wing, Minnesota, Saga of A River Town, Minneapolis, Dillon Press, 1977.
 Curtis-Wedge, Franklin, ed., History of Dakota and Goodhue Counties, Minnesota, Vol. II, Chicago, H.C. Cooper, Jr. & Co., 1910.
 Rasmussen, C.A., A History of the City of Red Wing, Minnesota, Red Wing: 1933
Red Wing City Council Minutes: Red Wing Fire Commissioners' Minutes.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property less than 1 acre

Quadrangle name Red Wing

UTM NOT VERIFIED

Quadrangle scale 7.5

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Northerly 1/2 of Block 22, Original Town.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Britta Bloomberg

organization Minnesota Historical Society date April 1979

street & number 240 Summit Avenue-Hill House telephone (612) 296-0102

city or town St. Paul state Minnesota

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Russell W. Fridley

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date

7/19/79

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

attest

Carol D. Shull

date

11-14-79

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

Kristin O'Connell

date

11/5/79

Chief of Registration