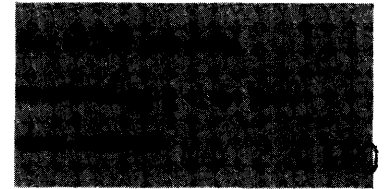


**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**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 Crow Wing County Courthouse and Jail

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Laurel Street not for publication

city, town Brainerd vicinity of congressional district 7th

state Minnesota code 22 county Crow Wing code 035

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

4. Owner of Property

name Crow Wing County Commissioners Attn.: County Auditor

street & number Crow Wing County Courthouse

city, town Brainerd vicinity of state Minnesota

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Crow Wing County Courthouse

street & number

city, town Brainerd state Minnesota

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Historic Sites Survey 1971

title Statewide Survey of Historic Resources 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 state Minnesota 55102

7. Description

| | | | |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| Condition | | Check one | Check one |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins | <input type="checkbox"/> altered | <input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair | <input type="checkbox"/> unexposed | | |

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Crow Wing County Courthouse is situated on the south side of Laurel Street on the original location of Fourth Street South, which was vacated for the courthouse construction. The Crow Wing County Jail is located immediately to the west of the courthouse. The courthouse is a large rectangular building, 130ft. x 90 ft. x three stories, designed by the architectural firm of Alden and Harris. Gebhard and Martinson, in A Guide to the Architecture of Minnesota, present the following description of the courthouse: "The usual City Beautiful scheme for a courthouse, with a rusticated basement (actually the first floor) and a two-story order of piers and columns above it--all well handled in this design with touches of sixteenth-century Italianate." Fenestration consists of 1/1 double-hung sash windows arranged singly and in groups of twos and threes. The main (Laurel St.) entrance consists of double glass doors with transom and sidelights in a segmental arch opening, flanked by cast iron lamp posts. The interior is polished white and pink marble with a central, two story, balconied court on the upper floors and a domed, stained glass skylight. The building houses all county offices except the sheriff's department (which is in the adjacent county jail) and, while overcrowded, remains in good repair and retains a great deal of integrity inside and out.

The Crow Wing County Jail consists of a rectangular, two story sheriff's residence structure, 48ft. x 30ft., built on an east-west axis, with a rectangular two story cell block, 55ft. x 45ft., extending directly to the rear. The entire building is constructed of red brick with white trim. The residence has a parapet gabled, tiled roof with a parapet gabled wall dormer, centered on the front slope. An enclosed porch extends across the front (Laurel St.) facade with a central, parapet gabled entrance; there is an open porch on the west end facade. Fenestration consists of 8/1 double-hung sash on the enclosed porch and 1/1 double-hung sash elsewhere, paired at the front facade second story level. The residence interior includes general living accommodations although the kitchen area is designed to prepare institutional meals. The cell block has a hipped roof which abuts the residence rear roof slope. It is unadorned except for the main cell block entrance at the north end of the east facade which consists of a small brick parapeted entryway with concrete lintel. The entire block has barred or sheet-metal-enclosed window openings. The interior consists of iron cell construction and the county sheriff's office. The interior of both sections of the jail building retain considerable integrity but are in need of repair.

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 |
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| | | <input type="checkbox"/> invention | | <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) |

Specific dates 1916 - Jail
1919-20 - Courthouse **Builder/Architect** Alden and Harris, St. Paul (both buildings)

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Crow Wing County Courthouse and Jail, including the attached sherrif's residence, are significant as the combined location of all county offices since courthouse construction at the present site in 1920. In addition, the courthouse building is significant as the most prominent public structure in the county and a fine example of City Beautiful architectural design. Both structures are well-preserved and maintained. While continued use of the courthouse in its original function is planned, a new jail facility has been constructed to the rear of the present jail. The old jail will become the home of the county historical society, which presently is housed in part of the courthouse basement. The adaptive use of the jail as historical society offices and museum has been designed in sympathy with the original architecture and function of the building. Plans include the retention of the domestic interior of the sherrif's residence and of part of the cell block for historical interpretation.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Aguar, Jyring, Whiteman, Moser, Inc. General Comprehensive Plan, Crow Wing County, Minnesota, Duluth, 1970. Page 49

Gebhard, David, and Tom Martinson. A Guide to the Architecture of Minnesota. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 1977. Page 184.

Board of County Commissioners, Crow Wing County. Proceedings. February 1, March 7, April 4, and May 13, 1916.

10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED
ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Acreage of nominated property approx. two acres.

Quadrangle name Brainerd Quadrangle scale 7.5

UMT References

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| C | | | | D | | | |
| E | | | | F | | | |
| G | | | | H | | | |

Verbal boundary description and justification

see continuation sheet - page 1

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 Robert M. Frame III, Architectural Historian/Research Historian-Survey

organization Minnesota Historical Society date March 19, 1980

street & number 240 Summit Avenue-Hill House telephone 612-296-9074

city or town _____ state _____

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

Russell W. Fridley

title State Historic Preservation Officer date 3/25/80

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

W. Ray Luce date 5/23/80

Keeper of the National Register

Attest: Kristin J. O'Connell date 5/20/80

Chief of Registration

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

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| RECEIVED | APR 15 1980 |
| DATE ENTERED | MAY 23 1980 |

Crow Wing County Courthouse and Jail

CONTINUATION SHEET

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Verbal Boundary Description:

Commencing on Laurel Street at the point of intersection with the west edge of the county jail driveway and continuing easterly along Laurel Street to a point in line with the west wall of the Brainerd Post Office building; thence southerly to a point in line with the north edge of the courthouse parking lot; thence westerly along the north edge of the parking lot to a point in line with the west edge of the jail drive way; thence northerly along the west edge of the jail driveway to the point of beginning.

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COUNTY: Crow Wing

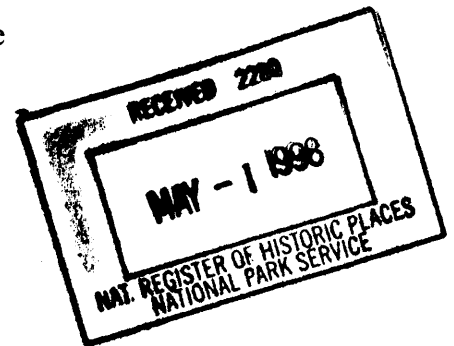
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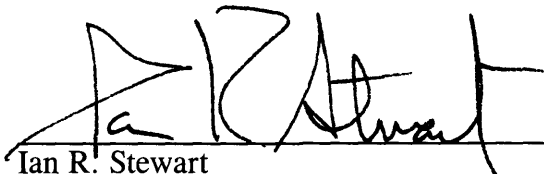
CITY/TOWNSHIP: Brainerd

VICINITY OF:

ADDRESS: 326 Laurel St.

COMMENTS: Address Correction





Ian R. Stewart
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

4/24/98
Date