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**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 Annandale Hotel

AND/OR COMMON Annandale Hotel

**LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER 60 Elm Street West  
CITY, TOWN Annandale VICINITY OF 6th  
STATE Minnesota CODE 22 COUNTY Wright CODE 171

**CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY OWNERSHIP STATUS PRESENT USE  
 DISTRICT  PUBLIC  OCCUPIED  AGRICULTURE  MUSEUM  
 BUILDING(S)  PRIVATE  UNOCCUPIED  COMMERCIAL  PARK  
 STRUCTURE  BOTH  WORK IN PROGRESS  EDUCATIONAL  PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
 SITE **PUBLIC ACQUISITION** **ACCESSIBLE**  ENTERTAINMENT  RELIGIOUS  
 OBJECT  IN PROCESS  YES: RESTRICTED  GOVERNMENT  SCIENTIFIC  
 BEING CONSIDERED  YES: UNRESTRICTED  INDUSTRIAL  TRANSPORTATION  
 NO  MILITARY  OTHER:

**OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Ida Sampson

STREET & NUMBER 60 Elm Street West

CITY, TOWN Annandale VICINITY OF STATE Minnesota

**LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

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

STREET & NUMBER CITY, TOWN Buffalo STATE Minnesota

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE Minnesota Inventory of Historic Places

DATE 1973  FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Minnesota Historical Society, Building 25, Fort Snelling

CITY, TOWN St. Paul STATE Minnesota

# 7 DESCRIPTION

## CONDITION

EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR

DETERIORATED  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Situated at the corner of Elm Street and Oak Avenue, the Annandale Hotel is a three story wood frame building. The principal facade, which is four bays wide, is dominated by a three tiered full front verandah. The supporting columns are bevelled. Balustrades run the full length of the second the third stories of the verandah. The slightly pitched gable roof is hidden from view by a slightly projecting false-front on the principal facade. A single stack brick chimney is visible above the roofline.

The only known alteration to the original facade is the addition of asbestos siding. The hotel and the concrete walkway fronts the railroad tracks and State Highway 55 (Elm St.). The structures in the area are a mixture of commercial and residential buildings.

# 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

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SPECIFIC DATES      1895                                      BUILDER/ARCHITECT      Unknown

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## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Annandale Hotel, constructed and opened in 1895 by Albert A. Thayer, is a three story wood frame building with a triple decked full front verandah. This hotel is a significant example of the large commercial wood frame hotels operated in Wright County around the turn of the century. These large hotels accommodated the traveling public, transit workers, and local people. They were commonly located along major transportation routes.

Annandale was platted in 1886, the same year the Soo Line railroad reached the village. The village was both a retail center for local agricultural business and a recreation center for tourists from Minneapolis and St. Paul.

The location of the principal entrance -- the hotel fronts on the railroad tracks -- reflects the major source of patron transportation. The building appears much as it did when first constructed and continues to operate as a commercial hotel.

The Annandale Hotel is an excellent example of the large wood frame commercial hotels that catered to the traveling public at the turn of the century.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Plat Book of Wright County, Minnesota, "Annandale Plat, 1901, Minneapolis, Minnesota, Northwestern Publishing Company.  
The Standard Township and Gazeteer of Wright County, Minnesota, 1894, Minneapolis, Minnesota, Central Publishing Company.  
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(see continuation sheet)

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than 1 acre  
 UTM REFERENCES

A	1, 5	4, 1, 1, 7, 5, 0	5, 0, 1, 2, 4, 5, 0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

## VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

West 80 feet of Lots 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15, Block 5, Original Plat.

## 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 / TITLE

John J. Hackett, Historian

ORGANIZATION

Minnesota Historical Society

DATE

13 July 1978

STREET & NUMBER

Building 25, Fort Snelling

TELEPHONE

612-726-1171

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 National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

*Russell W. Fridley*

TITLE

Russell W. Fridley  
 State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

7/17/78

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

*Whit*

DATE

8/4/78

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

REGISTER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

*Chas. Adams*

DATE

8-28-78

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Telephone Interview with Mr. Colin McDonald, Annandale, Minnesota, April 10,  
1978.

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Annandale Hotel     Wright County, MN

Name Change Approval  
to Thayer Hotel

Keeper Beth Boland 5/4/89

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Note: These changes apply to  
Annandale Hotel in Wright County,  
Minnesota.

REFERENCE NUMBER: 78001573

STATE: MINNESOTA

COUNTY: Wright

RESOURCE NAME (HISTORIC): Thayer Hotel

CITY:

VICINITY OF:

ADDRESS:

CERTIFICATION DATE:

REMOVED DATE:

COMMENTS:

*Nina M. Archabal*

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State Historic Preservation Officer

JUN 17 1988

Date