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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORMSEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1 NAME***
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HISTORIC

University Hall - Hamline University

AND/OR COMMON

Old Main - Hamline University

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

1536 Hewitt Avenue

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

St. Paul

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

4th

STATE

Minnesota

CODE

22

COUNTY

Ramsey

CODE

123

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

 DISTRICT
 BUILDING(S)
 STRUCTURE
 SITE
 OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

 PUBLIC
 PRIVATE
 BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
 IN PROCESS
 BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

 OCCUPIED
 UNOCCUPIED
 WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
 YES: RESTRICTED
 YES: UNRESTRICTED
 NO

PRESENT USE

 AGRICULTURE
 COMMERCIAL
 EDUCATIONAL
 ENTERTAINMENT
 GOVERNMENT
 INDUSTRIAL
 MILITARY
 MUSEUM
 PARK
 PRIVATE RESIDENCE
 RELIGIOUS
 SCIENTIFIC
 TRANSPORTATION
 OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Hamline University

STREET & NUMBER

1536 Hewitt Avenue

CITY, TOWN

St. Paul

VICINITY OF

STATE

Minnesota

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Ramsey County Courthouse - Registry of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER

15 West Kellogg Blvd.

CITY, TOWN

St. Paul

STATE

Minnesota

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Minnesota Historic Sites Survey

DATE

1971, 1974

 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Minnesota Historical Society, Building 25, Fort Snelling

CITY, TOWN

St. Paul

STATE

Minnesota

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" 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

In 1883, the prominent Minneapolis architect W.H. Hayes was commissioned by the Hamline University Board of Trustees to draw plans for a building to be erected on the newly chosen campus site. For the purpose of housing a library, college classrooms, and offices Hayes designed a Victorian Gothic building.

Old Main is a brick bearing wall structure with interior wood framing. It is three stories high on a high rusticated limestone basement. The principal facade of the building is five bays wide. The central bay is dominated by a four story tower with a spire. The dominant feature on the second level of the central bay is the wooden cantilevered oriel window containing a tripartite window arrangement. Decorative features in the oriel window consist of quatrefoil panels and a balustrade.

Building materials consist of cream colored brick with brown sandstone delineating belt courses at each story. The windows on the first story are capped with segmental arches. The windows on the second, third and tower stories are capped with pointed Gothic arches. The mansard roof is dormered and is covered with gray slate shingles.

The main recessed entry is through a brownstone Gothic arch supported by stone columns with foliate capitals. The capitals are of the Gothic bud motif.

The interior of the building is primarily devoted to office space. A two story auditorium is located on the second and third stories of the interior. The auditorium contains a small stage and balcony. The balcony is supported by cast iron columns with foliate capitals. Although the floor and room arrangement have changed throughout the years interior decoration has been well maintained, including newell posts, door casings, and spindles. The building is in an excellent state of preservation.

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 checked="" 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 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		

SPECIFIC DATES 1883 - present

BUILDER/ARCHITECT WARREN H. HAYES

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Old Main is the oldest extant building associated with the one hundred twenty three year history of Hamline University and has been in continual use for over ninety years. In 1854 the school was founded in Red Wing, Minnesota. In 1871 an eighty acre tract of land on Snelling Avenue between St. Paul and Minneapolis was chosen as a new site for the Hamline University campus. The original five story Old Main building was dedicated in 1880 and became the location of the school's activities. In February of 1883 this building burned to the ground and was replaced later in the same year with the existing Old Main building.

Old Main is a three story brick building designed in the Victorian Gothic style by influential Minneapolis architect W.H. Hayes. Hayes is noted as a Church architect who developed the Akron plan for Church design in Minnesota. He was a disciple of the famous architect, Henry Hobson Richardson. Hayes' most notable works in the Twin Cities area are the First Congregational Church, Wesley Methodist Church, Calvary Baptist Church and the Scottish Rite Temple (Fowler Methodist Church) all in Minneapolis.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Archives, Hamline University Library.

Jarchow, Merrill E., Private Liberal Arts Colleges in Minnesota: Their History and Contributions, St. Paul: 1973.

Pace, Charles Nelson, Hamline University, Minneapolis: 1939.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than 1

UTM REFERENCES

A	1, 5	4, 8, 7, 9, 5, 0	4, 9, 7, 8, 9, 0, 0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

Lynne VanBrocklin Spaeth, State Historic Preservation Office

ORGANIZATION

Minnesota Historical Society

DATE

14 January 1977

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 3/4/77

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

Charles Atkinson

DATE 9-22-77

ATTEST

Catherine Cole

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 9-22

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