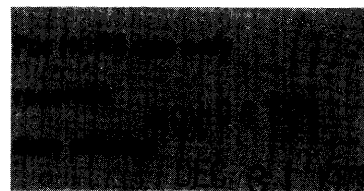


**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**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 Good Templars Hall -(School District 24)

and/or common Nininger Town Hall

2. Location

street & number 9965 124th Street East _____ not for publication

city, town Nininger _____ vicinity of congressional district First

state Minnesota code 22 county Dakota code 037

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 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 Nininger Township (Walter Bauer, Clerk)

street & number 10975 160th Street East, Route 2

city, town Hastings, _____ vicinity of state Minnesota 55033

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Dakota County Government Center

street & number 1560 West Highway 55

city, town Hastings state Minnesota 55033

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Statewide Survey of Historic
title 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

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

Good Templars Hall - School District 24 is a small wood frame building 20.5 feet wide and 38 feet long with a gable roof. Architectural details of the Greek Revival style include pilaster corner boards, entablature, and gable returns. The sash windows have six-over-six lights. There is a brick interior chimney. The present foundation, built in the 1870s, is of stone partially covered with concrete. Originally a two-story structure, the building was reduced to one story in the 1870s, apparently because of wood decay and lack of a sufficient foundation. At the same time, the walls were lined with soft brick that served as insulation. Recent restoration work included replacing the horizontal weatherboard siding; reshingling the roof; and rebuilding the chimney. The Hall is located on the townsite of Nininger, now a rural residential area.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1858

Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Good Templars Hall - School District 24 is significant as the only example remaining on the town site of Nininger of the Greek Revival style buildings constructed during the boom period of 1856-58. Nininger is the best documented of the many speculative town sites that were promoted in Minnesota during the 1850s, chiefly because of its association with Ignatius Donnelly, who later became lieutenant-governor, congressman, and a well-known author. The financial panic that began in 1857 and competition from neighboring Hastings brought Nininger's decline. Originally constructed as a two-story hall by the Independent Order of Good Templars Lodge No. 19 in 1858, the building became a school in 1859 and served that function for 90 years. It was reduced to one story in the 1870s, probably because of decay of the wooden structure due to lack of a proper foundation. The building was recently restored and is now used as the Nininger Township Hall.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Brainard, Dudley S. "Nininger, A Boom Town of the Fifties", Minnesota History 13:127-151, June 1932.
 Interview, William E. Benjamin, President, Mininger Chapter, Dakota County Historical Society.

10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED

Acreage of nominated property less than 1

Quadrangle name St. Paul Park

Quadrangle scale 7.5

UMT References

A

1	5	5	0	7	5	9	0	4	9	5	7	1	6	0
Zone			Easting				Northing							

B

Zone			Easting				Northing							

C

Zone			Easting				Northing							

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Zone			Easting				Northing							

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Zone			Easting				Northing							

H

Zone			Easting				Northing							

Verbal boundary description and justification

Lots 28 and 29, Block 67
 Nininger City

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 Susan Pommering Reynolds, Survey Analyst

organization Minnesota Historical Society

date 6 June 1979

street & number 240 Summit Avenue-Hill House

contact Dennis Gimmedstad
 telephone 612-296-9545

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

Russell W. Fridley

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date 11/1/79

For HCRS use only

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

Carol O. Skell
 Keeper of the National Register

date 12-31-79

Attest: *Kristin O'Connell*

date 12/26/79

Chief of Registration

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

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*Corrected
10 Feb., 1989*

Note: These changes apply to
Good Templars Hall in Dakota
County, Minnesota.

REFERENCE NUMBER: 79001234

STATE: MINNESOTA

COUNTY: Dakota

RESOURCE NAME (HISTORIC):

CITY:

VICINITY OF: Hastings — *Nininger on map*

ADDRESS: *OK by USGS*

CERTIFICATION DATE:

REMOVED DATE:

COMMENTS:

Nina M. Archabal

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State Historic Preservation Officer

JUN 17 1988

Date