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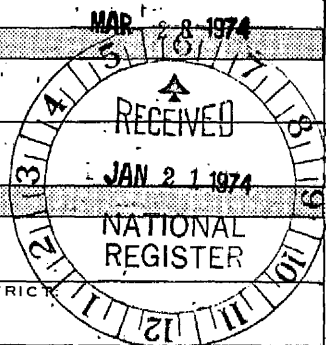NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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1. NAME

COMMON:
Jump River Town Hall

AND/OR HISTORIC:
McKinley Town Hall

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
~~One block~~ south of ~~State Hwy~~. 73.   Wis.

CITY OR TOWN:
Jump River

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
Seventh

STATE		CODE	COUNTY:		CODE
Wisconsin		55	Taylor		119

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
☐ District ☒ Building ☐ Site ☐ Structure ☐ Object	☒ Public ☐ Private ☐ Both	Public Acquisition: ☐ In Process ☐ Being Considered	☒ Occupied ☐ Unoccupied ☐ Preservation work in progress	Yes: ☐ ☒ Restricted ☐ Unrestricted ☐ No

PRESENT USE *(Check One or More as Appropriate)*

☐ Agricultural	☒ Government	☐ Park	☐ Transportation	☒ Comments
☐ Commercial	☐ Industrial	☐ Private Residence	☒ Other *(Specify)*	Used for
☐ Educational	☐ Military	☐ Religious	Recreational	voting and
☐ Entertainment	☐ Museum	☐ Scientific		dances.

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: (See Cont. Sheet)
~~Town of Jump River~~   Town of McKinley
c/o Erwin Schueller, Town Chairman

STREET AND NUMBER:
Rt. 2
Shelton, Wis. 54766

CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE
Jump River	Wisconsin 54434	55

STATE: Wisconsin

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Register of Deeds, County of Taylor

STREET AND NUMBER:
County Court House

CITY OR TOWN:	STATE	CODE
Medford	Wisconsin 54451	55

COUNTY: Taylor

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Wisconsin's Historic Preservation Plan, Vol. 2: The Inventory

DATE OF SURVEY: 1972	☐ Federal	☒ State	☐ County	☐ Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
State Historical Society of Wisconsin

STREET AND NUMBER:
816 State Street

CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE
Madison	Wisconsin	55

	(Check One)					
CONDITION	☐ Excellent	☐ Good	☒ Fair	☐ Deteriorated	☐ Ruins	☐ Unexposed
	(Check One)			*(Check One)*		
	☐ Altered	☒ Unaltered			☐ Moved	☒ Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL *(if known)* PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

    Rectangular in plan, the Jump River Town Hall is a small, plain, long wooden structure containing a single hall and two small offices. The front (north) and rear (south) facades of the building are trapezoidal with battered ends, and they rise above the roof peak. The roof, included within these end walls, is a simple, long gable. On either side of the building, under the roof's eaves, are bands of double-hung sash windows which run the length of the building.

    All exterior vertical surfaces are covered with horizontal board-and-batten siding which has been stained a dark green color. The roof now is covered with green asphalt shingling.

    Entry to the building is gained from the front through a small covered porch raised three steps above grade. The porch is covered with a small gable roof projecting from the trapezoidal end wall of the building and resting, originally, on a single, central pier. The central pier rises from a low, rectangular, free-standing wall parallel to the main elevation and including the small porch and its steps. Later additions were the two four-by-four wooden posts which flank the central pier to stabilize the porch roof.

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PERIOD *(Check One or More as Appropriate)*

☐ Pre-Columbian   ☐ 16th Century   ☐ 18th Century   ☒ 20th Century
☐ 15th Century   ☐ 17th Century   ☐ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) *(If Applicable and Known)*   1 915

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE   *(Check One or More as Appropriate)*

Aboriginal
☐ Prehistoric
☐ Historic
☐ Agriculture
☒ Architecture
☐ Art
☐ Commerce
☐ Communications
☐ Conservation

☐ Education
☐ Engineering
☐ Industry
☐ Invention
☐ Landscape
　Architecture
☐ Literature
☐ Military
☐ Music

☐ Political
☐ Religion/Phi-
　losophy
☐ Science
☐ Sculpture
☐ Social/Human-
　itarian
☐ Theater
☐ Transportation

☐ Urban Planning
☐ Other *(Specify)*

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

　　　　The Jump River Town Hall was designed by the major Prairie School architectural firm of (William Gray) Purcell and (George Grant) Elmslie and built in 1915. An exceedingly humble and unpretentious building, it was the first of only two Purcell and Elmslie commissions for small public buildings (the other being the 1917 Municipal Building at Kasson, Minnesota.)[1] Of the two, the Jump River building is, by far, the more modest, barely equalling an ordinary one-room school in its dimensions.

　　　　The building receives its architectural significance from having been designed by one of the most important Prairie School firms which practiced in the United States. In spite of its humble proportions, it must be given a statewide level of significance since it is one of only seven buildings by this firm remaining in Wisconsin. Perhaps its greatest significance lies in its historical embodiment of the progressive idea, well-known to Prairie School architects, that serious architectural design innovation can be applied to even the least-grand commissions. Here, the noted talents of Purcell and Elmslie were applied to a building of penultimate diminutiveness — virtually a one-room structure.

　　　　Today, the building stands, less normal wear-and-tear, much as it was originally. Next to nothing has been altered, and all that would be needed to put the building back in shape would be some repair and maintenance work. Its relative isolation in a remote and somewhat impecunious area of the state have left it unchanged albeit in need of attention.

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[1] Gebhard's dissertation, page 239.

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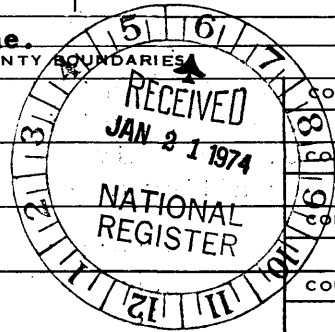1957.) Pages 239-240.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: · **Less than one.**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Jeffrey M. Dean, State Preservation Planner

ORGANIZATION
State Historical Society of Wisconsin

DATE
August 31, 1973

STREET AND NUMBER:
816 State Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Madison

STATE
Wisconsin   53706

CODE
55

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the Na-
tional 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. The recommended
level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐   State ☒   Local ☐

Name _James Morton Smith_

Title Director, State Historical
Society of Wisconsin

Date January 11, 1974

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 3/28/74

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date 3-27-74

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Correct owner: Town of McKinley
                 c/o Ervin Schueller, Town Chairman
                 Route 2
                 Sheldon, Wisconsin 54766