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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

* * Appleton City Hall

AND/OR COMMON

Appleton City Hall

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

23 South Miles Street

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Appleton

VICINITY OF

7th

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

Minnesota

27

Swift

151

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: Library

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

City of Appleton

STREET & NUMBER

133 Thielke Street

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Appleton

VICINITY OF

Minnesota

56208

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Swift County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Benson

Minnesota

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Minnesota Historic Sites Survey

DATE

1975

__FEDERAL STATE __COUNTY __LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR

SURVEY RECORDS

Minnesota Historical Society

CITY, TOWN

STATE

St. Paul

Minnesota

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

The Appleton City Hall is a two story Richardsonian styled building. Characteristics of this style include the three story corner tower containing the building's main entrance, arched entryways, gables capped with stone coping, and stone lintels and sills.

The foundation of the building is constructed of granite and concrete. The structural system consists of red brick bearing walls and heavy timber trusses supporting the hipped roof. Other than filling in openings and arches the exterior of the building has not been altered since its construction.

The first floor of the building originally consisted of three sections housing three functions of city government -- the fire hall, city jail and city administrative office space. In recent years the first floor housed a community meeting room, a library, offices and the city jail. Alterations to the first floor include flooring tile over the original wood floor and fluorescent lighting suspended from the ceiling. The second floor houses an auditorium. Significant features in the auditorium are an impressive domed ceiling, original wood floors, and a 1920's roll down, hand painted stage curtain featuring a rural scene and advertisements of local merchants.

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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1895 - present

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

N.W. Hawkinson

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Appleton City Hall is significant as an example of the Richardsonian style of architecture and as the governmental and community center for the town from 1895 to the present.

The building stands as one of the few 19th century monumental buildings in the rural area of western Minnesota. The building functioned as a social center for the community as well as a center for city business activities. The theater on the second floor of the building was used for Lyceums and touring theater groups in the first half of the century.

The Appleton City Hall will be totally vacated in November of 1976. The local Cultural Affairs Committee and community citizens are currently planning to provide space within the building for the Appleton Art Club, Community Theater, Photo Club, and the Senior Citizens Club.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Anonsen, Stanley Holte, A History of Swift County, Thesis, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, 1929.

Appleton Press, "Sixtieth Anniversary Edition: 1880 - 1940", May 10, 1940.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1/4 acre city lot, 75' x 32'

UTM REFERENCES

A	<u>1,4</u>	<u>7 3,4 1,5,0</u>	<u>5,0 0,9 2,6,0</u>	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Legal Description:

Robinson's third addition to the city of Appleton, Block 19, Lots 1, 2, 3.

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

Lynne VanBrocklin Spaeth / Fred Shank, Vice President 10/29/76

ORGANIZATION

Minnesota Historical Society / The Wold Association 612/726-1171

STREET & NUMBER

Fort Snelling Branch, Bldg. 25 / 600 Osborn Building

CITY OR TOWN

St. Paul, Minnesota 55111 / St. Paul, Minnesota

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL ___ STATE ___ LOCAL X

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 12/22/76

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

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION *[Signature]* DATE 6/17/77

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST: *[Signature]* DATE 6.1.77

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER