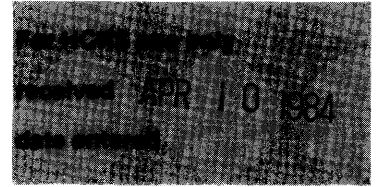


**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**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 Morris Industrial School for Indians Dormitory

and/or common Old Music Hall

2. Location

street & number University of Minnesota Morris Campus N/A not for publication

city, town Morris N/A vicinity of congressional district 7th

state Minnesota code 22 county Stevens code 149

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 checked="" 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 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 University of Minnesota, Morris

street & number N/A

city, town Morris N/A vicinity of state Minnesota

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Stevens County Courthouse

street & number N/A

city, town Morris state Minnesota

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Statewide Survey of Historic Resources

has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1980 federal state county local

depository for survey records Ft. Snelling History Center—Minnesota Historical Society

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 _____ N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Morris Indian Industrial School Dormitory is situated on the south edge of the central mall on the University of Minnesota, Morris campus.

The structure is a two and one half story rectangular building with a hipped roof, of red brick on a rusticated stone foundation. Fenestration consists of regularly spaced single double-hung 6/6 windows, with stone sills and segmental arched lintels, on both the first and second stories. Two projecting wall chimneys on the rear facade have been removed above the roofline. The open portico at the front central entrance is not original to the building, and is believed to have been added when the building was part of the West Central School of Agriculture campus. The interior of the building has been somewhat remodeled and now accommodates the Minority Student Offices and other facilities of the University of Minnesota, Morris.

The building was constructed as part of a building program instituted storely after the federal government took over administration of the Morris Indian School in 1897. Buildings constructed during this period included a classroom building, a bath house, a superintendents residence, a laundry, and a barn. With the exception of the dormitory, all of these buildings, as well as several constructed earlier by the Sisters of Mercy during their administration of the school from 1887 to 1896, have been removed. Other structures on today's campus were built during the administration of the West Central School of Agriculture (1909-1963) or of the University of Minnesota, Morris (1960-present).

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	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1899

Builder/Architect

Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Dormitory of the Morris Industrial School for Indians is significant for its associations with late 19th century U.S. Indian policy, and Indian education in particular. In 1887, with the passage of the Dawes Severalty Act, the emphasis in policy was redirected from isolating Indians on reservations to assimilating them into the mainstream culture. The system of education was crucial to this new direction; many of the first schools which were established were administered by nongovernmental groups (particularly the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions in Minnesota) under a "contract" system which utilized federal funding. The school at Morris was begun by Mother Mary Joseph Lynch and the Sisters of Mercy in 1887, and acted as a boarding school for Chippewa from the Turtle Mountain Reservation and for Sioux from the Sisseton Reservation, both in North Dakota. The Sisters operated the school until 1896, when a change in Indian policy ended the contract system and replaced the mission schools with government schools. The school was administered by the federal government, offering both industrial and academic training and serving primarily the Chippewa from northern Minnesota reservations, until 1909. In spite of the support of this system by the Indian conferences at Lake Mohonk, and others, opposition to boarding schools grew during the first decade of the century, and the Morris School was one of the first five federal Indian schools across the nation selected to be transferred to state governments for use in their general educational systems. (The campus at Morris became the West Central School of Agriculture, and, later in 1960, the University of Minnesota, Morris.) The Dormitory Building standing today was constructed in 1899, shortly after the school came under direct federal jurisdiction. It is the sole University structure remaining from the 22 years the campus was utilized as an Indian Industrial School.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Ahern, Wilbert H. "...the frequent change of men and measures in the administration of Indian Affairs: The Morris Indian School 1887-1909."

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than 1 acre

Quadrangle name Morris Quad., Minnesota-Stevens Co.

Quadrangle scale 7.5

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Commencing at a point on the south edge of the Campus Mall Street 300 feet east of the NW corner of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 36 T125 R42; thence south 200 feet; thence east 200 feet, thence north 200 feet, thence west 200 feet along south edge of street to point of beginning.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N/A code N/A county N/A code N/A

state N/A code N/A county N/A code N/A

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Dennis Gimmestad, Assistant State Historic Preservation Officer

organization Minnesota Historical Society date March 1984

street & number Ft. Snelling History Center telephone 612-726-1171

city or town St. Paul state Minnesota 55111

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

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date 4/6/84

For HCPS use only

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

for Allen Byer Keeper of the National Register

date 5/10/84

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration