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INVENTORY FORM FOR NOMINATED PROPERTIES

NATIONAL REGISTER

Name of Property: Menomonee Falls City Hall

Owner: Village of Menomonee Falls Date: 5/16/86

Address: N88 W16631 Appleton Avenue

Owner's address: W156 N8480 Pilgrim Road
Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin 53051

City: Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin 53051

County: Waukesha

*160 NRHP Certification

(a) _____ (b) _____

(c) _____ (d) _____

165 NRHP Certification Date

(a) _____ (b) _____

(c) _____ (d) _____

*170 Thematic or Multiple Resource Nomination Name

Multiple Resources of Menomonee Falls

180 NRHP List Name Menomonee Falls City Hall

*200 Level of Significance Local

*190 District Classification _____

*210 Applicable Criteria Architecture/ (C)

Historical association/event (A)

*215 Criteria Considerations _____

*220 Area of Significance

Architecture

Politics/Government

230 Period of Significance Architecture: 1929-1930

Historical: 1929-1937

60 Verbal Boundary Description North 60 feet of Lot 13,

Block C, Village Plat, Part of SW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 3,

Town 8 North, Range 20 East.

70 USGS Quad Map Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin

80 UTM Coordinates (Format: 99/999999/9999999)

16-409240-4780950

85 Listed Acreage Less than one

340 Review Board Date _____

Nomination includes:

One Building (contributing)

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INTENSIVE SURVEY FORM

Record No. _____ Property Name: Menomonee Falls City Hall

LOCATION

*10 County Waukesha

20 City or Village Menomonee Falls

30 Civil Town _____

35 Unincorp. Community _____

40 Location N88 W16631 Appleton Avenue

Town-Range-Section (Format: 9999W-99)

50 _____

55 Quarter Sections (Format: NW-NW) _____

60 Verbal Boundary Description North 60 feet

60 of Lot 13, Block C, Village Plat,

60 Part of SW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 3, Town 8 North,

60 Range 20 East.

PROGRAM REVIEW

250 Tax No. _____ Compliance No. _____

*270 A or D Grant _____

275 Covenant/Easement Dates _____

*320 Ownership Public

*330 Lead Agency _____

335 Local Agency _____

SURVEY

90 Photo Codes WK 94-14, WK-A 2-15; WK99-6,7,18, WK106-19

100 Survey Map Engineer's Map of Menomonee Falls

110 Map Code 94-14

120 Reconnaissance Surveyor Leonard Garfield

130 Reconnaissance Survey Date 1979

*140 Intensive Survey Name Menomonee Falls Intensive Survey

150 Intensive Surveyor Rausch/Kilsdonk (Johnson '84)

152 Surveyor Affiliation Architectural Researches,

155 Intensive Survey FY 1985

*235 Survey Eval. Eligible

*237 Survey District Classification _____

*240 Survey Level of Significance Local

*243 Survey Evaluation Criteria Architecture/Histo

245 Proposed District _____

280 NHL Date _____

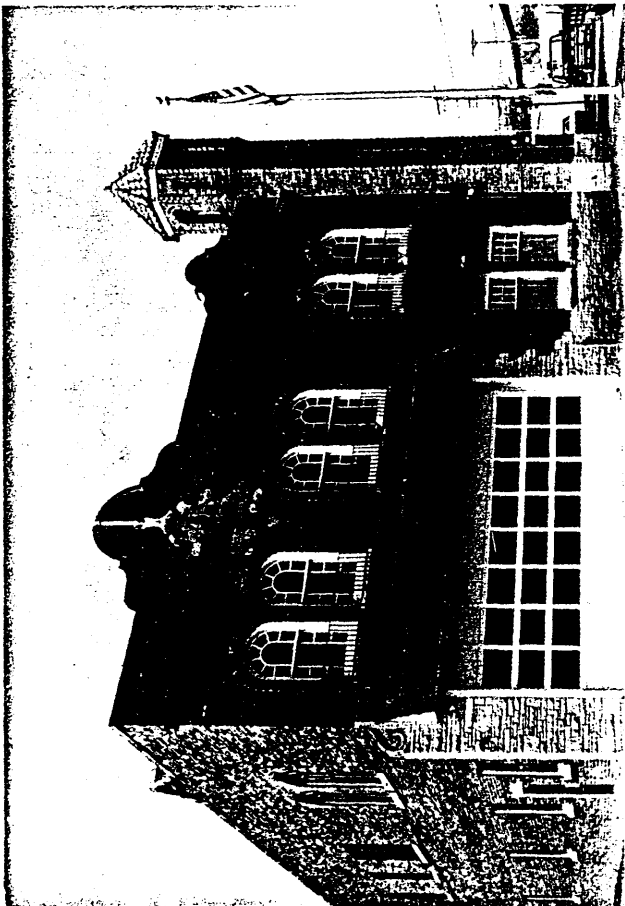
290 HABS No. _____ 300 HAER No. _____

*305 Local Designation (date) _____

320 Local District _____

315 Associated Archeological Site(s) _____

315 _____



Number

Street

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Address N88 W16631 Appleton Avenue

ARCHITECTURE

- 450 Construction Date [source] 1929-1930 A E
- 460 Date(s) of Alterations/Additions [source] _____
- 460 Rear Addition c. 1966 _____
- 480 Builder [source] Lupinski and Wolift (Milwaukee) masons. D
John Vierck (Milwaukee) carpenter. D
- * 490 Designer Type (a) Architect
- 490 (b) _____ (c) _____
- 500 Designer Name [source] (a) Hugo C. Haeuser
(Milwaukee) B
- 500 (b) _____ (c) _____
- * 510 Style or Form Spanish Colonial/
- 510 Mediterranean Revival
- * 520 Building, Structure, Object or Site Type
- 520 Village Hall
- * 530 Wall Material Brick
- * 532 Trim Material Limestone Metal
- * 535 Foundation Material Stone
- * 537 Roof Material Terra Cotta
- * 540 Interior Visited Yes
- * 550 Structural System [source] _____
- * 560 Plan Configuration L-plan with addition
- * 570 Number of Stories Two
- * 580 Roof Shape Flat with tower
- 590 Additional Description _____
- 590 (See last page)
- 590 _____
- 590 _____
- * 620 Condition Good

- * 650 Related Buildings _____
- 650 _____
- 650 _____

HISTORY

- 430 Current Name Menomonee Falls Fire Department
- 435 Current Function Fire House
- 440 Historic Names [source] Menomonee Falls City
- 440 Hall A B C E
- 440 _____
- 660 Assoc. Individuals [source] (a) _____
- 660 (b) _____
- 665 Dates Assoc. [source] (a) _____
- 665 (b) _____
- 670 Assoc. Events [source] (a) _____
- 670 _____
- 670 (b) _____
- 670 _____
- 675 Dates of Events [source] (a) _____
- 675 (b) _____
- 680 Historic Functions [source] (a) Village Hall and
- 680 Fire Department 13, (b) Fire Department
- 685 Dates of Functions [source] (a) 1929-30 to
- 685 1966 138, (b) 1966-1986 8
- * 687 Cultural Affiliation _____
- 688 Cultural Subgroup _____

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HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The Menomonee Falls Municipal Building was constructed in 1929 to 1930.^{1,2} It housed the Village offices and boardroom, the Police and Fire Departments, the public library, and the jail.^{3,4} It replaced the former Village Hall and Fire Station erected in 1895,⁵ three years after the Village incorporation.⁵ All but the Fire Department were removed from the building in 1966 with the erection of the new Village Hall.⁸

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

The Municipal Building gained significance by its representation of the theme of local government. The erection of a new Village Hall in 1929 to 1930 significantly symbolized the continuing growth and expansion of Menomonee Falls as a community. Its "CITY HALL" legend strongly indicates the village's inflated desire for additional growth, an outcome of the booster ethic. Indeed, such growth did occur during the 1940's as Milwaukee's citizens headed for its suburbs.⁶ The erection of the new Village Hall represented Menomonee Falls' recent economic expansion of the 1920's, as well as its desire for social unity. Strong municipal control was then associated with civil order, a sense of which was perhaps partially lost during preceding decades of rapid physical expansion.⁷

The period of historic significance extends from 1929 into the modern period, to 1937, because the Menomonee Falls Municipal Building continued to function in its original capacity and symbolize the boosters' desire for physical expansion and the citizens' need for civil order.

The level of significance was not felt to merit exceptional consideration and the period of significance was only taken up to the 50 year mark

DESCRIPTION

The Mediterranean Revival character of the brown-colored brick, two-story Menomonee Falls City Hall is achieved through the selective use of Mediterranean-styled architectural details. Exhibiting an asymmetrical facade ornamented by shaped parapets of curvilinear outline, the Menomonee Falls City Hall has an octagonal bell tower with round, arched openings, capped by a pyramidal red-tiled roof. Built on a cut-stone foundation, the Menomonee Falls City Hall is further characterized by paired arched second-story windows with wooden tracery and by an arched main entrance with arched transom window area, both featuring surrounds of articulated stone voussoirs. Rectangular windows on the lower story, stone sills and copings and stone accents on the lower facade that originally decorated the two former segmentally arched double-leaf entrance doors (now replaced by one large service door), a tall chimney on the northwest corner, and a brick belt course on the second floor level further characterize the former City Hall, Library, and Fire Department Building. A parabolic-shaped stone inscribed with the name "City Hall" partially inset in the brickwork on the upper facade extends up into the cornice and shaped parapet.

Used entirely by the Village Fire Department since 1966 when a new Village Hall was constructed, the building has been altered by a one-story brick entrance featuring two double service doors at the rear. In addition to the alteration of the service doors on the facade, several windows toward the rear on the south side have been altered. Except for one storage room, the interior has been completely remodeled to accommodate the Village Fire Department. During the dedication ceremony, on June 3, 1930, the entire audience, in unison, proudly dedicated "...this building to the realization of a nobler and grander community."^{A.B.E.}

700 STUDY UNITS (CODE)**ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING SIGNIFICANCE**

The Menomonee Falls City Hall building is significant under Criterion C as an example of civic architecture influenced by the Spanish Colonial/Mediterranean Revival. Built during the end of the era when many civic buildings were designed under the influence of the Classical Revival, the Menomonee Falls City Hall's design exhibits arched windows and entrance door, stone trim, shaped parapets, and a pyramidal red tile-roofed tower, which is characteristic of the eclectic Mediterranean Revival popular during the early decades of the 20th century.

The City Hall is one of two substantial buildings included in the Menomonee Falls Survey that were built during the same year in a Period Revival style (also see North Hills Country Club, N78 W13430 Appleton Avenue).

Originally built as a combination City Hall, Fire Station, and Library in 1929 on city property enlarged by the acquisition of land from the Koehler Estate from a design provided by Hugo Haeuser of Milwaukee, the building received little exterior alteration except for the service doors installed to meet the needs of the Village Fire Department.^{A.G.}

The city offices and library were removed when their new buildings were constructed in 1966.

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- E. Building inscription and cornerstone.
- F. Dedication of Municipal Building brochure, June 3, 1930 (Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin, 1930)
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