

**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 Riverside Hotel

and/or common Rum River Inn

2. Location

street & number 3631 Bridge Street ___ not for publication

city, town St. Francis ___ vicinity of congressional district 8th

state Minnesota code 22 county Anoka code 003

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Michael Gaage

street & number P.O. Box 186

city, town St. Francis ___ vicinity of state Minnesota

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Anoka County Courthouse

street & number

city, town Anoka state Minnesota

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Statewide Survey of Historic
title Resources has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1978, 1979 ___ federal state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records Minnesota Historical Society -- 240 Summit Avenue-Hill House

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

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Riverside Hotel is located overlooking the Rum River in the small rural town of St. Francis, fifteen miles north of the city of Anoka.

The hotel is a two story wood frame structure with clapboard siding. It is rectangular shaped with a projecting gable ended section of the front facade. The hotel was originally constructed. ca. 1860, in an "L" shape -- composed of two two-story gable ended sections. A two story gabled wing, with two dormers on the north and south facades, was added to the hotel's west facade at the turn of the century. A colonnaded porch, with a centrally located peak, was added to the projecting bay at that time. Original architectural design features are limited to the semi-circular windows in the east gable end and in the front projecting gable.

The front facade has recently been remodeled. Brick facing has been placed across the first two feet of the building's front facade. A full front porch with a sloping roof has also been added.

The interior of the hotel has undergone numerous remodelings since construction. It presently contains a bar and restaurant on the first floor and a residence on the second floor.

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 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates ca. 1860 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Riverside Hotel, constructed ca. 1860, is the only extant commercial building directly associated with St. Francis' settlement and subsequent boom period as a lumbering town. Its association with Anoka and St. Francis' founding family, the Woodbury family, is of added significance.

The hotel was originally built as a residence for the Woodbury family, who platted the towns of Anoka and St. Francis, and constructed dams and sawmills at both locations. The residence was expanded into a hotel to house lumbermen and seasonal workers who were employed in the Woodbury mills. The hotel's use peaked at the turn of the century with the demand for seasonal industrial worker's housing. At the turn of the century St. Francis' industries included the Shaddick Creamery (1866), the St. Francis Mill (1888), the St. Francis Starch Factory (1895), and the St. Francis Canning Factory (1900).

PLEASE NOTE: The manuscript for this nomination was prepared before the one paragraph limit for significance statements was stipulated.

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property less than 1

Quadrangle name St. Francis

Quadrangle scale 7.5

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Village of St. Francis - Auditor's Plat - E 127.6 feet of Parcel 560 (except W 100') Block 4

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

state	code	county	code

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11. Form Prepared By

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organization Minnesota Historical Society

date May 1979

street & number 240 Summit Avenue-Hill House

Contact Dennis Gimmetad
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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

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title State Historic Preservation Officer

date

11/1/79

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

Sally G. DeLaha
Keeper of the National Register

date

12/26/79

Attest: Kristen O'Connell

date

12/26/79

Chief of Registration