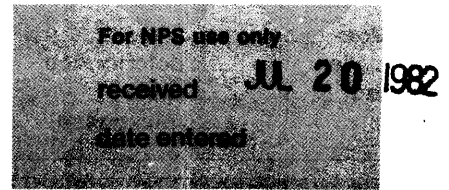


United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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 Winsted City Hall

and/or common N/A

2. Location

street & number 181 1st Street North N/A not for publication

city, town Winsted N/A vicinity of ~~Congressional district~~ N/A

state Minnesota code 22 county McLeod code 085

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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> government
	N/A 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 City of Winsted

street & number 181 1st Street North

city, town Winsted N/A vicinity of state Minnesota

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. McLeod County Courthouse

street & number N/A

city, town Glencoe state Minnesota

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Minnesota Historic Sites Survey has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1981 federal state county local

depository for survey records Minnesota Historical Society

city, town Fort Snelling History Center, St. Paul state 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

Erected in 1895 at a cost of \$6,000, the Winsted City Hall is a two story orange brick structure executed in a simplified Queen Anne style. It is situated on a sloping site allowing on-grade access to the basement level from the rear of the building. The City Hall remains virtually unaltered, with only minor interior modifications, since construction.

The building is essentially rectangular in plan with the longitudinal axis parallel to North First Street, the principal commercial street of the community. The First Street facade is the principal elevation of the building; the high granite foundation is only visible from the rear. Dominant features include semi-circular entrances, semi-circular and segmentally arched windows, recessed window bays defined by pilasters on the second story, and corbelled cornices. Two square towers with pyramidal roofs are situated at the corners of the principal facade and flank a central pediment with name/date plaque. The left-hand tower is an open belfry which retains its fire-bell in place.

The interior of the building remains much in the same plan configuration as when constructed; minor alterations include installation of paneling and lowered ceilings in certain offices. The basement originally served as storage and as a creamery in the early 1900s, later housing fire equipment and a jail. The first floor contains sections allocated for city functions and a senior citizens' center. The second floor is presently vacant; it has one large room with a stage which served as a social center for the community and provided a setting for theater, concerts, and dances. Both the first and second floors retain original ornate pressed metal ceilings.

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
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<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 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Winsted City Hall is significant as a well-preserved late 19th century Queen Anne municipal building and as the seat of city government from 1895 to the present.

Constructed in 1895 and dedicated 1 January 1896, the Winsted City Hall functioned as the center of city government as well as a social center; its second floor was used for touring theatre groups, concerts and dances. Of unusual note is the commercial use of the building's basement for a cooperative creamery. Built nearly three decades after the platting of the village in 1867, the Winsted City Hall stands as a reminder of the efforts of this predominately rural community to establish the seat of city government and a social and commercial focus in a permanent structure at the heart of the community. The two story brick city hall is now a dominant architectural element on the city's streetscape.

9. Major Bibliographical References

- Curtiss-Wedge, Franklin, ed. History of McLeod County, Minnesota. Chicago & Winona: H.C. Cooper, Jr. & Co., 1917.
- McLeod County Historical Society, McLeod County History Book, 1978, McLeod County, Minnesota, Taylor Publishing Co., Dallas, Texas, 1978.
- Winsted City Council. Official Minute Books of the City of Winsted.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than 1 acre

Quadrangle name Glencoe Quad. - MINN.

Quadrangle scale 15

UMT References

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Lot 1 Block 6, Original Townsite of Winsted

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 Charles Nelson, Historical Architect and Susan Roth, Research Historian

organization Minnesota Historical Society date 27 April 1982

street & number Fort Snelling History Center telephone 612-726-1171

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 National Park Service.


State Historic Preservation Officer signature Russell W. Fridley

Russell W. Fridley

title State Historic Preservation Officer date 7/9/82

For NPS use only

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

Melvin Byers  date 5/19/82
Keeper of the National Register

Attest: _____ date _____

Chief of Registration