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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
 Kanabec County Courthouse
 AND/OR COMMON
 Kanabec County Courthouse

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
 Maple and Vine Streets
 CITY, TOWN
 Mora
 STATE
 Minnesota

--- VICINITY OF
 8th
 CODE
 27

--- NOT FOR PUBLICATION
 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
 COUNTY
 Kanabec
 CODE
 065

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 type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" 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:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
 Kanabec County
 STREET & NUMBER
 Maple and Vine Streets
 CITY, TOWN
 Mora
 STATE
 Minnesota

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
 Kanabec Coun ty Courthouse - Registry of Deeds
 STREET & NUMBER
 Maple and Vine Streets
 CITY, TOWN
 Mora
 STATE
 Minnesota

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
 Statewide Historic Sites Survey
 DATE
 1972
 --- FEDERAL STATE --- COUNTY --- LOCAL
 DEPOSITORY FOR
 SURVEY RECORDS
 Minnesota Historical Society, Building 25, Fort Snelling
 CITY, TOWN
 St. Paul
 STATE
 Minnesota

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input 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 Kanabec County Courthouse is situated on a prominent rise of land at the southeast corner of the intersection of Maple and Vine Streets in Mora, Minnesota. This site comprises approximately one city block and, with the exception of a significant number of oak and elm trees, all facades of the courthouse are visually unobstructed.

Constructed in 1894 according to designs by Saint Paul architects Buechner and Jacobson at a cost of \$9,000, the courthouse is of buff colored brick with sandstone trim. The interior structural system is wood. The courthouse replaced an earlier frame structure of 1883 which was destroyed by fire. Two subsequent additions have been made to the 1894 building. The first addition was made in 1937. This addition virtually doubled the interior space of the original building and was executed in accordance to the original architectural design and materials. The third addition was made in 1974; it is a one storey section of buff colored brick which is attached to the south facade.

Stylistically, the Kanabec County Courthouse is representative of the Romanesque Revival mode. The principal facade (west) is dominated by a central tower which rises to a height of four storeys. The original plan was that of an "I" with a central hall running west to east. The short legs of the "I" terminate in flared gables surmounted by a stone coping. Original window treatment has been retained on the first floor and in the 1937 portion; windows in the second floor courtroom have been filled with glass-block.

The interior consists of two storeys on a full basement; the basement is also used for office space. Offices of the Auditor, Registrar, etc. are located on the principal floor with the courtroom and judges chambers on the second. There is a full attic, however only a central portion is usable for storage of records. Access to floors is provided by an open staircase in the southwest corner of the building with secondary stairs at mid-point in the 1937 portion.

The Kanabec County Courthouse is presently in an excellent state of repair; spatial adaptation through alteration has been accomplished sympathetically to the original design and is complementary throughout.

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 1894

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Buechner & Jacobson

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The present Kanabec County Courthouse has served as the political seat of County government since 1894. Constructed at a cost of \$9,000 it represented a major undertaking in one of Minnesota's counties whose population was neither large nor rich. It is executed in the Romanesque Revival style with a degree of simplicity not found in the more expressive and opulent political edifices constructed in Minnesota during the courthouse building boom of the 1890s.

The courthouse has been subject to two subsequent additions to accommodate demands for space; both of these additions are of compatible style and material to the original concept. The present building continues to serve Kanabec County in an excellent state of maintenance. Its preservation is an indication of its importance as a county landmark.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

- Cross, Marion E., Minnesota Courthouses. (Minneapolis?) Colonial Dames of Am. in Minn., 1966.
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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

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C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

Charles W. Nelson, Architectural Historian and Susan Zeik, Research Associate	DATE
ORGANIZATION	2 November 1976
Minnesota Historical Society	TELEPHONE
STREET & NUMBER	612-726-1171
Building 25, Fort Snelling	STATE
CITY OR TOWN	Minnesota
St. Paul	

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 DATE 11/29/76

TITLE Russell W. Fridley
State Historic Preservation Officer

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER	
CHIEF <u>[Signature]</u>	DATE <u>4/11/77</u>
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION	
ATTEST <u>[Signature]</u>	DATE <u>3/28/77</u>
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER	