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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
Morrison County Court House
AND/OR COMMON
Morrison County Court House

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
Broadway and 2nd Street

__ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN
Little Falls

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
7th

__ VICINITY OF

STATE
Minnesota

CODE
22

COUNTY
Morrison

CODE
097 ✓

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"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<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:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Morrison County
STREET & NUMBER
Broadway and 2nd Street

CITY, TOWN
Little Falls

__ VICINITY OF

STATE
Minnesota

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Morrison County Office Building - Registry of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER
Broadway and 2nd Street

CITY, TOWN
Little Falls

STATE
Minnesota

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Mn. Inventory of Historic & Prehistoric Places -- 1975

DATE
1975

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS Minnesota Historical Society

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 Morrison County Courthouse is situated on a one-block site immediately adjacent to the central business district of Little Falls, Minnesota. Executed in the Richardsonian Romanesque mode according to designs by architect C.A. Dunham, the building is constructed of creme-colored brick and grey granite. Both of these materials were obtained locally. Distinctive features of the design include an assymmetrical plan emphasized by complex rooflines, towers, decorative gables, polychromatic facade treatment, semicircular arched window and door openings, and an extensive use of stained glass.

The foundation is of granite. Granite is also used in the form of banding to emphasize storiation, sills, and lintels. The two principal entries employ arches framed in granite.

The dominant architectural element is a four story clock tower. It is square in plan and is surmounted by a pyramidal roof. The roof of the entire building retains original slate shingle sheathing.

On the interior, the courthouse provides facilities for county offices, penal system, courts, welfare department, and superintendent of schools. The courtroom and adjoining judge's chamber and jury room are located on the second floor. Woodwork throughout is of natural oak. (The interial structural system is also wood.) Each office and the courtroom has a fireplace with individually-designed mantle and decorative tile hearth. Floors in all offices and throughout the second level are of maple; the main floor foyer has flooring of octagonal ceramic tile. Original brass hardware has also been retained.

Little alteration has been made in the original courthouse building. Two annexes, however, have been placed at the rear of the block. These are linked to the main building by means of glass concourses. In this fashion the integrity of the original building has been preserved. The building continues to function as the county seat of government and is well maintained.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Board of Co. Commissioners minutes 1856-1870
 Board of Co. Commissioners minutes 1890-1891

Fuller, Clara History of Morrison and Todd Counties, Minnesota 1915

Little Falls Transcript - Clippings on file at Morrison Co. Historical Society.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY approx 1

UTM REFERENCES

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ZONE				EASTING				NORTHING						

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ZONE				EASTING				NORTHING					

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

Jan Warner, Director Charles A. Weyerhaeuser Memorial Museum March 7, 1978

ORGANIZATION

Morrison County Historical Society

DATE

632-4007

STREET & NUMBER

P.O. Box 239 (South Lindbergh Drive)

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Little Falls,

STATE

Minnesota 56345

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

TITLE Russell W. Fridley
 State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE 6/28/78

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION
 ATTEST *Bill Labovick*
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 12/5/78
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER
 DATE Dec 4, 1978

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet**

Section number 2 Page 1

REFERENCE NUMBER: 78001552

STATE: Minnesota

COUNTY: Morrison

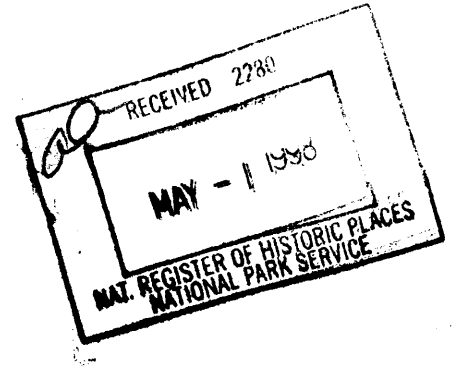
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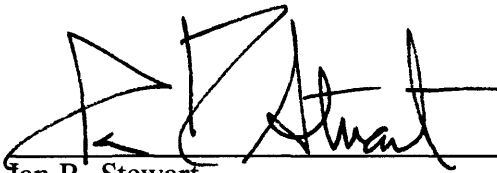
CITY/TOWNSHIP: Little Falls

VICINITY OF:

ADDRESS: 107 2nd St. S.E.

COMMENTS: Address Correction





Ian R. Stewart
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

4/24/98
Date