

**United States Department of the Interior
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**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Delhi Coronet Band Hall

and/or common Delhi City Hall

2. Location

street & number Third Street N/A not for publication

city, town Delhi N/A vicinity of

state Minnesota code 22 county Redwood code 127

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<u>N/A</u> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: <u>Vacant</u>

4. Owner of Property

name City of Delhi

street & number N/A

city, town Delhi N/A vicinity of state Minnesota 56234

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Office of the County Recorder - Redwood County Courthouse

street & number N/A

city, town Redwood Falls state Minnesota

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

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

date 1978 federal state county local

depository for survey records Minnesota Historical Society - Fort Snelling History Center

city, town St. Paul state Minnesota

7. Description

Condition excellent good fair deteriorated ruins unexposed**Check one** unaltered altered**Check one** original site moveddate N/A

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Delhi City Hall is a simple one-story frame structure measuring 24 feet wide by 64 feet long. Exterior features include a rudimentary "false-front" which incorporates the actual gable of the roof and is surmounted by an open belfry with bell. The principal facade was probably symmetrical in its original form with a central double door flanked by single tall two-over-two double hung windows. One of these windows was later replaced by a hinged garage door; the other window remains. The longitudinal facades are divided into four regular bays, each with a similar window.

Interior features include pressed metal affixed to walls and ceiling and a beaded wainscot.

The Delhi City Hall is presently in a seriously deteriorated condition. With the exception of the additional front garage door, however, the building has retained its original design integrity.

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/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1896 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Delhi Coronet Band Hall is significant for its association with the early development and organization of the City of Delhi. The town was platted in 1884 by Asa Felton and Charles Hatch on land adjacent to the newly-constructed Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Pacific Railroad. A local musical organization, the Delhi Coronet Band, purchased a lot from the railroad's townsite company in 1896 and constructed a hall to house their activities as well as a wide variety of community events, including meetings of Delhi Township. The band lost the building to private owners at a mortgage foreclosure sale in 1901. However, when the petition for the incorporation of the town was initiated in 1902, both the election and the initial meeting of the town were held in the hall, and in 1903 the town purchased the building. The hall played host to community and local school activities, and was used as city headquarters until 1971. In recent years, virtually the entire two-block business district of the small community has been abandoned and razed; the Coronet Band Hall remains as an important link to the town's beginnings.

9. Major Bibliographical References

See continuation sheet

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than one

Quadrangle name Redwood Falls Quad., MN

Quadrangle scale 15

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Lot 15, Block 12, Original Plat of Delhi.

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

state N/A code N/A county N/A code N/A

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11. Form Prepared By

name/title State Historic Preservation Office/Jerry Ockwig

organization Minnesota Historical Society/ --- date March 1, 1984

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

city or town St. Paul/ Delhi state Minnesota/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

title Russell W. Fridley date 4/10/84
State Historic Preservation Officer

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

[Signature] Entered in the National Register date 5/17/84
Keeper of the National Register

Attest: _____ date _____

Chief of Registration

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