

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

# National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

For NPS use only  
received JUL 20 1982  
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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

## 1. Name

historic Gibbon City Hall

and/or common N/A

## 2. Location

street & number 1st. Ave. and  
First Avenue & 12th Street N/A not for publication

city, town Gibbon N/Avicinity of ~~Congressional district~~ N/A

state Minnesota code 22 county Sibley code 143

## 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in process	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<u>N/A</u> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: vacant

## 4. Owner of Property

name City of Gibbon

street & number N/A

city, town Gibbon N/Avicinity of state Minnesota

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Sibley County Courthouse

street & number N/A

city, town Gaylord state Minnesota

## 6. Representation in Existing Surveys

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

date 1973  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records 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

moved date \_\_\_\_\_

**Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance**

The Gibbon Village Hall is a two story brick structure set upon a high basement of Morton granite. Constructed in 1895 at a cost of \$7,500, the building occupies a prominent/corner location in downtown Gibbon.

The Village Hall is executed in a variant on the Romanesque Revival style which incorporated Medieval design features. The massive corner tower with battered and buttressed lower section serves as the principal entrance to the building. This entrance is in the form of a large semi-circular arch at the first story level, reached via a steep staircase. The roofline or cornice of the tower forms a truncated base for an open belfry with an octagonal spire. A carved name/date stone is situated directly above the second floor window in the tower facade. The roofline on the main body of the Village Hall is crenelated as in a medieval fortification.

The Village Hall formerly housed the functions of the local government, fire hall, jail, and an auditorium/social hall. The firehall and jail occupied the basement story and were accessible through a semi-circular arched entry and canopy at the rear (side) of the building. The first floor was devoted to the auditorium with a stage at the end. The second floor contained a collection of rooms which were used as meeting rooms and offices.

The Gibbon Village Hall is presently vacant. The fire station has been re-located to a one-story brick garage immediately adjacent, and the governmental functions are now located in a former bank building two blocks away. The building has been relatively well maintained, and has recently been fitted with new wooden window sash and a new roof. Plans for future use are uncertain.

## 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
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<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** 1895 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Gibbon City Hall is significant as a well preserved example of an unusual Medieval variation of Romanesque Revival architecture and as the governmental and community center which served the city of Gibbon from 1895 to the mid 1970s.

Newspaper headlines which appeared in the Gibbon Gazette on 29 November 1895 announced the dedication ceremonies and tallied the number of representatives from neighboring communities who attended the dedication festivities. This attention was indicative of the public and social position city halls occupied in the small communities of rural Minnesota in the late 19th century. The Gibbon City Hall, said to be situated on the highest point of land in the city, is the dominant architectural element on the town's main street, and forcefully conveys the prominent role it played in the political, social and cultural affairs of Gibbon.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

"November 30 Open House at City Hall," The Gibbon Gazette, November 27, 1980, p. 1.

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than 1 acre

Quadrangle name Gibbon Quad. MINN.

Quadrangle scale 7.5

### UMT References

A 

1	5	3	7	8	7	6	0	4	9	3	2	1	5	0
Zone			Easting				Northing							

B 

Zone			Easting				Northing							

C 

Zone			Easting				Northing							

D 

Zone			Easting				Northing							

E 

Zone			Easting				Northing							

F 

Zone			Easting				Northing							

G 

Zone			Easting				Northing							

H 

Zone			Easting				Northing							

### Verbal boundary description and justification

Lots 1 and 2, Block 6, Original Townsite of Gibbon, Minnesota.

### 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

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

Delores Byers

Entered in the  
National Register

date 8/19/82

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration



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GEORGE

Gibbon City Hall  
Gibbon, MN; Sibley County  
Photographer: unknown  
1973  
Minnesota Historical Society, 690  
Cedar St., St. Paul, MN 55101  
Looking southeast  
0805/14

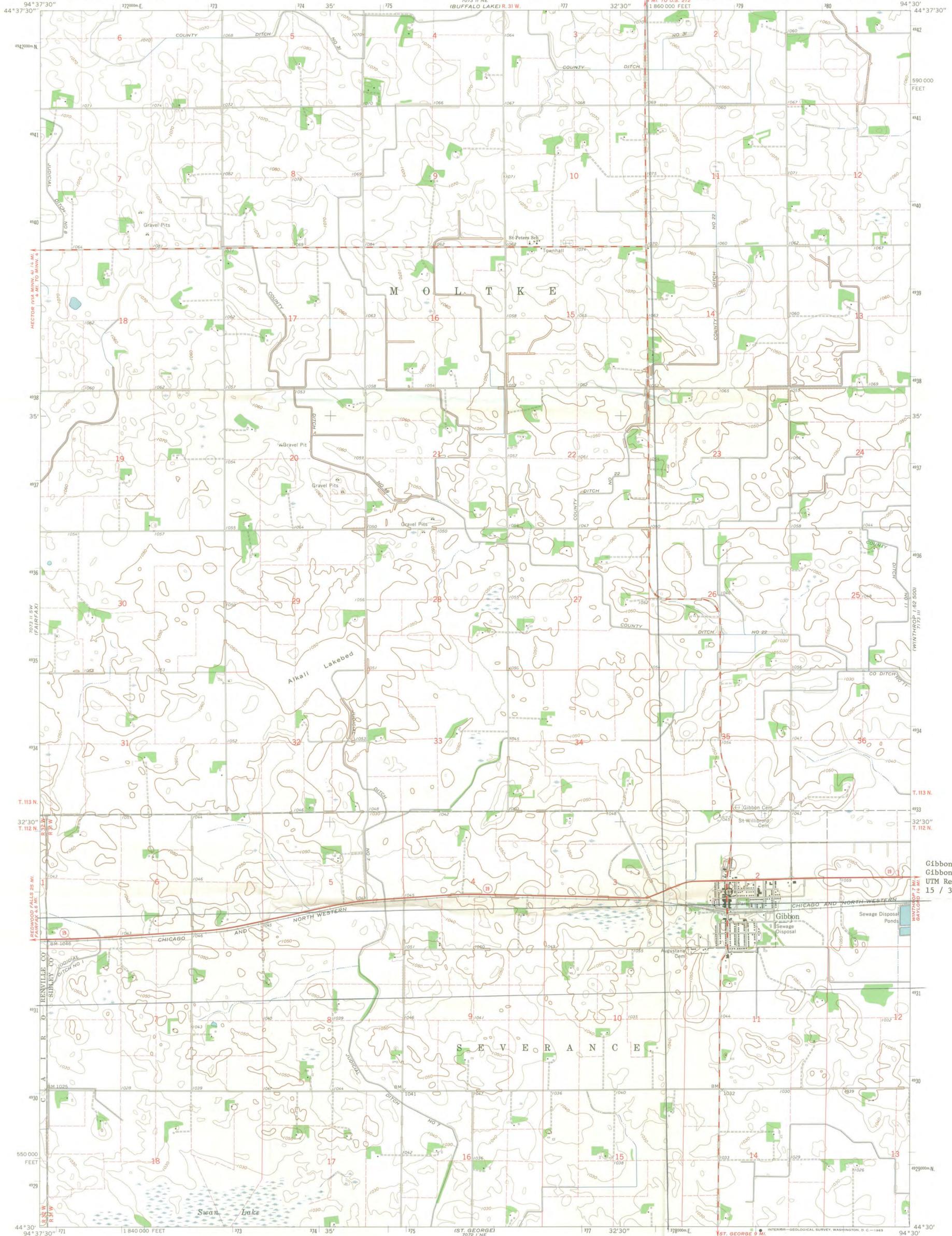
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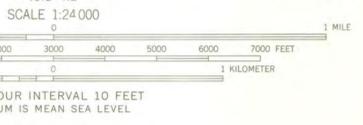
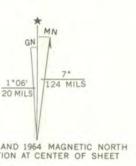
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1065 000 FEET

712 1/2 W  
1065 000 FEET



Gibbon City Hall  
Gibbon, MN; Sibley County  
UTM References  
15 / 378760 / 4932150

Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey  
Control by USGS and USC&GS  
Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial  
photographs taken 1963. Field checked 1964  
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum  
10,000-foot grid based on Minnesota coordinate system, south zone  
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,  
zone 15, shown in blue  
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where  
generally visible on aerial photographs.  
This information is unchecked



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty	Light-duty
Medium-duty	Unimproved dirt
State Route	



T116  
GIBBON, MINN.  
N4430-W9430/7.5

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, DENVER, COLORADO 80225, OR WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242  
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

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# National Register of Historic Places

## Note to the record

Additional Documentation: 1989

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

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Note: These changes apply to  
Gibbon City Hall in Sibley County,  
Minnesota.

REFERENCE NUMBER: 82003036

STATE: MINNESOTA

COUNTY: Sibley

RESOURCE NAME (HISTORIC): Gibbon Village Hall

CITY:

VICINITY OF:

ADDRESS:

CERTIFICATION DATE:

REMOVED DATE:

COMMENTS:

*Nina M. Archabal*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Nina M. Archabal  
State Historic Preservation Officer

JUN 17 1988  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

for Keeper Melony Lynn  
4/19/27

# National Register of Historic Places

## Note to the record

Additional Documentation: 2017

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

**National Register of Historic Places  
Continuation Sheet**

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Gibbon Village Hall
Name of Property
Sibley County, Minnesota
County and State
Name of multiple listing (if applicable)

**Resource Name (Historic):** Gibbon Village Hall

**Reference Number:** 82003036

**State:** Minnesota

**County:** Sibley

**Location:** Intersection of First Avenue and Twelfth Street, Gibbon

**Comments:** Please see Section 8 for architect/builder comment



Amy Spong  
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

7-26-17

Date

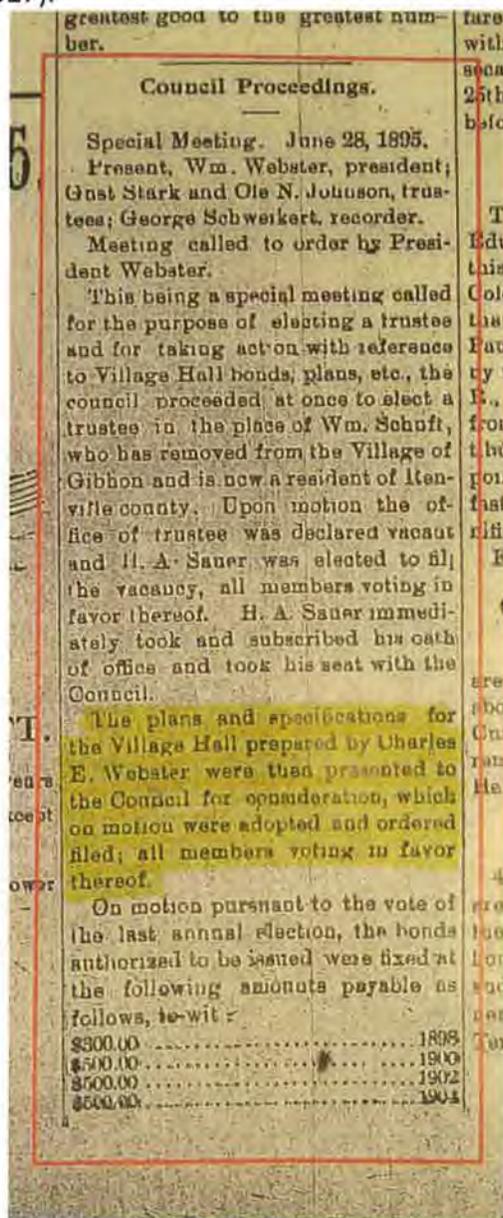
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Gibbon Village Hall
Name of Property
Sibley County, Minnesota
County and State
Name of multiple listing (if applicable)

**Architect/Builder:** The Gibbon Village Hall was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1982. At that time, there was no indication of who designed the building. However, as indicated below, recent research indicates that the architect of the building was Charles E. Webster, a local architect and inventor. (The council minutes are found in the *Gibbon Gazette*, July 5, 1895; Webster's vocation is provided by Sam Stemper, Webster's relative, in an e-mail to Denis Gardner on July 24, 2017).



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Requested Action:

Property Name:

Multiple Name:

State & County:

Date Received: 7/31/2017      Date of Pending List: 9/1/2017      Date of 16th Day: 9/18/2017      Date of 45th Day: 9/14/2017      Date of Weekly List:

Reference number:

Nominator:

Reason For Review:

Accept       Return       Reject      9/18/2017 Date

Abstract/Summary  
Comments:

Recommendation/  
Criteria

Reviewer Roger Reed  Discipline Historian

Telephone (202)354-2278 Date \_\_\_\_\_

DOCUMENTATION:    see attached comments : No    see attached SLR : No

If a nomination is returned to the nomination authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the National Park Service.

National Register of Historic Places  
Memo to File

# Correspondence

The Correspondence consists of communications from (and possibly to) the nominating authority, notes from the staff of the National Register of Historic Places, and/or other material the National Register of Historic Places received associated with the property.

Correspondence may also include information from other sources, drafts of the nomination, letters of support or objection, memorandums, and ephemera which document the efforts to recognize the property.

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

82003036

*Hibbon City Hall  
Sibley County  
Minnesota*

Working No. 7/20/82 - 2013  
Fed. Reg. Date: 2.1.83  
Date Due: 8/19/82 - 9/3/82  
Action:  ACCEPT 8/19/82  
 RETURN  
 REJECT  
Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Entered in the \_\_\_\_\_  
National Register \_\_\_\_\_

Substantive Review:  sample  request  appeal  NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria \_\_\_\_\_  
Reviewer \_\_\_\_\_  
Discipline \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for:  technical corrections cited below  
 substantive reasons discussed below

**1. Name**

**2. Location**

**3. Classification**

Category \_\_\_\_\_ Ownership \_\_\_\_\_ Status \_\_\_\_\_ Present Use \_\_\_\_\_  
Public Acquisition \_\_\_\_\_ Accessible \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Owner of Property**

**5. Location of Legal Description**

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

**7. Description**

Condition \_\_\_\_\_ Check one \_\_\_\_\_ Check one \_\_\_\_\_  
 excellent  deteriorated  unaltered  original site  
 good  ruins  altered  moved date \_\_\_\_\_  
 fair  unexposed

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

## 8. Significance

Period \_\_\_\_\_ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates \_\_\_\_\_ Builder Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

- \_\_\_\_\_ summary paragraph
- \_\_\_\_\_ completeness
- \_\_\_\_\_ clarity
- \_\_\_\_\_ applicable criteria
- \_\_\_\_\_ justification of areas checked
- \_\_\_\_\_ relating significance to the resource
- \_\_\_\_\_ context
- \_\_\_\_\_ relationship of integrity to significance
- \_\_\_\_\_ justification of exception
- \_\_\_\_\_ other

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

## 10. Geographical Data

Acres of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_  
Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_  
USGS References \_\_\_\_\_

Verbal boundary description and justification \_\_\_\_\_

## 11. Form Prepared By

## 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is  
\_\_\_\_\_ national \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## 13. Other

- \_\_\_\_\_ Maps
- \_\_\_\_\_ Photographs
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Gibbon Village Hall  
Sibley County  
MINNESOTA

Working No. 24 June, 1988

Fed. Reg. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Due: \_\_\_\_\_

Action:  ACCEPT 1/9/89

RETURN

REJECT

Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

*Approved*  
Entered in the  
National Register

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review:  sample  request  appeal  NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

The National Register has accepted additional information submitted by the SHPO. This information clarifies name, address and geographic location information on the original documentation.

Recom./Criteria \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewer \_\_\_\_\_

Discipline \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: \_\_\_\_\_ technical corrections cited below  
\_\_\_\_\_ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_

2. Location \_\_\_\_\_

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property \_\_\_\_\_

5. Location of Legal Description \_\_\_\_\_

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

7. Description

Condition	Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	
	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	
	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection



Minnesota Historical Society  
State Historic Preservation Office  
345 Kellogg Blvd West, St. Paul, Minnesota 55102  
651-259-3451



**TO:** Paul Loether, Keeper  
National Register of Historic Places

**FROM:** Denis Gardner

**DATE:** 07/26/2017

**NAME OF PROPERTY:** Gibbon Village Hall

**COUNTY AND STATE:** Sibley, Minnesota

**SUBJECT:** National Register:  
 Nomination  
 Multiple Property Documentation Form  
 Request for determination of eligibility  
 Request for removal (Reference No.        )  
 Nomination resubmission  
 Boundary increase/decrease (Reference No.        )  
 Additional documentation (Reference No. 82003036)

**DOCUMENTATION:**

- Original National Register of Historic Places Registration Form
- Multiple Property Documentation Form
- Continuation Sheets
- Removal Documentation
- Photographs
- CD w/ image files
- USGS Map
- Sketch (site) map(s)
- Correspondence
  - Owner Objection
    - The enclosed owner objections
    - Do  Do not  constitute a majority of property owners

**STAFF COMMENTS:**

Please see comments on first page of additional information.