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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

Scriver Block Building

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Bridge Square and Division Street

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Northfield

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Minnesota

CODE

22

COUNTY

Rice

CODE

131

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERCIAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Northfield Historical Society

STREET & NUMBER

Box 372

CITY, TOWN

Northfield

VICINITY OF

STATE

Minnesota

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Register of Deeds, Rice County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

218 N.W. 3rd Street

CITY, TOWN

Faribault

STATE

Minnesota

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Statewide Historic Survey

DATE

1973

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 type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" 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 Scriver Block Building is a two-story structure with a full basement. The building is 55 feet wide and 88 feet long. The exterior walls of the building are of Platteville limestone, two feet thick. Dressed limestone was used over arched windows and doors and for corner pilasters. Cast iron columns were used at the store front entrances facing Bridge Square and Division Street.

Originally the building had a flat tin roof with a bracketed cornice. However, a sloping roof was installed ca.1888 and the cornices modified at that time. The original tin roof may still be seen in the attic space.

Original stone windows on the first floor were divided into four panels with Gothic tracery above in an arched opening. In later alterations these were replaced with small square panes over a single large sheet of glass. Second floor windows were two over two light double hung sash with arched openings.

A steel stair leading to the second floor offices has been removed from the Division Street facade. However, the stair has been preserved and reinstalled at the rear of the building for access to the second floor porch.

The exterior of the building has been altered with the addition of stucco over the original stone walls and brick trim at window openings. However, the original stonework is intact under the stucco. The northwest corner of the building (currently occupied by the Chamber of Commerce) retains its original appearance with stone walls and dressed limestone trim over the arched window openings.

The first floor of the building has always been devoted to commercial use. Original occupants included a hardware store, dry goods store and a bank. The second floor was originally used for professional offices including several attorneys and a dentist. Today these spaces have been converted to residential apartments. The basement of the building was largely devoted to storage with the exception of a barber shop in the northwest corner, now a basement meeting room.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Yesterday Now, the Birth of a Museum, Northfield Historical Society, 1975.
 Huntington, George, Robber and Hero, Minneapolis, Christian Way Publishing Company, 1895.
 Nutting, Elizabeth, The Story of the First National Bank of Northfield, Minnesota, 1955.
Rice County Journal, 1872-1883.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 0.11 acres

UTM REFERENCES

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	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
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

Foster W. Dunwiddie

ORGANIZATION

Miller-Dunwiddie Architects, Inc.

DATE

May 27, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

7913 Southtown Center

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CITY OR TOWN

Minneapolis

STATE

Minnesota 55431

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 3/29/78

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

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Wm. Hunt

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST: Catherine Cole
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 5/5/78

DATE 5/4/78