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**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**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 Jordan Historic District

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Water Street and South Broadway not for publication

city, town Jordan vicinity of congressional district Second

state Minnesota code 22 county Scott code 139

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Multiple ownership - see continuation sheet, page 1

street & number

city, town vicinity of state

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Recorder's Office, Scott County Courthouse

street & number 428 South Holmes

city, town Shakopee state Minnesota 55379

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

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

date 1979 federal state county local

depository for survey records Minnesota Historical Society -- 240 Summit Avenue-Hill House

city, town St. Paul state Minnesota 55102

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 Jordan Historic District is located in the heart of downtown Jordan along Water Street east of Rice and at the corner of Broadway. Sand Creek forms a natural southern boundary to the district. To the north is more of Jordan's commercial district. To the west are a few commercial buildings, the railroad, and residences. A residential neighborhood is located between the eastern side of the District and the large hill which rises above the town.

The Jordan Historic District is primarily a commercial district composed of a total of sixteen buildings. The majority of the buildings were constructed between 1865 and 1880, at the height of Jordan's most vigorous development period. During these years both the Minnesota Valley Railroad and the Minneapolis and St. Louis Railroad reached Jordan, and the town gave the city of Shakopee stiff competition for the county seat designation. Two buildings date to the last two decades of the nineteenth century. Only three buildings were constructed after 1900.

The District appears today virtually as it did at the turn of the century. The non-continuous street facade on Water Street appears as it is not because buildings have been removed but because buildings were never added. After reaching a climax in development during the late nineteenth century, the growth of the town levelled off and these buildings were able to continue to meet the needs of the community. Only the Kehrer Building (#3), 1895, and the two most recent additions, Hennen Electric (#16), 1973, and the apartment (#13), ca. 1960, replaced earlier buildings. (The Peoples State Bank (#4), 1917, was the first building to occupy its present location.) The integrity of all of the buildings is outstanding. The two intrusions do not detract significantly from the historic character of the district.

Few "pure" architectural styles are represented in the District. The buildings are representative of the kinds of commercial blocks that lined the downtown streets of Scott County towns during the late nineteenth century. The most distinctive features of most of the buildings in the District are their construction of local Jordan brick (a light buff brick), the modest proportions, and simple decoration. The Nicolin Mansion (#1), 1888, and the Nicolin Opera House, (#2), 1876, both built by Frank Nicolin, Jordan's prime mover and developer, are the most characteristic of styles popular in larger population centers during the period. Later significant additions to the District which also carry the mark of popular styles are the Kehrer Building (#3), 1895, and the Peoples State Bank (#4), 1917.

The District was a thriving center of commerce in late nineteenth and early twentieth century Jordan and continues to serve the needs of Jordan's business community.

Of the sixteen buildings located within the district, twelve have been judged to be pivotal to the character of the district. Following are descriptions of the buildings of greatest historical or architectural significance within the district. The numbers correspond to the attached sketch map of the district. The buildings' current occupants are identified in parentheses.

(see continuation sheet)

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
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Jordan Historic District is significant as Scott County's best-preserved nineteenth century business district and as the primary commercial center associated with an important city in early Scott County. The District's integrity as a small town commercial center of non-contiguous business blocks is outstanding. The period of greatest significance represented by the District is the mid to late nineteenth century, when the majority of the buildings were constructed and Jordan achieved its greatest county-wide influence. The town was often referred to as the "Hub" of Scott County, a name earned for its reputation as an industrial and commercial center and also for its location on many of the county's major transportation links -- river, railroad, and highway. Jordan's growth climaxed early and then leveled off; the district records both the peak of development and, by the significant degree of original design integrity, the leveling off process as well. The Jordan Historic District served a thriving nineteenth century community; a bakery, millinery shop, book and drug store, harness shop, hardware store, post office, opera house were among the businesses to occupy the buildings of the District. The functions have changed to accommodate the needs of twentieth century Jordan, but the District remains a vital business center. Local awareness of and interest in preservation of the District is strong.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Anderson, Gail, Jordan, Minnesota, A Newspaper Looks at a Town, Jordan, 1975.
 Anderson, Gail, photo collection.
 Minnesota Gazetteer & Business Directories, 1872, 1873, 1879, 1896.
 Sanborn Insurance Co. Maps, 1887, 1892, 1899, 1904, 1910, 1947.

10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED

Acreeage of nominated property approx. 4 acres

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Quadrangle name New Prague

Quadrangle scale 15

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

see continuation sheet - page 4

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

state code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

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organization Minnesota Historical Society-SHPO date July 1979

street & number 240 Summit Avenue-Hill House telephone (612) 296-0101

city or town St. Paul state Minnesota 55102

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Russell W. Fridley

Russell W. Fridley

title State Historic Preservation Officer date 7-9-80

For HCRS use only
 I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register
 date
 Keeper of the National Register
 Attest: date
 Chief of Registration

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| <p>1. Nicolin Mansion (1888)
Gail Anderson
221 Broadway Street South
Jordan, MN 55352</p> <p>2. Nicolin Opera House (1876)
Geno A. Taddie
626 Broadway
Jordan, MN 55352</p> <p>3. Kehrer Building (1895)
Robert J. and Barbara R. Wolf
Route 1
Jordan, MN 55352</p> <p>4. Peoples State Bank (1917)
William G. Golla
234 Broadway Street South
Jordan, MN 55352</p> <p>5. Harness Shop (ca.1870)
Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Schwichtenberg
310 West Street North
Jordan, MN 55352</p> <p>6. Ritchell's Bakery (ca.1865)
Roman Kreuser
Route 2
Jordan, MN 55352</p> <p>7. Log Building (ca.1860)
Gail Anderson
221 Broadway Street South
Jordan, MN 55352</p> <p>8. Jordan Post Office (ca.1865)
R.F. Slavicek
c/o Gail Anderson
221 Broadway Street South
Jordan, MN 55352</p> <p>9. Klinkhammer Drugs and Books (ca.1870)
R.F. Slavicek
c/o Gail Anderson
221 Broadway Street South
Jordan, MN 55352</p> | <p>10. Scott County Bank (ca.1870)
R.F. Slavicek
c/o Gail Anderson
221 Broadway Street South
Jordan, MN 55352</p> <p>11. Printing Shop (ca.1875)
Gail Anderson
221 Broadway Street South
Jordan, MN 55352</p> <p>12. Ruppert's Bar (ca.1875)
Helen Patterson
224 Water Street
Jordan, MN 55352</p> <p>13. Apartment, 226 Water Street (ca.1960)
Helen Patterson
224 Water Street
Jordan, MN 55352</p> <p>14. Millinery Shop (ca.1875)
Daniel Yarusso
100 Wood Street
Jordan, MN 55352</p> <p>15. Hardware Store/Farrie (ca.1880)
Daniel Yarusso
100 Wood Street
Jordan, MN 55352</p> <p>16. Hennen Electric (1973)
Eldred M. and Elaine M. Hennen
100 Varner Street
Jordan, MN 55352</p> |
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1. Nicolin Mansion, 221 Broadway St. S., 1888. 2½ story brick house; Queen Anne style; multi-planed roof; oriel window; polygonal turret; two-story bay window; front porch added during the 1950s. (residence)
2. Nicolin Opera House, 231 Broadway St. S., 1876. Two story brick; Italianate; seven bays; tall narrow windows capped by hoods and keystones; brick pilaster strips between bays; bracketted cornice; incompatible storefront; brick painted. (The Hub - bar and liquor store)
3. Kehrer Building, 301 Broadway St. S., 1895. Two story brick commercial block; three bays; brick pilaster strips at corners with capitals; brick parapet with central projection carrying building name and date; metal awning covering part of storefront. (Jordan Rexall Drug)
5. Harness Shop, 225 Water St., ca. 1870. Two story brick commercial block; three bays; hooded windows; relief brickwork at top of building; two story exterior porch on east side of building; awning covering part of storefront. (Saturday Shop Antiques)
6. Ritchell's Bakery, 217 Water St., ca. 1865. Two story brick veneer commercial block; five bays; simple decorative brickwork; metal awning covering part of storefront. (Farm Bureau Insurance)
8. Jordan Post Office, Water St., ca. 1865. Small one story brick commercial building; two bays; slightly arched windows; relief brickwork at top of building. (Gramma's Attic Antiques)
9. Klinkhammer Drugs and Books, 208 Water St., ca. 1870. Two story brick commercial block; three bays; central door flanked by windows on both floors; second story balcony removed; simple brick decoration at top of building; unaltered storefront. (Gramma's Attic Antiques)
10. Scott County Bank, 216 Water St., ca. 1870. One story brick commercial building; three bay unaltered storefront. (Water Street Wood Works)
11. Printing Shop, Water St., ca. 1875. Two story brick veneer commercial block; keystones and hoods over windows; bracketted cornice; balcony and doorway on second story removed; awning covering part of storefront. (Morris Heating)
12. Ruppert's Bar, 224 Water St., ca. 1875. Two story brick commercial block; three bays; keystones and hoods over arched window and door openings; double doors in center bay on second floor; cast iron balcony; bracketted cornice with corner finials; storefront intact behind covering. (Ruppert's Bar)
14. Millinery Shop, Water St., ca. 1875. One story brick commercial building; recessed three-bay storefront; wood awning covering upper part of storefront. (vacant)

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15. Hardware Store/Farrie, 236-38 Water St., ca.1880. Two story brick commercial block; five bays; doorways at center bay on both floors; full height pilaster strips at corners and either side of center bay; hoods over arched second floor windows; storefronts mostly intact; second story balcony removed; third floor removed during the first part of the twentieth century. (Senior Citizens Center/Photography Studio)

The following two buildings are contributory to the historic character of the district:

4. Peoples State Bank, 234 Broadway St. S., 1917. One story red brick building; classical design features; three bay facade on Broadway with central door; windows and doors trimmed in contrasting white; six tall narrow windows grouped together on Water St. facade; applied wood cornice on Broadway facade. (Law office)

7. Log Building, Water St., ca.1860. Small one room log building; gable roof; doorway on Water St. side; situated towards the back of the lot, moved to site by the present owner for use in conjunction with antique store that occupies the Jordan Post Office (#8) and Klinkhammer Drugs and Books (#9). (Antique Storage)

The District also includes two buildings of recent construction dates. These are intrusive to the historic character of the district:

13. Apartment, 226 Water St., ca.1960.

16. Hennen Electric, Broadway St., south of Water St., 1973.

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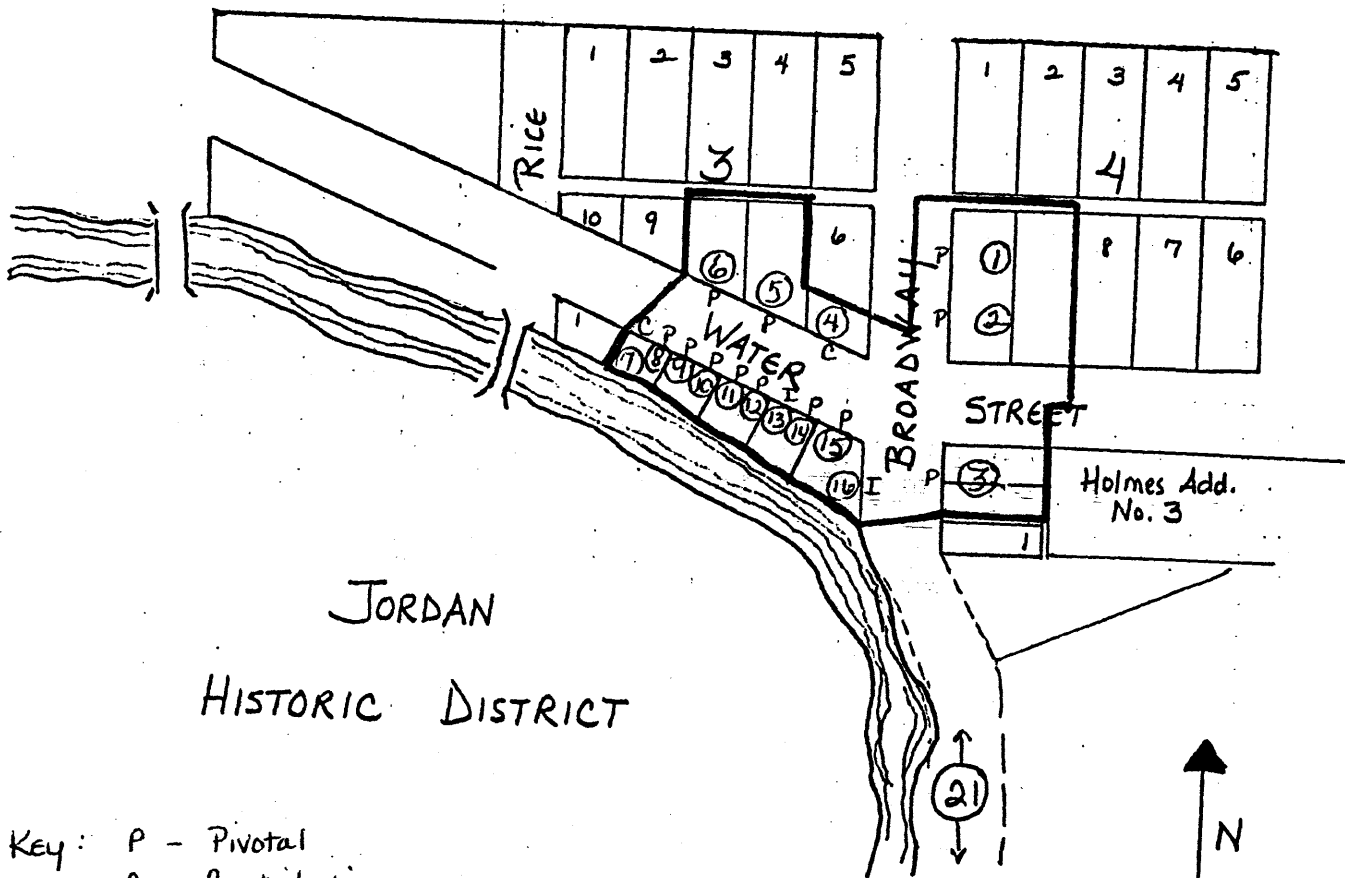
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Verbal boundary description:

Commence at the SW corner of lot 2, Nicolin's Addition to Jordan, follow Jordan Creek southeast to the southeast corner of lot 6, Nicolin's add.; cross Broadway Street to a point $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet north of the southwest corner of lot 2, Holmes Addition No. 3 to city of Jordan; thence east 105 feet to center of alley thence north along alley to center of Water Street; thence east 15 feet; thence north along east line of lot 9, block 4, original plat to city of Jordan, to center of alley, thence west along alley to center of Broadway, thence south along center of Broadway 117 feet more or less; thence west in a line parallel with the south line of Block 3, original town to the west line of lot 6, Block 3; thence north to center of alley; thence west along center of alley 120 feet; thence south to southwest corner of lot 8, block 3, original town; thence southwest across Water Street to point of beginning.



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- Key: P - Pivotal
C - Contributing
I - Intrusive

Circled numbers correspond to building numbers in the District's description.

