

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Minnesota	
COUNTY: Chisago	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 70.10.27.0022	DATE 12/15/70

1. NAME

COMMON:
Taylor's Falls Public Library

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
417 Bench Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Taylor's Falls

STATE Minnesota	CODE 22	COUNTY: Chisago	CODE 025
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Village of Taylor's Falls

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Taylor's Falls

STATE: Minnesota	CODE 22
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Chisago County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Center City

STATE: Minnesota	CODE 22
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Buildings Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: **1934** Federal State County Local

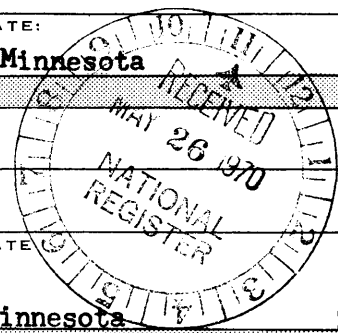
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Washington

STATE: D.C.	CODE 001
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Taylors Falls Public Library is of wood frame construction, 14'-4" wide by 32'-0" long. The east end faces the street. Although built in a simple, mid-19th century design, later alterations give it a late-19th century appearance. It is single story, painted white.

Two double hung windows set in "stick" style frames with shallow incised, "Eastlake" decoration flank a central door. The latter is covered by a Gothic-styled entrance canopy console. A horizontal wood molding at window sill height separates an exterior "wainscot" of vertical wood siding which extends up to the bottom of the gable. The wall surface of the gable consists of sawn, hexagon-shaped wood shingles.

Side elevations are covered with horizontal clapboard siding and are relieved by windows in undecorated frames, and by scalloped vergeboards. A 14'-0" wide by 7'-0" deep wood frame "lean-to" has been added to the rear since the 1887 remodeling.

The interior consists of 2 rooms and a storage shed. The front room has plastered walls and plastered barrel vault ceiling. Wood work is pine, grained to resemble oak. The bookshelving is decorated with "Eastlake" style design, typical of the period. The rear room has a decorated tin ceiling and oak grained pine woodwork. The 2 rooms are connected by a large, round head arched opening for double doors which have been removed but are stored in the shed.

The building is heated by a central stove. There is no plumbing. There is a small cellar, and the remainder of the area below the floor is crawlspace. Foundations are of local sandstone.



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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1854

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

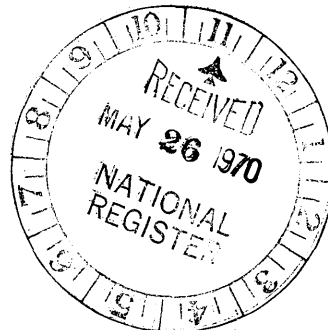
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Essentially unchanged in exterior and interior design and furnishings in the 83 years it has served as a library, and still actually used for this purpose; this building is a significant example of a small town library as it appeared and functioned before the age of Carnegie and the bookmobile.

The structure was built in 1854 by John Jacob Spengler for his use as a residence and a tailor shop. Uniforms for area men leaving for the Civil War were made here. As the George Booth residence, it was sold in 1887 to the Taylors Falls Library Association, an organization formed in 1871 with a total of 1,000 books. The building was remodeled in 1887 by Thomas Peck at a cost of \$400.00 for use as a Public Library.

While the simple horizontal clapboard side and rear elevation are a retention of the 1854 appearance, the sawn and turned ornamentation applied to the east elevation and the vergeboards illustrate the later styles: "Carpenter Gothic" and "Stick and Shingle". These two styles are becoming increasingly rare in Minnesota and this is a particularly good example.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Taylor's Falls Journal, August 25, 1887 (purchase of building by Library Association)

Dalles Visitor, vol. 1, no. 1 Summer, 1969, page 1

Brief History of Taylor's Falls, by Frances Folsom Murdock (typed manuscript in library)

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	45	29	12.8
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	92	39	10
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"			
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: $\frac{1}{4}$ acre.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Brooks Cavin, A.I.A.

ORGANIZATION: Minnesota Society of Architects, A.I.A. DATE: 13 April 1970

STREET AND NUMBER: 102 Hubbard Building, 2675 University Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: St. Paul STATE: Minnesota CODE: 22

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name Russell L. Fridley

Title Director, Minn. Historical Society

Date May 7, 1970

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Ernest Allen Connolly
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

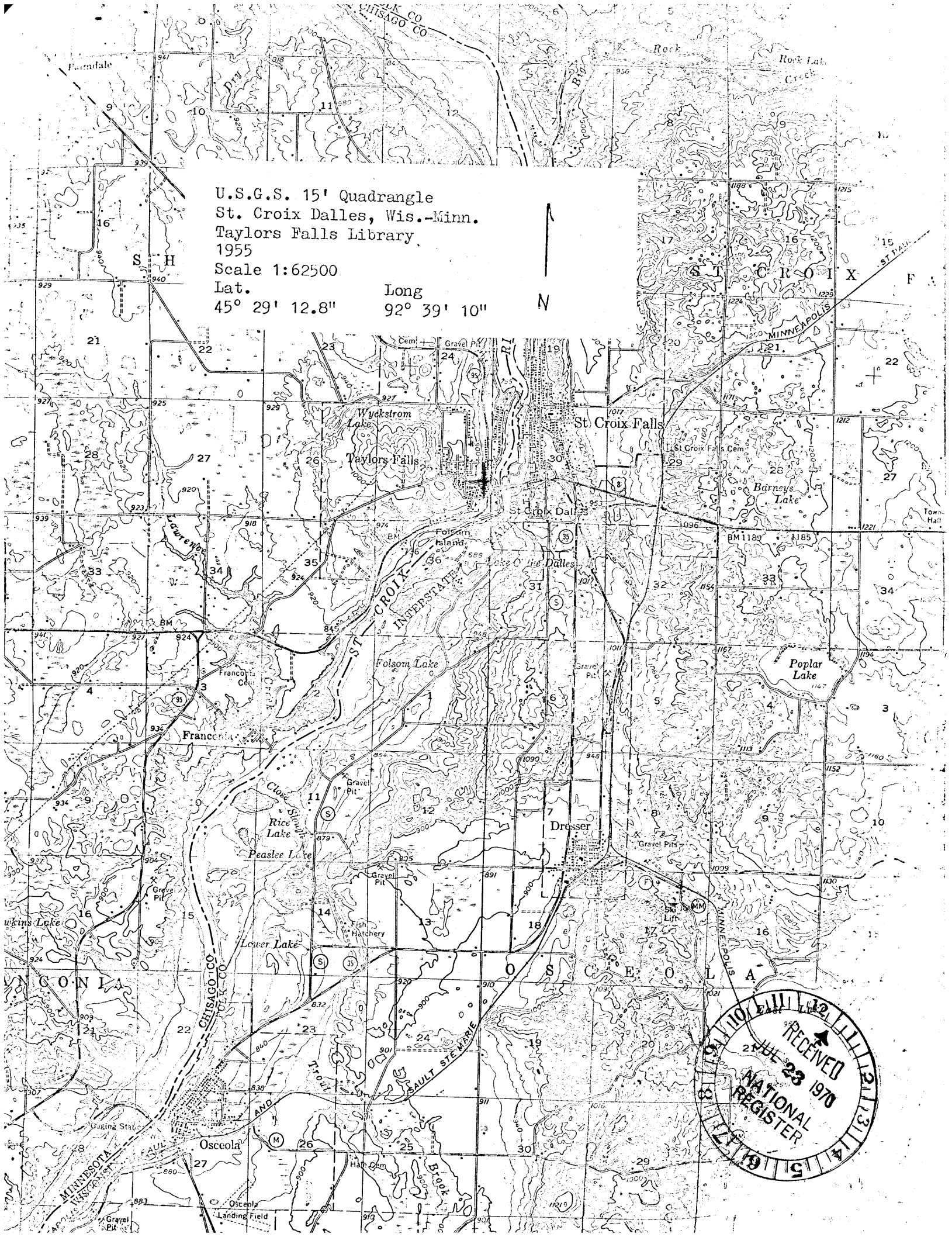
OCT 15 1970

Date _____

ATTEST:
William J. Huntoght
Keeper of The National Register

Date SEP 26 1970

U.S.G.S. 15' Quadrangle
St. Croix Dalles, Wis.-Minn.
Taylors Falls Library
1955
Scale 1:62500
Lat. 45° 29' 12.8" Long 92° 39' 10" N



Form 10-301
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
PROPERTY MAP FORM**

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

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Minnesota	
COUNTY	
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AND/OR HISTORIC:			
2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
Bench Street at Second and Walnut Streets			
CITY OR TOWN:			
Taylors Falls			
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Minnesota	22	Chisago	025
3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE:			
U.S.G.S. 15' Quadrangle, St. Croix Dalles, Wisconsin-Minnesota			
SCALE: 1= 62500			
DATE: 1955			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			

