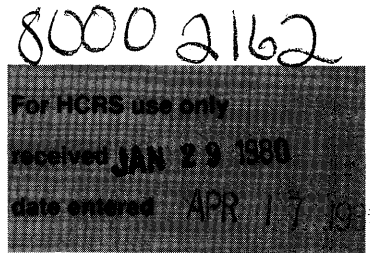


United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

**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 Jordan Brewery Ruins

and/or common Schutz and Kaiser Brewery

2. Location

street & number Broadway Street South _____ not for publication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 type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" 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
	<input type="checkbox"/> 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: vacant

4. Owner of Property

name Gail Anderson

street & number Route 1, Box 66

city, town Jordan _____ vicinity of _____ state Minnesota 55352

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

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 Jordan Brewery is located just south of the city of Jordan on the east side of Broadway Street South (State Highway 21) at the foot of the bluffs overlooking the town and the Minnesota River Valley to the west.

The large masonry industrial building was constructed in two sections. The northern section of the main building (ca. 1861) is a large three story ashlar limestone structure measuring 150 feet by thirty-eight feet. Window and door openings are arched and trimmed with local Jordan brick. Decorative brickwork caps the building. The building was built against the foot of the bluff, and caves were built into the hillside where the beer could be kept cool while it aged. The caves remain accessible. The southern section of the main building, also of masonry construction, is two stories in height and has a tall brick chimney located towards the rear. This section of simpler design was built around the turn of the century over a one story section dating ca. 1861. A one story brick bottling house building (ca. 1934) is located a short distance south of the main building.

The entire industrial complex was gutted by fire in 1954 and has remained vacant since that time. The ruins retain a significant degree of 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1864

Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Jordan Brewery Ruins are significant as a rare surviving nineteenth century industrial structure associated with an important Scott County industry. Jordan was an early industrial center in the county, and brewing became one of its thriving concerns when two breweries were established during the 1860s. The Jordan Brewery was begun in 1861 by Frank Nicolin and his sons, prominent businessmen and promoters in early Jordan. Nicolin sold out in the late 1860s and the building is better known for its later nineteenth century owners, Schutz and Kaiser (Schutz and Hilgers after 1902). The brewery was operative at this location through 1948 with a brief intermission during prohibition. Although gutted by fire in 1954 and vacant since that time, the Jordan Brewery is one of the largest and most impressive structures in Jordan. There is a strong local awareness of the ruins, and interest in their preservation.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Anderson, Gail, ed. Jordan, Minnesota, A Newspaper Looks at a Town, Jordan, 1975.

Anderson, Gail, Jordan Brewery, unpublished paper, on file at the Minnesota Historical Society, 240 Summit Avenue, St. Paul.

10. Geographical Data

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Quadrangle name New Prague

Quadrangle scale 15 minute

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Begin at a point on the east edge of Minnesota Hwy 21 100 feet north of the south line of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 19, T114N, R23W; commence east 200 feet, thence south 350 feet on a line parallel to Hwy. 21, thence west 200 feet to Hwy. 21, follow Hwy 21 north 350 feet more or less to beginning.

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

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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organization Minnesota Historical Society

date July 1979

street & number 240 Summit Avenue-Hill House

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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

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date

1-9-80

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