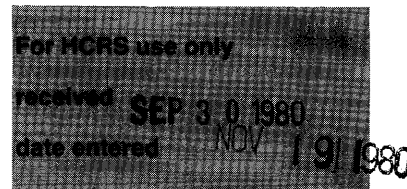


United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

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 Chester Terrace Apartments

and/or common Chester Terrace

2. Location

street & number 1210-1232 East First Street _____ not for publication

city, town Duluth _____ vicinity of congressional district 8th

state Minnesota code 22 county St. Louis code 137

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Chester Terrace Association

street & number 1232 East First Street

city, town Duluth _____ vicinity of state Minnesota

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Louis County Courthouse

street & number

city, town Duluth _____ state Minnesota 55805

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Report to the City of Duluth on Historical and Architecturally Significant
title Structures, 1970 has this property been determined eligible? yes no
Sommer, Lawrence, Landmark Structures of Duluth, Their History and Architecture, 1971
date Duluth's Legacy, Vol. 1, 1974 _____ federal _____ state _____ county _____ local

depository for survey records

city, town Duluth _____ state Minnesota

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one	unaltered exterior
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	altered interior
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input 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

Occupying a 300-foot frontage on the 1200 block of East First Street, approximately a mile from the downtown center of Duluth, Chester Terrace is an imposing Romanesque Revival row house. Constructed in 1890 to provide twenty-five residential units ranging from one bedroom apartments to 2800 square foot townhouses, the principal facade appears as fifteen individual units with distinctive fenestration and ornamentation.

Chester Terrace is three stories in height and is constructed primarily of brick on a stone foundation. The front facade is highly articulated in architectural design treatment while the sides and rear of the structure are of unadorned brick (the sides being of red brick and the rear of low-quality buff brick). The front facade is embellished with a variety of false gables (which hide a sloped flat roof), curved bays and polygonal towers. Stone finials and copings surmount the gables. Ornamental cast-stone panels with ornate patterns highlight the pediments of the false gables. Polychrome and texture are given to the facade through the use of a dark rusticated stone on the first story, above windows as lintels on the second story, and as sills for the third story windows. The remainder of the masonry surface is a smooth, hard-surfaced red brick laid with butter-joints. Wooden elements such as porches and door and window trim are dark brown. Openings for doors and windows are of three types: flat (with lintels), segmental arched, or semi-circular arched.

Of the fifteen townhouses (facade divisions) eleven were originally designed as single-family units of three stories each with an open staircase between floors. These units have survived in a relatively intact state with original mantels, floors, oak woodwork and doors, and unaltered floor plan. The four remaining units, the units at each end and the two central units were converted into apartments during the early 1960s. The exterior of the building, however, remains unaltered from its 1890 appearance.

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 type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1890

Builder/Architect Oliver Traphagen & Francis Fitzpatrick

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Chester Terrace is significant as an outstanding example of Romanesque Revival row house design in Duluth. It was designed by the important late nineteenth century architects Oliver Traphagen and Francis Fitzpatrick. Traphagen and Fitzpatrick are credited with the design of more than 50 substantial buildings in the Duluth area, many of which are executed in either the Romanesque or the Medieval style. Of these buildings, Chester Terrace, once known as a fine residential address, and Munger Terrace (listed on the National Register of Historic Places on December 12, 1976) were two of the major row houses erected in Duluth. The retention of original design integrity makes Chester Terrace exceptionally noteworthy, given the fact that it has functioned as a rental property since its construction in 1890.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Scott, James A. "Traphagen and Fitzpatrick, Representative Architects of Duluth"

10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Acreeage of nominated property less than 1

Quadrangle name Duluth Quad, MN.-St. Louis Co.

Quadrangle scale 7.5

UMT References

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B

Zone	Easting			Northing										

C

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H

Zone	Easting			Northing										

Verbal boundary description and justification

Lots 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, & 8, Block 15. Danning & Ray's Subdivision according to the recorded plat thereof, St. Louis County, Minnesota.

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

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Dale S. Newberg, General Partner/Charles W. Nelson, Historical Architect

Chester Terrace Association/Minnesota

organization Historical Society

date 2 May 1980

street & number 1232 E. 1st St./240 Summit Avenue

telephone (218) 728-4281/(612) 296-9073

city or town Duluth/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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Russell W. Fridley

Russell W. Fridley

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date 9/24/80

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

Forrest W. Ray
Keeper of the National Register

date 11/19/80

Attest:

Linda Hint McClelland
Chief of Registration

date 11-14-80

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

for Keeper Melvin Lynn
11/19/89

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Note: These changes apply to
Chester Terrace Apartments in
St. Louis County, Minnesota.

REFERENCE NUMBER: 80004341

STATE: MINNESOTA

COUNTY: St. Louis

RESOURCE NAME (HISTORIC): Chester Terrace

CITY:

VICINITY OF:

ADDRESS: 1210-1232 E. 1st St.

CERTIFICATION DATE:

REMOVED DATE:

COMMENTS:

Nina M. Archabal

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State Historic Preservation Officer

JUN 17 1988

Date