

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 Parker Building (Citizens State Bank)

and/or common Parker Building

2. Location

street & number 222-224 South Seventh Street not for publication

city, town Brainerd vicinity of congressional district 7th

state Minnesota code 22 county Crow Wing code 035

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 O'Brien Properties Attn.: Tom O'Brien

street & number 217 South Eighth Street

city, town Brainerd vicinity of state Minnesota

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Crow Wing County Courthouse

street & number

city, town Brainerd state Minnesota

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Statewide Survey of Historic
title 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<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

The Parker Building is located in the commercial district of the City of Brainerd at the northwest corner of the intersection of South Seventh and Laurel Streets. It is a three-story commercial block, 50 feet (along South Seventh St.) x 140 feet (along Laurel St.), with full basement. Built entirely of red brick masonry, its two primary decorative facades along the two streets are joined by a rounded corner where the main entrance is located. The overall architectural theme is Romanesque, "all smoothed out with turn-of-the-century classicism," according to Gebhard & Martinson, A Guide to the Architecture of Minnesota. Windows are placed in the multiple bays, divided by pilaster strips, along both facades. At the first story the windows are large plate glass store windows. Second story windows are located directly above in pairs of one-over-one double-hung sash. Similar third story windows are located above the second, also grouped in pairs, and each pair is topped with a single segmental arch. Triple windows round the corner. A continuous cornice is carried along both facades. The only significant exterior alteration is a modification of the first floor display windows along the west end of the Laurel Street facade. The interior, primarily store space on the first floor and office space on the upper floors, is almost entirely original. The walk-in bank vault remains in the basement.

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/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1909

Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Parker Building is significant architecturally as a virtually unaltered example of the commercial block style from the turn-of-the-century era. It is significant commercially as a building designed to house a variety of Brainerd establishments, including, during its first years, one of the city's two banks. It was built in 1909 by the Parker-Dunn Corp. primarily to serve the needs of the Citizens State Bank, which had been organized in 1889 as the Northern Pacific State Bank. It became the Citizens State Bank in 1906 with M.T. Dunn as president and Charles N. Parker as vice president. As a multi-use commercial building, however, it also includes a basement barber shop and a piano store. A variety of commercial tenants continue to lease space today from the current owners, O'Brien Properties, who have owned the building under several names since 1920. O'Brien Properties is interested in maintaining the historic appearance of the block.

9. Major Bibliographical References

See continuation sheet

10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED
ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Acreage of nominated property less than one
 Quadrangle name Brainerd Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UMT References

A	1 5	4 0 7 7 4 0	5 1 3 4 0 7 0	B					
	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing		
C				D					
E				F					
G				H					

Verbal boundary description and justification

The nominated property consists of Lots 1 and 2, Block 43, Town of Brainerd.

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/title Robert M. Frame III, Architectural Historian/Research Historian-Survey
 organization Minnesota Historical Society date March 19, 1980
 street & number 240 Summit Avenue-Hill House telephone 612-296-9074
 city or town 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
 title State Historic Preservation Officer date 3-25-80

For HCRS use only
 I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

W. Ray Luce date 5/23/80
 Keeper of the National Register

Attest: Kristin J. O'Connell date 5/20/80
 Chief of Registration

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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