

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Requested Action: Removal

Property Name: Minnewaska Hospital

Multiple Name: Pope County MRA

State & County: MINNESOTA, Pope

Date Received: 12/17/2018 Date of Pending List: Date of 16th Day: Date of 45th Day: 1/31/2019 Date of Weekly List:

Reference number: OT82003002

Nominator: _____

Reason For Review: _____

☒ X Accept ☐ Return ☐ Reject 1/31/2019 Date

Abstract/Summary
Comments: _____

Recommendation/
Criteria _____

Reviewer Roger Reed  Discipline Historian

Telephone (202)354-2278 Date _____

DOCUMENTATION: see attached comments : No see attached SLR : No

If a nomination is returned to the nomination authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the National Park Service.

Minnesota Historic Preservation Office

Request for Removal from the National Register of Historic Places

Name of Property: Minnewaska Hospital (NR 82003002)

Address: Wollan Street and West 5th Street

City/Township: Starbuck

County: Pope

Reason for Removal: The property has ceased to meet the criteria for listing because the qualities which caused it to be listed have been lost or destroyed (36 CFR 60.15 (a)).

Dates and Nature of Change: Razed, 17 January 2013

Comments:

When it was nominated to the National Register of Historic Places in 1982, the Minnewaska Hospital was used as an apartment house. But it began its life as the first hospital in Pope County, built and operated by Dr. C.R. Christenson in 1899-1900.¹ In addition, it was said to be the only hospital between Minneapolis and Fargo at that time.²

The need exceeded availability at the 14-bed facility and in 1911, a new hospital was built a block away. This facility was replaced by the Minnewaska District Hospital in the 1970s.² After 1911, the original Minnewaska Hospital housed apartments until it was forfeited to the City of Starbuck in 1985.³ The city then leased it to the Starbuck Jaycees to use as a haunted house at Halloween.²

In May 2001, the property was added to the Preservation Alliance of Minnesota's 10 Most Endangered Properties list.⁴ A little over a year later, in September 2002, a reuse study was completed for the building, funded by the Minnesota Historic Preservation Office and the Minnesota Office of Environmental Assistance through the Minnesota Project. The study found the building to be structurally sound and recommended a community center, restaurant, specialized retail space or offices as possible re-use options.⁵ Despite these recommendations, after sitting empty for years, the building was demolished 17 January 2013, with the explanation that it "would have cost the city \$3,000 a year for insurance . . . [and] the projected cost of restoring [it] was approximately \$500,000."⁶

When it was nominated to the National Register, the Minnewaska Hospital retained the seven aspects of integrity (location, setting, design, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association). The property's *setting* is unchanged; it is located at the edge of Starbuck's downtown. The

location, design, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association, however, were all lost when the building was demolished.

References:

- ¹Gimmestad, Dennis. "Minnewaska Hospital," National Register of Historic Places Registration Form, 1982. Minnesota State Historic Preservation Office, Minnesota Historical Society, Saint Paul.
- ²Hendrickson, Beth. "Old Starbuck hospital has a bad case of neglect," *Starbuck Times*, 23 August 2000.
- ³Mortenson, Marilyn, Starbuck City Clerk. Letter to Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer Nina Archabal, 18 June 1986. Minnesota Historic Preservation Office, Minnesota Historical Society, Saint Paul.
- ⁴"Starbuck building included on list of endangered properties," *West Central Tribune* [Willmar, MN], 15 May 2001.
- ⁵Morgan, Bill et al. "Minnewaska Hospital Reuse Study, Starbuck, Minnesota," September 2002. Minnesota Historic Preservation Office, Minnesota Historical Society, Saint Paul.
- ⁶"Old Starbuck hospital demolished last week," *Pope County Tribune* [Glenwood, MN], 21 January 2013, 3A.

Field Check By: Emily Ganzel, 28 May 2016.

Legal Description:

Original Plat of Starbuck
Block 62, North 50 feet of Lot 1

Amy Spong Date
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, MN Department of Admin





MINNEWASKA HOSPITAL - POPE COUNTY MN 24 MAY 2016 CAMERA FACING SW

MINNESOTA HISTORIC PROPERTIES INVENTORY FORM

FEB 17 1982

HISTORIC NAME: Minnewaska Hospital

COUNTY: Pope
CITY/TWP.: Starbuck

CURRENT NAME:

LEGAL DESC.: Original Plat
Block 62, N. 50' of lot 1ADDRESS: Wollan & Fifth
(S.W. corner)

CLASSIFICATION:	CONDITION:	SIGNIFICANCE:	THEME/S:
Building <u>X</u>	Excellent _____	Local <u>X</u>	Primary <u>Social/Humanitarian</u>
Structure _____	Good <u>X</u>	State _____	Secondary _____
Object _____	Fair _____	National _____	Others _____
District _____	Deteriorated _____		

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Yes _____ No X Restricted _____
 VISIBLE FROM THE ROAD: Yes X No _____
 OCCUPIED: Yes X No _____

PRESENT USE:
Apartments

DATE CONSTRUCTED: c.1900

ORIGINAL USE: Hospital

ORIGINAL OWNER: C.R. Christenson

ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Hendricks Enterprises, Inc;
c/o Quentin Hendricks; Rt. 5, Pine Acres; Princeton,
Minnesota 56371ACREAGE: Less than one acre XLOCAL CONTACT/CRG.: Pope County Historical Society;
Highway 104 South; Glenwood, Minnesota 56334

UTM REFERENCE:

STARBUCK, MN QUAD
15-302510-5053880FORM PREPARED BY: Dennis A. Gimmestad
DATE: September 1980

DESCRIPTION:

The Minnewaska Hospital building is located on the west edge of Starbuck's central business district.

The two and one half story frame structure is rectangular in shape and built so that its two street facades are immediately adjacent to the sidewalk. The exterior sheathing is clapboard. The gambrel roof of the building is pierced by a central chimney, a large shed dormer to the south, and three pedimented gable-roofed dormers (the middle one situated lower and constructed as a wall dormer) to the north. Fenestration consists of double hung rectangular windows placed irregularly on all facades of the building. A two story flat roofed addition has been appended to the west end of the structure (date uncertain). A short stone wall abuts the structure on the southeast corner, facing Wollan Street.

The major exterior changes on the structure have been the alteration of fenestration features. These changes include the removal of three oculus windows, two arched windows, and the arched entrance detailing on the Wollan Street facade; the modification of the south roof dormer to include an outside entrance and wooden stairway; and some other alteration of window placement. Although these changes have resulted in the loss of the building's primary decorative features, the domestic image imparted by the gambrel roof and the placement and scale of the structure distinguish it among Starbuck's downtown buildings.

SIGNIFICANCE:

The Minnewaska Hospital is significant for its association with an important early medical practice in Pope County, and as a surviving example of the kinds of early medical facilities erected in small western Minnesota communities as the individual practices of frontier physicians developed into more institutionalized organizations. Dr. C.R. Christenson was born in Portage, Wisconsin in 1867 and came to Starbuck in 1896 after receiving a medical degree from the University of Minnesota. He built the 14 bed hospital in 1899-1900 for his expanding medical practice. As the first such facility in the county, the Minnewaska Hospital was reportedly very well equipped and served a clientele ranging over a wide regional area. Accepting other physicians' patients as well as Dr. Christenson's, the hospital outgrew the quarters in a decade, and the community of Starbuck constructed a larger facility in 1911. The tradition of a strong medical facility for the small community of Starbuck (pop. 1138) has continued with the replacement of this 1911 building by a new hospital facility in the 1970s. Christenson's strong local presence and the placement of the building have resulted in a continuing local awareness of the original Minnewaska Hospital structure.

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

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Pope County Historical Society. Dr. C. R. Christenson. Unsigned manuscript in Pope County Historical Society files, January 7, 1942.

Starbuck Times. January 18, 1940.



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National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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date entered

Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area -
Thematic Group

dnr-1

Name Pope County Multiple Resource Area
State MN

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

- | | | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. Fremad Association Building (Pope County State Bank Building) | Entered in the
National Register | for
Keeper | <u>Silvius Byers 4/1/82</u> |
| | | Attest | |
| 2. Glenwood Public Library | Entered in the
National Register | Keeper | <u>Silvius Byers 4/1/82</u> |
| | | Attest | |
| 3. Pope County Courthouse | Substantive Review | Keeper | <u>William H. Brantam 4.1.82</u> |
| | | Attest | <u>Linda McClelland 2/25/82</u> |
| 4. Terrace Historic District (expansion of Terrace Mill Hist. Dist.) | Entered in the
National Register | for
Keeper | <u>Silvius Byers 4/1/82</u> |
| | | Attest | |
| 5. Lowry Public School | Entered in the
National Register | for
Keeper | <u>Silvius Byers 4/1/82</u> |
| | | Attest | |
| 6. Minnewaska Hospital | Substantive Review | Keeper | <u>William H. Brantam 4.1.82</u> |
| | | Attest | |
| 7. Pennie, Daniel, House | Entered in the
National Register | for
Keeper | <u>Silvius Byers 4/1/82</u> |
| | | Attest | |
| 8. Sunset Beach Hotel (published as pending 1-26-82) | | Keeper | |
| | | Attest | |
| 9. Urjans, Cabin (published as pending 1-26-82) | | Keeper | |
| | | Attest | |
| 10. Terrace Mill Historic District (previously listed 7-17-79) | | Keeper | |
| | | Attest | |



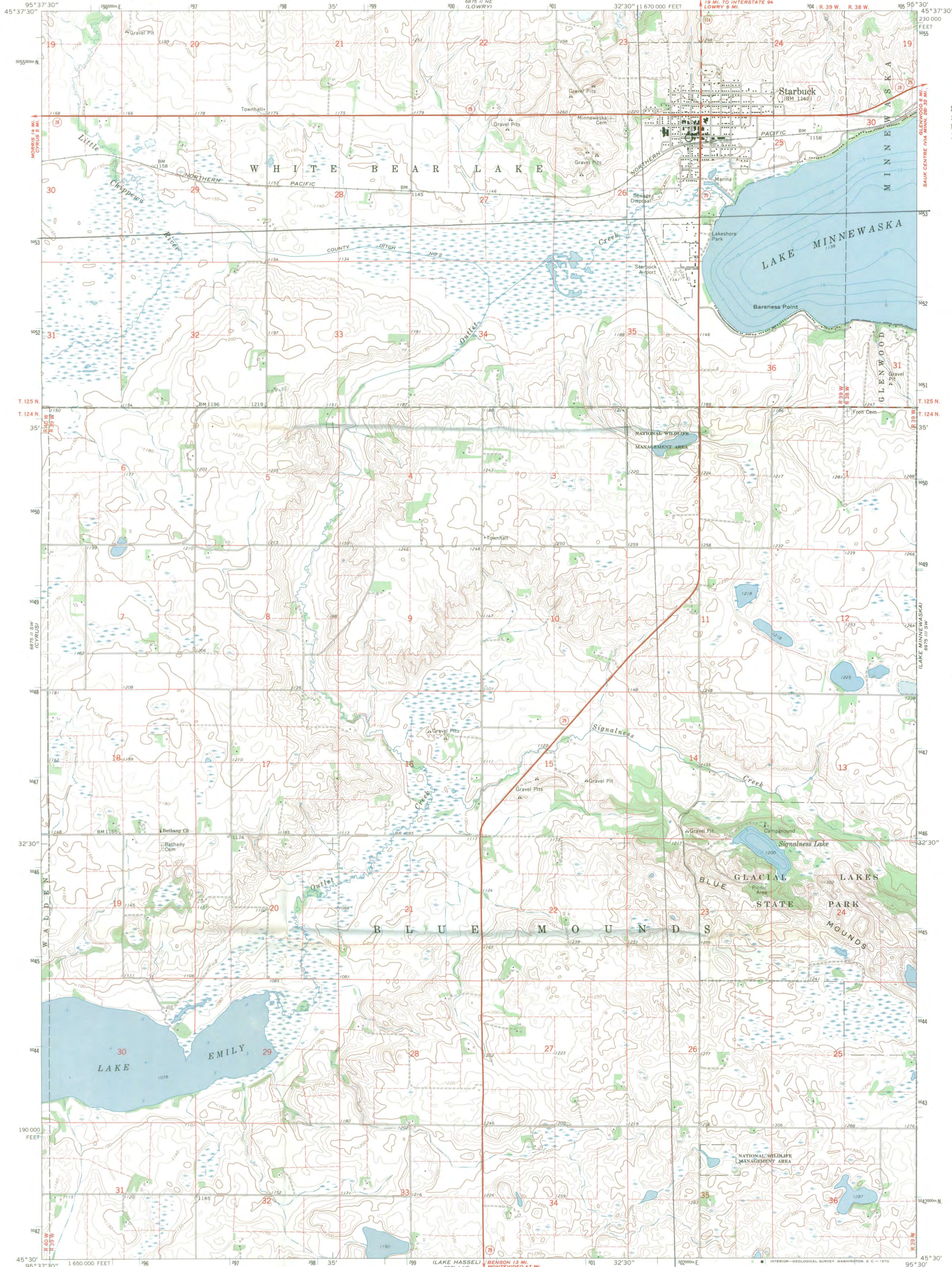


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Minnewaska Hospital
Starbuck, MN; Pope County
Dennis Gimmestad
1979
Minnesota Historical Society, 690
Cedar St., St. Paul, MN 55101
Looking Southwest
03150/8a FEB 17 1982

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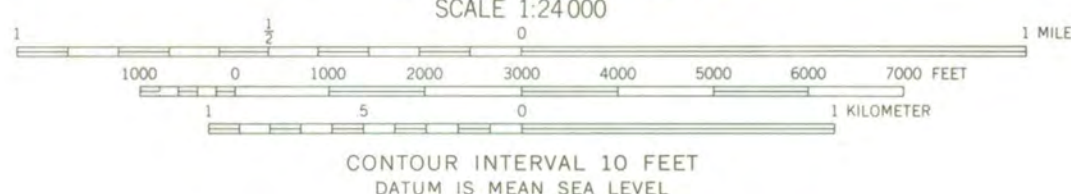


Minnewaska Hospital
Starbuck, MN; Pope Co.
UTM References
15/302510/5053880

Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USGS and USC&GS

Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial
photographs taken 1965. Field checked 1968
Depth curves and soundings compiled from charts furnished
by Minnesota Department of Conservation

Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Minnesota coordinate system, central zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 15, shown in blue
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked



ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Primary highway, all weather, hard surface
Secondary highway, all weather, hard surface
Light-duty road, all weather, improved surface
Unimproved road, fair or dry weather
State Route



STARBUCK, MINN.
N4530—W9530/7.5

1968

AMS 6875 II SE—SERIES V872



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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceSubstantive Review
EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET (Pope County Multiple Resource Area)

82003002

Property: Minnewaska Hospital
State, County: MN, Pope
Federal Agency: _____Working No. 2/17/82-534
Fed. Reg. Date: 2.1.83
Date Due: 3/18/82 - 4/3/82
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 4/1/82
☐ RETURN
☐ REJECT☐ resubmission
☐ nomination by person or local government
☐ owner objection
☐ appealphotos 1
maps _____Substantive Review: ☐ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

2 1/2-story frame hospital illustrates common kind of medical facility that served small rural MN communities c. turn-of-century. Integrity has been impaired by changes to windows and doors on lower stories. Historic identity, however, is still evident, and resource is one of few surviving historic buildings in locality and only one of its type in county. ~~When local council and the state see signs of disrepair, eligibility may be warranted.~~

Recom./Criteria A
Reviewer McClalland
Discipline A. Hist
Date 3-29-82

— see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: ☐ technical corrections cited below
☐ substantive reasons discussed below

✓ 1. Name

✓ 2. Location

✓ 3. Classification

Category Ownership Status Present Use
Public Acquisition Accessible

✓ 4. Owner of Property

✓ 5. Location of Legal Description

✓ 6. Representation in Existing Surveys

has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no

✓ 7. Description

Condition: ☐ excellent ☐ deteriorated ☐ good ☐ ruins ☐ fair ☐ unexposed
Check one: ☐ unaltered ☐ altered
Check one: ☐ original site ☐ moved ☐ date

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

☒ summary paragraph
☒ completeness
☒ clarity
☐ alterations/integrity (no dates for alterations to windows)
☒ dates
☐ boundary selection

8. Significance

Period _____ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below _____

Specific dates _____ Builder/Architect _____

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

- ☒ summary paragraph
- ☒ completeness
- ☒ clarity
- ☒ applicable criteria
- ☒ justification of areas checked
- ☒ relating significance to the resource
- ☒ context
- ☐ relationship of integrity to significance
- ☒ justification of exception
- ☐ other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acres of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UMT References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature _____

Title _____ date _____

13. Other

- ☒ Maps
- ☒ Photographs
- ☐ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet

**MN Department of Administration
MN State Historic Preservation Office
50 Sherburne Avenue, Suite 203, St. Paul, MN 55155
651.201.3292**

TO: Joy Beasley, Keeper
National Register of Historic Places

FROM: Denis P. Gardner

DATE: 12/10/2018

NAME OF PROPERTY: Minnewaska Hospital

COUNTY AND STATE: Pope County, Minnesota

SUBJECT: National Register:

- ☐ Nomination
- ☐ Multiple Property Documentation Form
- ☐ Request for determination of eligibility
- ☒ Request for removal (Reference No. 82003002)
- ☐ Nomination resubmission
- ☐ Boundary increase/decrease (Reference No.)
- ☐ Additional documentation (Reference No.)

DOCUMENTATION:

- ☐ Original National Register of Historic Places Registration Form
 - ☐ Multiple Property Documentation Form
 - ☐ Continuation Sheets
 - ☒ Removal Documentation
 - ☒ Photographs
 - ☒ CD w/ image files
 - ☐ Original USGS Map
 - ☐ Sketch map(s)
 - ☐ Correspondence
 - ☐ Owner Objection
- The enclosed owner objections
Do ☐ Do not ☐ constitute a majority of property owners

STAFF COMMENTS: