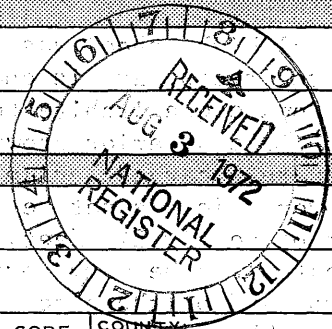


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COUNTY: <b>St. Louis</b>	
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**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
**Duluth Central High School**

AND/OR HISTORICAL:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**Lake Avenue and Second Street**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Duluth**

STATE:  
**Minnesota**

CODE: **27** COUNTY: **St. Louis** CODE: **27**

**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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
**Independent School District No. 709**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**226 North First Avenue East**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Duluth**

STATE:  
**Minnesota**

CODE:  
**27**

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
**St. Louis County Courthouse Register of Deeds**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**Fifth Avenue West and First Street**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Duluth**

STATE:  
**Minnesota**

CODE:  
**27**

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY:  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

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## 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

 Excellent     Good     Fair     Deteriorated     Ruins     Unexposed

(Check One)

 Altered     Unaltered

(Check One)

 Moved     Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The old Central High School was designed in 1892 by Palmer, Ball, and Hunt, Architects, and is one of the state's finest examples of Richardsonian Romanesque architecture. This massive, three-story structure of Lake Superior brown-stone is distinguished by a large and elaborately carved Syrian arch entrance at the base of its central tower which is set between two smaller turrets and rises to a height of nearly 210 feet. The rounded arches of the entrance are repeated in the many rows of windows, in the large stone wall dormers, and on the clock tower, with its huge illuminated glass dials. The building occupies an entire city block, about twenty feet above the street with irregular and oblique stairways leading up to the front entrance. The ground plan of the structure is that of an inverted "T".

The interior of Central High School was very progressive for its time. The basement housed the motive power and utility rooms, mechanical arts room and the ventilating and heating systems.

The first floor consisted of eleven 30'x33' classrooms; the offices of the Board of Education; and the library, a handsome room with a large brownstone fireplace. Large double stairways constructed of slate and iron led to the upper floors.

On the second floor were ten large classrooms. The 72'x104', two story auditorium retains its wood paneling of the wainscot, the balcony and the window frames. The decorative bands of carved wood, the bracketed cornice, and the cross-beamed ceiling also remain intact.

The laboratories, drafting room, gymnasium, music room, and manual training departments, including iron and woodworking; were located on the third floor. A museum containing collections of birds, mammals, reptiles, minerals and curios was located in the west wing.

Except for the auditorium and a few classrooms on the third floor which remain in near original condition, the interior of Central School has been greatly altered. The slate stairways were moved and enclosed within the ends of the main longitudinal hall was in order to add more classrooms and comply with fire regulations.

The second street facade remains as designed, except for the closing of the three arched doorways which were used as the

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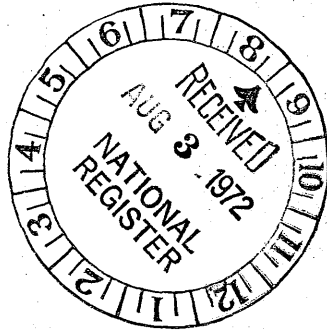
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**7. Description**

main entrance. Modern chemistry and gymnasium additions to the rear are the only other exterior alterations. The building retains its slate roof.



**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1892**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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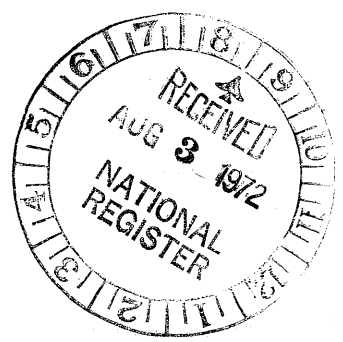
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Central High was designed by Emmet S. Palmer, Lucien Hall, and Richard M. Hunt, very able eastern architects, the latter being the first American trained at the Ecole des Beaux-Arts in Paris. The local architects were Oliver Traphagen and Francis Fitzpatric.

Old Central is a very fine example of that traditionally rich architectural style known as Romanesque, and is certainly the most outstanding structure of its kind to be found in northern Minnesota. The facade and tower present a totally pleasing design with exceptionally beautiful proportion and line. The vertical fenestration and tower are exceptionally well studied wherein particular consideration was taken due to the fact that the viewer would at all times be standing considerably below the building, resulting in a foreshortening of the verticals. Expert attention was also paid to the scale of the building. This was perfected in part through belt coursing and rustication of the beautiful stonework. The building, too, is skillfully sited on a full city block of hillside property of considerable slope.

Old Central with its imposing clock tower has long been a Duluth landmark. Its architectural merit and sound structural condition make it a worthy candidate for preservation and inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.



**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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The Northwest Magazine, St. Paul, May 1892.

Van Brant, Walter, A History of Duluth and St. Louis County, Chicago and New York, American Historical Society, 1921.

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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		
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SE	0 0 0	0 0 0				
SW	0 0 0	0 0 0				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **2.754 acres**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

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

ORGANIZATION: **Brooks Cavin, Architects** DATE: **June 20, 1972**

STREET AND NUMBER: **117 Main Street Southeast**

CITY OR TOWN: **Minneapolis** STATE: **Minnesota** CODE: **55414**

**12 STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

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 W. Fridley  
Title: Director, Minn. Historical Society  
Date: June 27, 1972

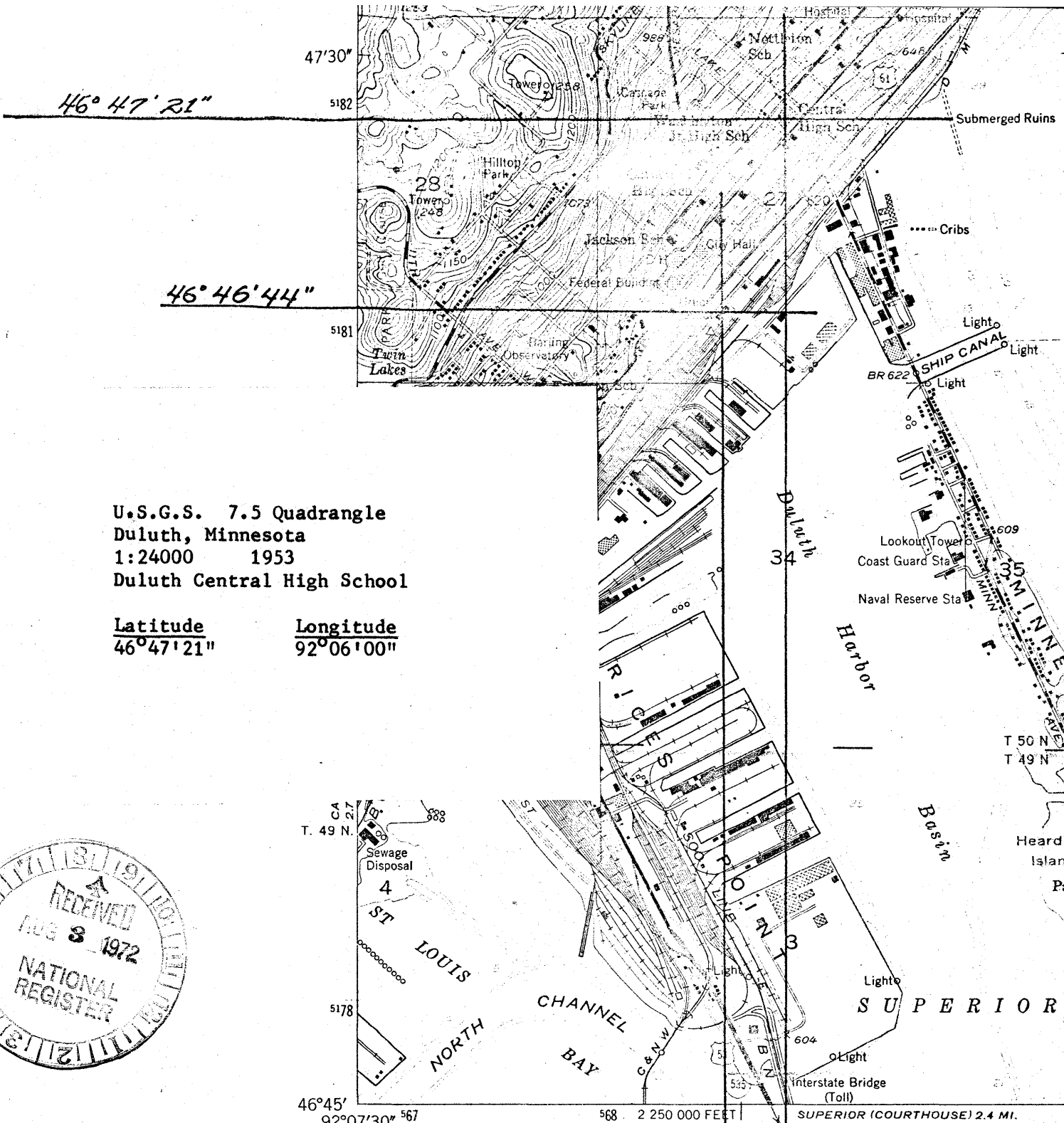
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Robert Van Utey  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation  
Date: 11/9/72

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Keeper of The National Register  
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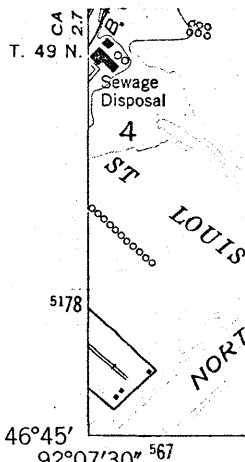
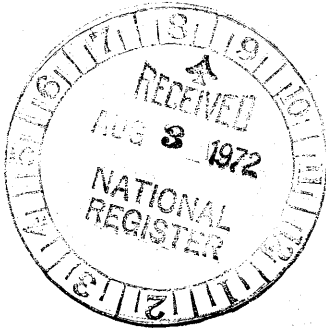
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 Duluth Central High School

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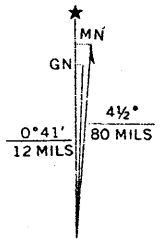
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Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown

Revisions shown in purple compiled in cooperation with  
 State of Minnesota from aerial photographs taken 1969  
 This information not field checked

Purple tint indicates extension of urban areas



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(WEST DULUTH)  
 7577 II NW

92° 06' 00"

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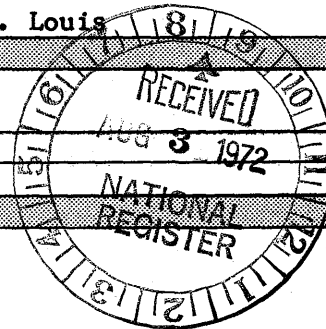
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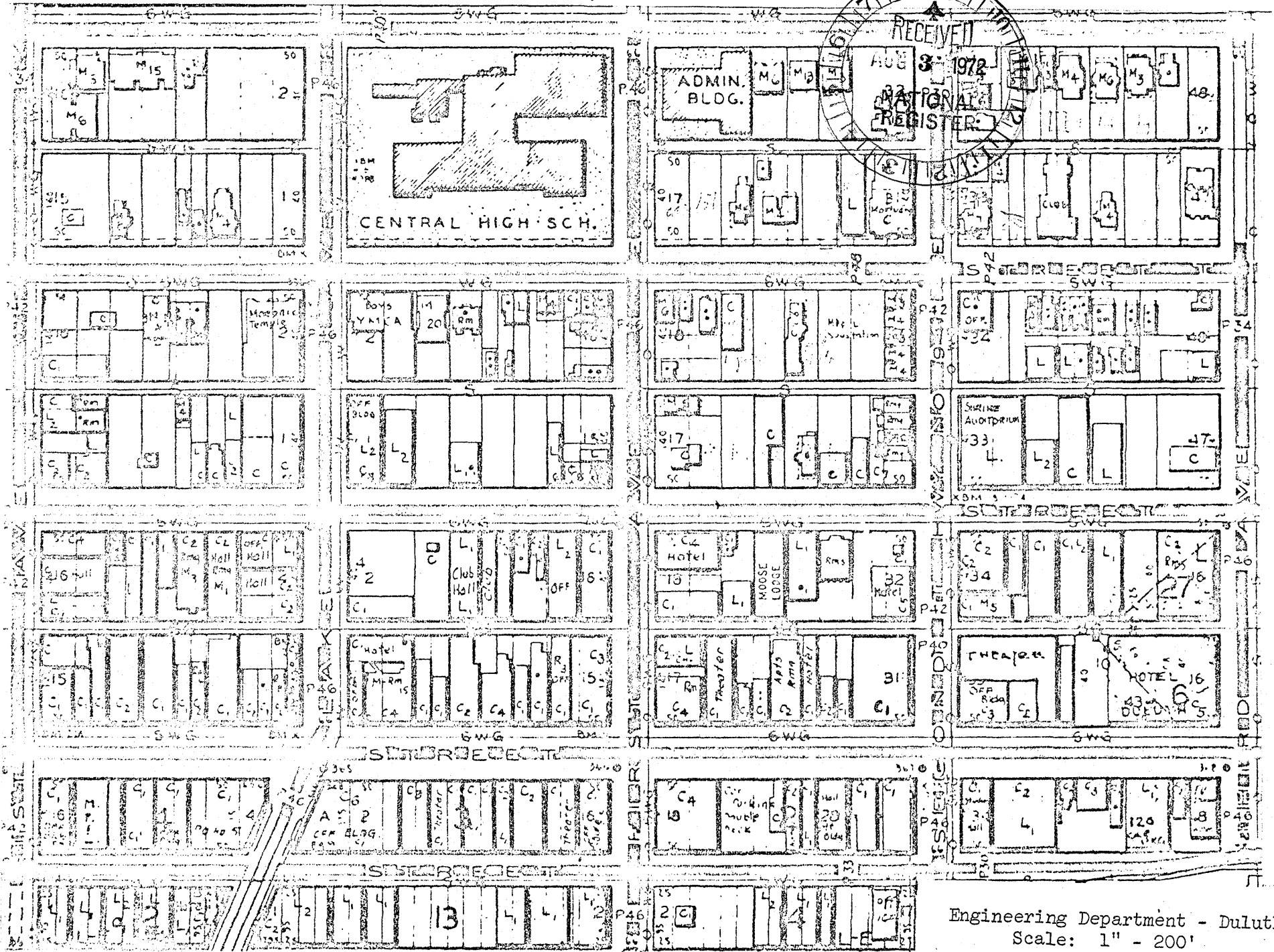
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Duluth Central High School

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Engineering Department - Duluth  
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