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**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

Noyes Hall

AND/OR COMMON

Noyes Hall

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Minnesota School For The Deaf *campus*

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Faribault

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Minnesota

CODE

27

COUNTY

Rice

CODE

131

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERCIAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

State of Minnesota -- Department of Administration

STREET & NUMBER

Administration Building

CITY, TOWN

St. Paul

VICINITY OF

STATE

Minnesota

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Register of Deeds -- Rice County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Faribault

STATE

Minnesota

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Statewide Historic Sites Survey

DATE

1973

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Minnesota Historical Society - Building 25, Fort Snelling

CITY, TOWN

St. Paul

STATE

Minnesota

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

Built in three phases between 1902 and 1910, Noyes Hall is a well preserved masonry building constructed of locally quarried limestone and wood timbers. The building is a series of three masses, consisting of a central rotunda which is flanked on each side by two story wings set at an obtuse angle to each other.

The rotunda is the most distinguished portion of the building being a two story space capped by a stone dome and circumvented by a two story outer ring which serves as circulation space. The domed rotunda houses the auditorium for the school. The exterior is graced by a simple but well articulated two story Doric portico and the circular mass has one small appendage to the rear. This was the last of the three stages to be completed.

The two flanking wings although identical in architectural design are unequal in length with the older or east wing being of lesser size. The two wings were constructed to house the school's main educational facility with classrooms being located on double loaded corridors. A distinctive feature of each wing is the set of four stone chimneys near the intersection of the roof's ridge lines.

Rough faced, ashlar coursed limestone is utilized to face the exterior of the building with dressed and polished stone at the portico and dome. Noticeable on the facades are the rough stone slabs used at the foundation base line and for the window lintels.

Noyes Hall is located on the southwestern corner of the school commons and is the second most prominent building on campus in comparison to the main administration building, Tate Hall. The campus is located on the eastern edge of the city limits high on the limestone bluff overlooking the Straight River.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" 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 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 type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1902-1910

BUILDER/ARCHITECT C.H. Johnston
St. Paul, Minnesota

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Built in three stages between 1902 and 1910, Noyes Hall at the Minnesota School for the Deaf is a well preserved example of the solid monumental architecture being built at the turn of the century for the state's social institutions. Although not representing any specific architectural style, the building nevertheless is a well organized and disciplined design with an overtone of neo-classicism so popular in public buildings during this period. The classical influence is especially evident with the unadorned central domed rotunda, the hub of the building and the simply designed Doric portico at the front entry. The nearly perfect symmetry of the front facade is another style characteristic.

Noyes Hall is also significant as part of diminishing group of pre World War I institutional buildings in Minnesota. As Minnesota was a leader and strong supporter of state supported institutions for its handicapped and underprivileged, some of its greatest architecture was commissioned for these institutions. Unfortunately, few still survive as the state has continually upgraded and refined its social services. Noyes Hall, which is one of three buildings surviving from the old campus plan and still one of its most distinguished members, represents a significant opportunity to recognize the great monumental architecture of this era.

Noyes Hall was named for Jonathan Lovejoy Noyes, the superintendent of the school from 1866 to 1896 (its longest serving director) who is most responsible for the school's maturation into one of the state's foremost social institutions.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

History of Minnesota School For The Deaf, 1863-1963; Wesley Lauritsen, M.A.,
pub. by Minnesota School for the Deaf, Faribault, Minn., 1963.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1 acre

UTM REFERENCES

UTM OK
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A	1 5	4 7 9 1 6 0	4 9 0 4 6 6 0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Thomas Lutz - Historic Sites Survey and Planning

ORGANIZATION

Minnesota Historical Society

STREET & NUMBER

Building 25, Fort Snelling

CITY OR TOWN

St. Paul,

DATE

18 March 1975

TELEPHONE

612 726-1171

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 National Park Service.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

Russell W. Fridley
State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

3/28/75

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ANTHROPOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE 5/12/75

ATTEST: *Ronald M. Swenberg*
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 5/9/75

on NR 5-12-75

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Faribault, Minnesota
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Please correct present use from MILITARY to EDUCATIONAL.