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DATA SHEET

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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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

Dakota County Courthouse

AND/OR COMMON

Dakota County Courthouse

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Vermillion St. between 3rd & 4th

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Hastings

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Minnesota

CODE

22-27

COUNTY

Dakota

CODE

037

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

Dakota County

STREET & NUMBER

Dakota County Government Center, Highway 55

CITY, TOWN

Hastings

VICINITY OF

STATE

Minnesota

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Dakota County Government Center

STREET & NUMBER

Highway 55

CITY, TOWN

Hastings

STATE

Minnesota

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Hastings Community Survey

DATE

March 1977

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

Situated on a square block bounded by East Third, East Fourth, Sibley, and Vermillion Streets in the central business district of Hastings, the Dakota County Courthouse is an imposing two storey brick and stone structure executed in 1869-71 according to designs of architect A.M. Radcliffe. Essentially square in plan, this Italian Villa style building has four symmetrical facades; the central bay is pedimented and projects slightly from the face of the main mass and the corners are defined by two and one half storey mansard-roofed towers (or pavillions). The materials for construction consist of a white brush-hammered limestone for foundation, window hoods, and quoins; the main body of the building is constructed of red brick.

Characteristic of the Italian Villa mode are such design elements as keystoned segmental arches over windows, bracketted and dentillated cornices, and a prominent central cupola. The principal entry to the building (north) is embellished by a balustraded portico with paired fluted Corinthian columns.

Several changes have been made to the courthouse throughout its lifetime. The principal change has been the removal of the original cupola, a dormered structure of the French Second Empire mode which was set upon a square base at the apex of the low hipped roof. This was replaced by a larger domed circular cupola in the Renaissance Revival mode in 1912. Red brick and white stone along with a metal roof were employed to remain in keeping with the original design intent. At this time the corner towers were also reroofed, without dormers. A office wing has been added to the west facade of the original building; this wing is linked at the central bay via a two storey glassed-in concourse. Other than this addition, the building has retained original facade design. It continues to function as a public building and is in a good state of maintenance.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

| PERIOD | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN |
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| | | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | |

SPECIFIC DATES 1869-71

BUILDER/ARCHITECT A.M. Radcliff

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The significance of the Dakota County Courthouse is due to its Italian Villa style of architecture and to its association with the political affairs of Dakota County.

The courthouse was constructed in 1869-71. The total cost was \$95,000 with the City of Hastings deeding block 20 and \$15,000 of its bonds to the county.

The architect A.M. Radcliff designed it and contractor P. Donivan built the building.

This structure has continued to serve the governmental needs of the citizens of Dakota County for over a century.

It is in a good state of repair and is considered by the citizens of Dakota County as a building worthy of preservation.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Neill, History of Dakota County 1881.
 Hastings Gazette newspaper files.
 Minutes of Dakota County Commissioners meetings.
 Dakota County Assessors records.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

Michael Landis/Hazel Jacobsen

ORGANIZATION

Minnesota Historical Society/Hastings resident

DATE

10 August 1977

STREET & NUMBER

Building 25, Fort Snelling

TELEPHONE

726-1171

CITY OR TOWN

St. Paul/Hastings

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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Russell W. Fridley

TITLE Russell W. Fridley
 State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

2-2-78

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

Charles Steiner

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

7-21-78

ATTEST:

Lawrence Cole

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

6-29-78

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

PROPERTY NAME: Dakota County Courthouse

MULTIPLE NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MINNESOTA, Dakota

DATE RECEIVED: 5/31/07 DATE OF PENDING LIST:
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 7/14/07
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 78003069

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT RETURN REJECT _____ DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

~~Additional Documentation Accepted~~

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept

REVIEWER Edgar Beall

DISCIPLINE Historian

TELEPHONE _____

DATE 7.3.07

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

**National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet**

Dakota County Courthouse

Name of property

Dakota County, MN

County and State

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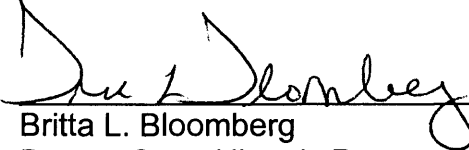
Reference Number: 78003069

State: Minnesota

County: Dakota

Resource Name (Historic): Dakota County Courthouse

Comments: The property has been assigned the address of: 101 E. 4th St.


Britta L. Bloomberg
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

5/18/07
Date