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United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

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: New Hotel Chase

and/or common: Chase-on-the-Lake

2. Location

street & number: 329 Cleveland Avenue ___ not for publication

city, town: Walker ___ vicinity of congressional district: 7th

state: Minnesota code: 22 county: Cass code: 021

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	X occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
X building(s)	X private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	___ private residence
___ site	**Public Acquisition**	**Accessible**	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	X yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
		___ no	___ military	X other: resort

4. Owner of Property

name: James Aletto

street & number: Chase-on-the-Lake
329 Cleveland Avenue

city, town: Walker ___ vicinity of state: Minnesota 56484

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.: Cass County Courthouse

street & number:

city, town: Walker state: Minnesota 56484

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title: Statewide Survey of Historic Resources has this property been determined elegible? ___ yes ___ no

date: 1979 ___ federal X 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
___ excellent	___ deteriorated	___ unaltered	X original site
X good	___ ruins	X altered	___ moved date _____
___ fair	___ unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The New Hotel Chase is located at 329 Cleveland Avenue in the city of Walker on the shore of Walker Bay, Leech Lake. It is a four story rectangular wood frame structure with clipped gable roof, built on a north-south axis. There are 7 irregularly spaced dormers along each side of the roof, also with clipped gable roofs. A single chimney penetrates the east roof slope. Fenestration consists of 9/9 double-hung sash irregularly arranged singly and in groups of two and threes. The orginal two-story, 24ft. proch extension on the north end of the hotel was widened on both the east and west sides in 1970-73, and now extends beyond both walls of the main rectangle. The original porte cochere on the south end has been removed and replaced by a two-story gable-roofed porch. The entire hotel exterior retains the original false half-timbering and stucco termed "Kelly stone" when built. The overall condition of the exterior is good to very good. The hotel interior contains a variety of partially remodeled and extensively altered spaces. The property includes a wood boat dock.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
___ prehistoric	___ archeology-prehistoric	___ community planning	___ landscape architecture	___ religion
___ 1400–1499	___ archeology-historic	___ conservation	___ law	___ science
___ 1500–1599	___ agriculture	___ economics	___ literature	___ sculpture
___ 1600–1699	___ architecture	___ education	___ military	___ social/ humanitarian
___ 1700–1799	___ art	___ engineering	___ music	___ theater
___ 1800–1899	___ commerce	___ exploration/settlement	___ philosophy	___ transportation
X 1900–	___ communications	___ industry	___ politics/government	X other (specify) recreation
		___ invention		

Specific dates 1922 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Built in 1922, the New Hotel Chase is significant as a representative of the first class resort hotel constructed in the cities of the cass county resort region with the advent of automobile transportation. With the exception of recent alterations to the orginal end exteriors, the hotel retains almost total exterior integrity. A local newspaper account published prior to the hotel's dedication states: "In planning the New Chase it was possible to secure a lake view from every room which makes it a distinctive tourist center and a feature rarely possible in hotel construction". The hotel was built by L.W. (Bert) Chase and his wife. They had owned hotels in Walker since 1898 and retained the Hotel Chase until 1946. The Chase continues today in its original function as a resort hotel.

9. Major Bibliographical References

The Walker Pilot, June, 1921. "Chase Souvenir Edition" reprint. N.D.

10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED
ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Acreage of nominated property less than one

Quadrangle name Walker

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UMT References

	Zone	Easting	Northing
A	15	379880	5217680
B			
C			
D			
E			
F			
G			
H			

Verbal boundary description and justification

The nominated property consists of Lots 20, 21, and 22, and the east 25 ft. of Sixth Street lying west of the west line of Lot 22, Block 3, City of Walker Original Plat.

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	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 X 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

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

for W. Ray Luce date 6/4/80

Keeper of the National Register

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

Chief of Registration

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

for Keeper _____
1/9/89

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Note: These changes apply to New Chase Hotel in Cass County, Minnesota.

REFERENCE NUMBER: 80001994

STATE: MINNESOTA

COUNTY: Cass

RESOURCE NAME (HISTORIC): Chase Hotel

CITY:

VICINITY OF:

ADDRESS:

CERTIFICATION DATE:

REMOVED DATE:

COMMENTS:

Nina M. Archabal

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State Historic Preservation Officer

JUN 17 1988

Date