

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: <b>Wisconsin</b>
COUNTY: <b>Chippewa</b>
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE <b>AUG 7 1974</b>

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
**Cook-Rutledge House**

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
**Rand, E.D., House**

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**505 ~~West~~ Grand Avenue**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Chippewa Falls**

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:  
**Third**

STATE: **Wisconsin**      CODE: **55**      COUNTY: **Chippewa**      CODE: **017**

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" 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
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

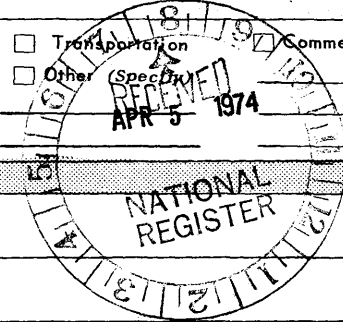
OWNER'S NAME:  
**Chippewa County Historical Society**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**Rutledge Building, 404 Bridge Street**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Chippewa Falls**

STATE:  
**Wisconsin**

CODE:  
**55**



**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
**Register of Deeds, Chippewa County**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**County Courthouse**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Chippewa Falls**

STATE:  
**Wisconsin**

CODE:  
**55**

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
**Wisconsin's Historic Preservation Plan: Vol. II, The Inventory**

DATE OF SURVEY: **1972**       Federal     State     County     Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
**State Historical Society of Wisconsin**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**816 State Street**

CITY OR TOWN:  
**Madison**

STATE:  
**Wisconsin**

CODE:  
**55**

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COUNTY: <b>Chippewa</b>
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**7. DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Cook-Rutledge House is a two-story, red-brick structure with rock-faced stone foundations and stone quoins. It has a low hipped roof with a front-and-center gable and a cupola. The plan is approximately square. The front facade has a one-story veranda with an extending porte-cochere. The posts, cornices, and brackets of both the porch and the porte-cochere are elaborately carved. The roof of the carriage porch is hipped with oversized dormers on each side. The hipped roof of the veranda is surmounted by a cast-iron fence of an intricate design. The windows all have segmentally-arched masonry openings, some with stilted hood-molds. The cornice of the house is denticulated and the brackets are elaborate. In all, the pattern of the white frame parts against the darker brick is striking. The cupola is as elaborate as the house itself. It has pilasters at each corner, a pair of arched lights at the center of each side, a denticulated cornice, a bell-cast roof, a small dormer with an oculus on each hip, and a cast-iron fence at the top. The cupola seems a bit large for the house, but certainly adds interest. The house is sited on a broad lawn, which is surrounded by a cast-iron fence which carries through motifs established in the house design.

The Cook family had owned the house for the past half-century, and they kept it in excellent condition, both structurally and superficially. The Chippewa County Historical Society recently acquired the house, and plans to keep it in good condition.



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**SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian |  16th Century |  18th Century |  20th Century  
 15th Century |  17th Century |  19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1865

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input type="checkbox"/> Education              | <input type="checkbox"/> Political           | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)<br><b>Local history</b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           | _____   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Military               | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      | _____   |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            |   |  | _____   |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Cook-Rutledge House is an important architectural and historical monument. It is an excellent example of the High-Victorian Italianate style, which indicates not only the far-reaching influence of the style and the quality it achieved, but also the wealth and life involved in the business class of the lumbering industry in northwestern Wisconsin during the nineteenth century.

The original owner, or that which held the deed upon its first sale in 1873, was the Carson and Rand Lumbering Company. Locally it is thought that Mr. E. D. Rand lived in the house up to that time. Little is known of either Carson or Rand except that they had an interest in the Pound, Halbert, and Co. logging company, and that they withdrew from this group in 1867, presumably to form their own company. In 1869 this company became the Union Lumbering Company, and in 1878-79 it was sold to the Chippewa Lumber and Boom Company, which merged into the Weyerhaeuser Corporation a few years later. During this period the Chippewa Falls milling complex was the largest in the nation. In 1873 the Cook-Rutledge House property was incorporated into the City of Chippewa Falls as part of Carson's Addition, and also in that year the Carson and Rand Lumbering Company sold the property to James Monroe Bingham, a prominent public official. Bingham was a New York native who moved to the Midwest in 1853, and to Chippewa Falls in 1871 where he established a well-known law practice with W. L. Pierce. Bingham was a Republican representative to the Wisconsin General Assembly in the 1860's and 1870's. From 1878 to 1882 he served as the state's lieutenant governor. After his death, the house was sold to Edward Rutledge in 1887.

Rutledge was born in Ireland about 1840 and came to Chippewa Falls in the early 1860's as a lumberman, where he quickly accumulated a fortune. In 1887, Rutledge assisted in the formation of the Chippewa Lumber and Boom Company, and became its vice-president. He was an excellent example of a self-made man, a type common to the lumber industry and nineteenth-century American industry. In 1914 the house was transferred from the Rutledge estate to Frederick Weyerhaeuser, and then, in 1915, several transfers were made resulting in its ownership by Dayton E. Cook.

Cook was a prominent lawyer and a county judge for many years. His local prominence, and the length of time the house was owned by the Cook family, are important historical associations. In 1972, Cook's daughter sold the house to the Chippewa County Historical Society.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Forrester, George. Historical and Biographical Album of the Chippewa Valley. (Chicago: A. Warner, publisher, 1891.)  
 Randall, Thomas E. History of the Chippewa Valley. (Eau Claire: Free Press, 1875.)  
 Whiffen, Marcus. American Architecture Since 1780. (Cambridge, Mass.: M.I.T. Press, 1969.)  
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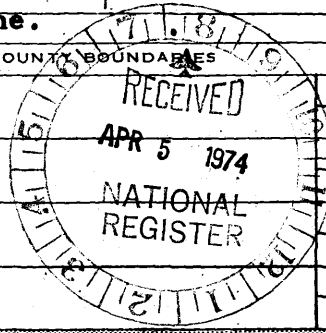
10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **less than one.**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
**Ellen Threinen, Preservation Planning Assistant**

ORGANIZATION: **State Historical Society of Wisconsin** DATE: **Sept. 10, 1973**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**816 State Street**

CITY OR TOWN: **Madison** STATE: **Wisconsin** CODE: **55**

12 STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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: James Morton Smith  
**James Morton Smith**

Title: **Director, State Historical Society of Wisconsin**

Date: 4/1/74

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Robert R. Montross  
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 4/7/74

ATTEST:  
W. J. Smith  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: 8/1/74

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

PROPERTY NAME: Cook-Rutledge House

MULTIPLE NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: WISCONSIN, Chippewa

DATE RECEIVED: 8/29/00 DATE OF PENDING LIST:  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 10/13/00  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 74000060

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 9.27.00 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

**Additional Documentation Accepted**

RECOM./CRITERIA Accept  
REVIEWER Edson Beall DISCIPLINE History  
TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE 9/27/00

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

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**United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places  
Continuation Sheet**

Section 2 Page 1 Cook - Rutledge House  
Chippewa County, Wisconsin

Amendment of *Section 2: Location* is required because the house number on the original nomination completed in 1973 was incorrect. The correct street address is indicated below.

2. Location

street & number 505 West Grand Avenue  
city or town Chippewa Falls  
state Wisconsin code WI county Chippewa code 017 zip code 54729

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this    nomination    request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property    meets    does not meet the National Register criteria.    See continuation sheet.

Alicia Z. Goulet  
Signature of certifying official  
Deputy SHPO - Wisconsin  
State or Federal agency and bureau

August 24, 2000  
Date

In my opinion, the property    meets    does not meet the National Register criteria.    See continuation sheet.

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Signature of commenting or other official Date  
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State or other Federal agency and bureau