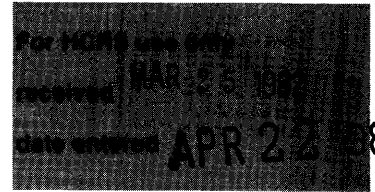


**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**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 Butler, Pierce and Walter, House

and/or common N/A

2. Location

street & number 1345 [↗] 1347 Summit Avenue N/A not for publication

city, town St. Paul N/A vicinity of congressional district 4th

state Minnesota code 22 county Ramsey code 123

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<u>N/A</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Bert A. Notch Malka & Ernest Goodman

street & number 1345 Summit Ave. 1045 Davern

city, town St. Paul, Minn. _____ vicinity of St. Paul state Minn. 55116

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Ramsey County Courthouse

street & number 15 West Kellogg

city, town St. Paul state Minn.

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title None has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date N/A N/A federal state county local

depository for survey records N/A

city, town N/A state N/A

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Pierce and Walter Butler Residence is an imposing three-story red brick double house, situated at the northwest corner of Summit and Hamline Avenues, in St. Paul. The height of the structure is accentuated by its setting on a raised lot, a high multiple gable-hip roof, and soaring Flemish-type coped gables. Erected by Butler Brothers Construction Company (of which Walter Butler was chairman of the board) in 1900, according to designs by St. Paul architect Clarence H. Johnston, the residence is exemplary of the trend toward the Medieval and Renaissance Revival styles popular at the turn of the century.

The Butler residence is essentially square in plan and is divided longitudinally in a north-south manner as to allow both front entries to face onto Summit Avenue. Each entry is shielded by a colonaded portico with semicircular arches and balustradelike parapet. The primary distinguishing architectural features are the six Flemish gables: two facing Summit Avenue and two facing Hamline Avenue. The gables nearest the Summit-Hamline intersection are taller than the other two, however, detailing is similar. Each is arranged to allow three steps, finial, and a catenary curve ending at a hooded peak. The copings are of a red stone to compliment the brick.

The entire third floor of the Butler Residence is contained within the roof. Several small dormers and two large chimneys provide the only interruption to what otherwise would be an unbroken expanse of roof and a dominant element in the design.

The Butler Residence is in an excellent state of preservation on both exterior and interior. Original hand-carved quarter-sawn woodwork on the main floor survives intact as does the mahogany woodwork in the former third floor ballroom. It continues to serve as private residences.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1900 **Builder/Architect** Clarence H. Johnston

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph) Builder: Butler Brothers Construction

The Pierce and Walter Butler residence is significant for its association with Pierce Butler, Ramsey County Attorney and United States Supreme Court Justice, and Walter Butler, one of the Midwest's best known building contractors; and as one of the more visually distinctive residences on St. Paul's Summit Avenue. Pierce Butler, born in 1866 in Waterford, Minnesota, graduated from Carleton College and moved to St. Paul in 1892. In 1900, Pierce, with his brother Walter, constructed a double residence at 1345-1347 Summit Avenue. In 1923, Pierce was appointed to the U. S. Supreme Court by President Harding, serving until his death in 1939. Walter Butler, born in 1858, moved to St. Paul to become Chairman of the Board of the family construction firm which (associated with the Ryan Co.) constructed the Minnesota State Capitol and numerous structures located throughout the Midwest. Walter is noted in particular for directing the 1907-1909 construction of the Detroit River Railroad Tunnel, the first subaqueous tunnel linking Detroit, Michigan with Windsor, Ontario. In addition, the firm was a pioneer in the development of the iron mining industry in Minnesota. Their achievements in the areas of mining innovations and improved employee relations stimulated investment and development of Minnesota's Mesabi Range for over four decades. Pierce and Walter Butler's architecturally impressive residence reflects the inherent imagination and cooperative spirit of the Butler Brothers which made them leaders in the fields of law, business, and industry.

Bolf, Peter. "The Pioneering Butlers," in Iron Range Historical Society Range History, Vol. 4 (December, 1979).

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

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Quadrangle name St. Paul West Quad.

Quadrangle scale 7.5

UMT References

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Zone			Easting				Northing							

Verbal boundary description and justification

Lot 14, Block 1, Boulevard Addition Number Three, City of St. Paul.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state/ N/A code county code

state N/A code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Charles Nelson, Historical Architect/
Susan Roth, Research Historian

organization Minnesota Historical Society

date March 1981

street & number 240 Summit Avenue-Hill House

telephone (612) 296-9073/296-0102

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 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
title State Historic Preservation Officer

date

For HCBS use only

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

Entered in the
National Register

date

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration