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7.	Des	scr	ip	tion
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Condition excellent good	deteriorated	Check one unaltered _X altered	Check oneXoriginal site moved date	N/A		
fair	unexposed					

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Red Lake County Courthouse is situated on an elevated site off Main Avenue a short distance from the downtown area of Red Lake Falls.

The Beaux Arts style structure features a patterned brick treatment with buff-colored stone trim. A central entrance pavilion and four corner pavilions project lightly from the main mass of the building. Each of the four corner pavilions is surmounted by a drum and, at the corners, by a spherical finial. At the center of the hipped roof is a flat, balustraded platform from which the central dome of the building has been removed. The roofline also features semicircular dormer windows between each of the corner drums. A dentillated cornice encircles the building. Detailing on the front entrance pavilion includes a full pediment, paired pilasters, a large arched window, and an arched entranceway flanked by two round ornamental brick patterns. Fenestration consists of symmetrically placed double hung windows, with those on the main level featuring arched transoms. The windows, corner pavilions, and ground level are accentuated through a darker colored brick.

The interior of the building features a central rotunda. With the exception of the removal of the dome (date uncertain), the integrity of the building is good.

8. Significance

Period prehistoric 1400–1499 1500–1599 1600–1699 1700–1799 1800–1899 X 1900–	Areas of Significance—C — archeology-prehistoric — agriculture — X architecture — art — commerce — communications		landscape architecture law literature military music philosophy X politics/government	religion science sculpture social/ humanitarian theater transportation other (specify)
Specific dates	1910	Builder/Architect	Fremont D. Orff, Arc	

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Red Lake County Courthouse is significant for its central role in the affairs of Red Lake County since its construction in 1910 and, locally, for its distinctive styling and siting. Red Lake County as established in 1896 included the area which today comprises the neighboring county of Pennington. The county seat was established at Red Lake Falls, but an early rivalry developed between that city and Thief River Falls. Although Red Lake Falls interests succeeded in having the Beaux Arts style courthouse constructed in 1910, the same year saw over half the area of the county severed to create Pennington County with its county seat designated at Thief River Falls. The Red Lake Falls Courthouse building, of course, was an important factor in the sequence of events related to the county seat controversy. The hilltop location of the courthouse and its good integrity (despite the removal of the dome) make it the most imposing building in the community.

Major Bibliographical References (Minneapolis?), Colonial Danes of America Cross, Marion E. Minnesota Courthouses. in the State of Minnesota, 1966. Red Lake County Historical Society, Inc. and Red Lake County Bicentennial Committee. A History of Red Lake County. Dallas: Taylor Publishing Company, 1976. 10. **Geographical Data** less than 1 Acreage of nominated property Red Lake Falls Quad., Minnesota Quadrangle name Quadrangle scale 47° 53' 04" 96° 16' 31" Latitude **UTM References** Longitude Northing Zone Zone Easting N/A Verbal boundary description and justification Lot 6-14 of Block 1 Langevin's Division List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries N/A N/A county N/A N/A state code N/A N/A N/A N/A state code county code Form Prepared By Dennis Gimmestad, Assistant State Historic Preservation Officer name/title Minnesota Historical Society 16 February 1983 organization date Fort Snelling History Center 612-726-1171 street & number telephone St. Paul, Minnesota 55111 state city or town State Historic Preservation Officer Certification The evaluated significance of this property within the state is: x_state national ___ local

N/A

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
State Historic Preservation Officer

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

Entered in the
National Register date

Attest:

Chief of Registration

date

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REFERENCE NUMBER: 83000941

STATE: Minnesota

COUNTY: Red Lake

RESOURCE NAME (HISTORIC): Red Lake County Courthouse.

CITY/TOWNSHIP: Red Lake Falls

VICINITY OF:

ADDRESS: 124 Langevin

COMMENTS: Address Correction

1/24/98 Date

Ian R. Stewart

Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer