

DATA SHEET

Form 10-300
(Rev. 6-72)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Minnesota
COUNTY: Rice
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ENTRY DATE MAR 31 1975

1. NAME

* COMMON: Johnston Hall - Seabury Divinity School

AND/OR HISTORIC: * Seabury Divinity School (Johnston Hall) *see inside*

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: On grounds of District No. 1 Hospital

CITY OR TOWN: Faribault CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 1st

STATE: Minnesota CODE: 22 COUNTY: Rice CODE: 131

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Agricultural
 Commercial
 Educational
 Entertainment
 Government
 Industrial
 Military
 Museum
 Park
 Private Residence
 Religious
 Scientific
 Transportation
 Comments
 Other (Specify) Nurses residence and school for adjacent hospital

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Rice County

STREET AND NUMBER: Rice County Courthouse/County Auditor

CITY OR TOWN: Faribault STATE: Minnesota CODE: 22

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Rice County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Faribault STATE: Minnesota CODE: 22

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

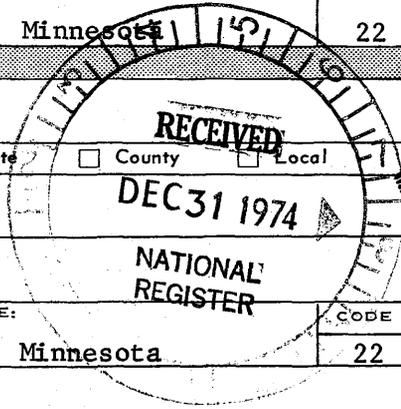
TITLE OF SURVEY: Statewide Historic Sites Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1973 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Minnesota Historical Society

STREET AND NUMBER: Building 25, Fort Snelling

CITY OR TOWN: Saint Paul STATE: Minnesota CODE: 22



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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input 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 Seabury Divinity School (Johnston Hall), built in 1888 as a library and seminary faculty residence, is a two and one half story stone bearing wall structure. Constructed of locally quarried, trimmed but undressed, limestone with random coursing, the building is Romanesque in design with a prominent bell tower at the southeast corner. The tower, which is slightly over eighty feet high, is distinguished by its pointed roof and louvered arched opening at the belfry. A corbelled Romanesque cornice, extending from the surface of the tower face, breaks the building line just below the roof.

A modified hip roof covers the old library on the second floor of the main building, broken by two second story protruding gables, front and back, which provide natural light to the library. Entrance to the building is gained by an arched, open vestibule on the south side. The arched entry and all cuts in the building face for window openings are trimmed with red sandstone. The overall effect is a handsomely detailed, masonry building.

The county hospital now stands on the spot of Johnston Hall's former campus companion, Seabury Hall, which was razed sometime after the turn of the century. Johnston Hall and its new companion are now administratively connected as both are now located on county property. The hall serves as a nurses' residence and as an area vocational-technical school for nurses' training for the hospital. It appears to be well maintained and in excellent condition. The hall continues to be an architectural landmark, located in a place of prominence high on the limestone bluffs, overlooking the Cannon River Valley and the City of Faribault, to the west below.



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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1858, 1860, 1873-1930

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
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| <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 | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Established by Bishop Henry Benjamin Whipple, one of the state's most prominent pioneer churchmen, the Seabury Divinity School evolved from an earlier school known as the "Associate Mission of Minnesota", founded in 1858 under the direction of Rev. J. Lloyd Breck. The earlier school consisted of both a primary and intermediate school with individual male and female divisions, and a separate theological department for missionary students. The latter provided many of the state's early missionaries to the midwestern Indian tribes. Breck changed the name to the "Bishop Seabury Mission" about 1858 in honor of the country's first Episcopal bishop, and the essence of this name was to continue in the new school under Whipple's leadership.

Bishop Whipple, as the first consecrated Episcopal bishop of Minnesota, reorganized the school upon his arrival to Faribault in 1860, as he had established this city as the See of his diocese. The seminary became known as the Seabury Divinity School with the men's division being renamed Shattuck School and the women's division, Saint Mary's Hall. The women's school, incidently, became permanently separated while the seminary and men's school remained under the same administration until 1905. 1873 is a milestone in the history of the two schools for it was in that year that a decision was made to create separate campuses with Shattuck retaining the old buildings and Seabury moving to a new location at its present site on the south edge of the city.

The first building erected at the site, Seabury Hall, is now gone and the only structure remaining is Johnston Hall. It is the most prominent and representative of any of the seminary buildings remaining at either site. Built in 1888 from money donated to the school from the will of Mrs. Augusta Johnston Shumway of Chicago, the building's architect is unknown although it is suspected to be Wilcox and Johnston of Saint Paul. They were the architects for Shumway Hall at Shattuck School in Faribault, a very similar building architecturally which was constructed one year earlier, and through the same Shumway endowment.

Built as the library and housing for the faculty, Johnston Hall is an excellent example of late nineteenth century Romanesque architecture and one of the finer specimens of that style remaining in the state. The building including the pointed tower and the fenestration appears to be completely original on the exterior. It is now used as a nurses school and residence for the adjacent hospital built on the site of the old Seabury Hall.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

History of Rice and Steele Counties, Minnesota, Vol. 1, compiled by Franklin Curtiss-Wedge, published by H.C. Cooper Jr. & Company, Chicago, 1910.
History of Rice County, Rev. Edward D. Neill and Charles S. Bryant, Minnesota Historical Society, Minneapolis, 1882

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

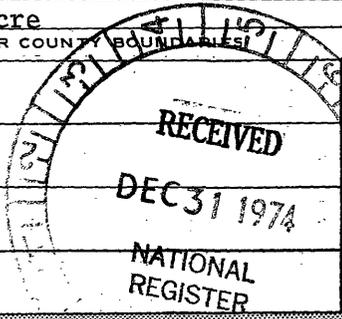
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **less than 1 acre**

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

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

NAME AND TITLE:
Thomas J. Lutz - Historic Sites Survey and Planning

ORGANIZATION: **Minnesota Historical Society** DATE: **20 December 1974**

STREET AND NUMBER:
Building 25, Fort Snelling

CITY OR TOWN: **St. Paul** STATE: **Minnesota** CODE: **22**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

<p>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:</p> <p>National <input type="checkbox"/> State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name <u>Russell W. Fridley</u> Russell W. Fridley</p> <p>Title <u>State Historic Preservation Officer</u></p> <p>Date <u>December 23, 1974</u></p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p><u>A. P. Mortensen</u> Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</p> <p>Date <u>2/31/75</u></p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p><u>[Signature]</u> Keeper of the National Register</p> <p>Date <u>3 28 75</u></p>
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8. Significance

Johnston Hall is the building most representative of the Seabury Divinity School which provided many early missionaries to the midwestern Indian tribes and many of the state's most prominent religious leaders. It is also symbolic of Whipple's leadership in the shaping and development of the "Whipple Schools" of which his divinity school is most characteristic of his missionary and religious ideals.



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Note: These changes apply to
Seabury Divinity School in Rice
County, Minnesota.

REFERENCE NUMBER: 75001022

STATE: MINNESOTA

COUNTY: Rice

RESOURCE NAME (HISTORIC): Johnston Hall, Seabury Divinity School

CITY:

VICINITY OF:

ADDRESS: 1st St. S. E. and State Ave. S. E.

CERTIFICATION DATE:

REMOVED DATE:

COMMENTS:

Nina M. Archabal

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State Historic Preservation Officer

JUN 17 1988

Date