

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

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic The Nicollet County Bank

and/or common N/A

2. Location

street & number 224 South Minnesota Avenue N/A not for publication

city, town St. Peter N/A vicinity of

state Minnesota code 22 county Nicollet code 103

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 checked="" 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	<u>N/A</u> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input 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 The Nicollet County Bank

street & number 220 South 3rd Street

city, town St. Peter N/A vicinity of state Minnesota

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Nicollet County Courthouse

street & number Minnesota Avenue

city, town St. Peter state Minnesota

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Minnesota Statewide Historic Sites Survey has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date July 1982 federal state county local

depository for survey records Minnesota Historical Society -- Fort Snelling History Center

city, town St. Paul state Minnesota

7. Description

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

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Situated on the northwest corner of Minnesota and Nassau Streets in the central business district of St. Peter, the Nicollet County Bank is an exceptional example of Queen Anne Commercial architecture. It is a two story structure executed in red St. Louis brick with creme-colored Kasota limestone trim and foundation. Originally designed to provide banking and commercial space on the first floor with offices on the second, the building continues to serve a combined commercial use to the present time.

Distinguishing stylistic features which make the Nicollet County Bank noteworthy include a polygonal oriel which projects from the corner of the building immediately above the semi-circular arched principal entry. The oriel is embellished with moulded panels, classical pilasters, bracketted cornice and polygonal onion-dome roof crowned with a finial. Elsewhere on the Minnesota and Nassau Street facades are such features as low relief patterned brick panels, rusticated stone banding, carved stone pilaster bases and capitals, and a bracketted metal cornice. Brick corbells support and accentuated the parapet.

The Nicollet County Bank Building retains near total architectural design integrity, including original fenestration. It is in excellent condition. The principal alteration has been the removal of small, ball-shaped finials from the parapet.

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 type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1887

Builder ~~ANNIE~~ B.R. Damren

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Nicollet County Bank is significant as a well articulated Queen Anne Commercial style building which is located on a prominent corner site in the hub of downtown St. Peter, and as one of the older banking houses in Nicollet County.

The Nicollet County Bank was established in St. Peter in 1883 as Nicollet County's second bank; the first was the First National Bank established in 1871. The construction of the bank began in the summer of 1886 and was completed in January of 1887. A multi-use building, it featured not only banking facilities, but a barber shop, grocery store and a hot and cold bath establishment for the "great unwashed."¹ Banking operations continued to 1965 when, after 78 years in this location, the facilities moved to new quarters.

Today, the building remains in commercial use. Its original design characteristics and prominent location on St. Peter's main commercial avenue significantly links the building to the vital commercial role its played in the financial development of Nicollet County. The extensive and well-preserved detailing mark the bank as the most distinctive Victorian commercial building in this county seat community.

¹ St. Peter Tribune, 25 August 1886.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Gresham, William G., ed. History of Nicollet and LeSueur Counties, Minnesota. Indianapolis: B.F. Bowen, 1916.
St. Peter Herald, 7 January 1887.
St. Peter Tribune, 11 August, 25 August, 1886.

10. Geographical Data

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Quadrangle name St. Peter Quad, Minnesota

Quadrangle scale 7.5

UTM References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Lots 3,4,5, & 6 of Block 163 and S1/3 of Lot 6 of Block 163
plus vacant alley lying between Lots 5 & 6.
Amended plat, St. Peter.

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

state	N/A	code	N/A	county	N/A	code	N/A
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state	N/A	code	N/A	county	N/A	code	N/A
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11. Form Prepared By

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

organization Minnesota Historical Society date February 22, 1983

street & number Fort Snelling History Center telephone 612-726-1171

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 National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Russell W. Fridley
Russell W. Fridley

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date 4/7/83

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

Entered in the
National Register

date 5/19/83

John Nelson Byers
Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration