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DATA SHEET

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**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

Hurd House / Anderson Hotel / Anderson House

AND/OR COMMON

Anderson House

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

333 West Main Street

__NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Wabasha

__ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1

STATE

Minnesota

CODE
22

COUNTY
Wabasha

CODE
157 ✓

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERCIAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- OTHER: Hotel

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Convertinns, Inc. ✓

STREET & NUMBER

333 West Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Wabasha

__ VICINITY OF

STATE

Minnesota

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Registry of Deeds / Wabasha County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Wabasha

STATE

Minnesota

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Statewide Historic Sites Survey

DATE

1973

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Minnesota Historical Society

CITY, TOWN

St. Paul, Minnesota

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" 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 Hurd House/Anderson House is situated at the corner of Main and Bridge Streets in the central business district of Wabasha, Minn. Construction on the original section of the hotel was begun in 1856 by B.S. Hurd. This section is two storeys in height with attic under a gable roof. It was constructed of locally made red bricks and housed kitchen, dining room, and lobby on the first floor with sleeping rooms on the second. (The present kitchen continues to be located in this portion of the hotel).

In 1887, Ziba C. Goss, son-in-law of B.S. Hurd, assumed management of the hotel and began the ambitious project of constructing a large three-storey addition to the original building. This addition completed the exterior of the building in approximately the manner in which it appears today. The building is essentially rectangular in plan, with broad expanses of brick fronting onto Main and Bridge Streets. Storeys are defined by brick band-courses; the roof is flat and accentuated by a corbelled cornice. Window openings are crowned by rectangular lintels, whereas door openings are semi-circular arched and accented by a bold brick hood moulding.

A wooden polygonal tower formerly occupied the north-eastern corner of the building. It sprang from the second story level so as to coincide with the second floor deck of a two storey verandah. The verandah, as the tower, was constructed of wood and adorned with spindlework balustrade and spandrels. The fourth storey of the tower consisted of a polygonal observation room capped by a squat "onion dome". The fourth storey was destroyed by lightning in 1912 and never rebuilt; the spindlework porch has been reduced to a one-storey structure and reconstructed in brick.

Additional description of the hotel appears in the 1889 edition of the Wabasha Herald Annual:

"This is a building calculated to ornament any city. It was erected in 1887 [the part that was added to the original building] and is constructed of solid brick and stands three stories high. In it are 45 elegantly furnished rooms. It is supplied with all the conveniences of a first-class hotel, has electricity, call bells, bath rooms, and incandescent electric lights. Its erection incurred an expense of \$10,000. The hotel has a large patronage, which is due to the able manner in which it is conducted. Its location is very advantageous, the narrow-gauge depot and steamboat landing being only one block distant."

Now in the fourth generation of family ownership, the Anderson House is undergoing an extensive program of restoration, a program which began in July of 1976. This program has included not only work on the building, but the restoration of rooms complete with antique period furnishings.

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 type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1856, 1887

BUILDER/ARCHITECT B.S. Hurd/Ziba C. Goss

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

From a small settlement known as Cratt's Landing in 1843, the rivertown of Wabasha experienced rapid growth in population and economic development. By the 1880's it was both a bustling steamboat port and railroad town. Among the prospering enterprises were a steam planing mill, a soap factory, two feed mills, two flour mills, two brick yards, two breweries, numerous general and hardware stores, three schools, railroad yards and roundhouse, a public library, extensive lumberyards, and eight hotels.

One of the earliest of the aforementioned eight hotels was the Hurd House, constructed in 1856 by B.S. Hurd. The hotel was greatly expanded with the addition a three storey brick section in 1887. It remained known as the Hurd House until 1909 when the name was changed to the Anderson House, later Anderson Hotel, and presently back to the Anderson House. Throughout its existence the hotel has occupied a prominent location in Wabasha; it is at the corner of Main and Bridge Streets, only one block from the Mississippi River and steamboat landings and at the intersection of two major commercial streets. The proprietorship of the hotel has been a family-oriented operation since the construction of the first two-storey brick hotel section in 1856; it is now in the fourth generation of family ownership.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

History of Wabasha County / 1884

History of Wabasha County / 1920

Wabasha Herald Annual / 1889

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY approx. 1 acre

UTM REFERENCES

A	1,5	57,68,8,0	4,91,48,6,0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Lots 4 & 5 and the westerly 50 feet of lot 3, Block 13, City of Wabasha

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John S. Hall/Proprietor / C.W. Nelson/ Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

Anderson House/Minn Hist. Soc.

DATE

17 March 1978

STREET & NUMBER

333 W. Main St. / Bldg. 25, Fort Snelling

TELEPHONE

(612) 565-4003 / (612) 726-1171

CITY OR TOWN

Wabasha / St. Paul

STATE

Minnesota / 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

TITLE Russell W. Fridley
State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

6/6/78

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

R. B. Rettig

DATE

9/16/78

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST: *William Labovich*

DATE

Sept 19, 1978

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER