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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

DATA SHEET

**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 Kirch/Latch Building

AND/OR COMMON
Grams Building

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
114 - 122 East Second Street

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN
Winona

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
First

STATE
Minnesota

CODE
27

COUNTY Winona CODE
169

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 type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Audrey L. Grams

STREET & NUMBER
102 W. 3rd Street

CITY, TOWN
Winona

VICINITY OF

STATE
Minnesota

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Register of Deeds - Winona County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER
3rd and Washington

CITY, TOWN
Winona

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 STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	(slightly <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR TO	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Grams Building is located in the heart of the old commercial area of Winona which is situated one block south of the old steamboat levee. The area is now severely deteriorated in some portions while undergoing clearance in others.

Designed in the burgeoning, early Italianate phase of architectural design, the building retains overtones of Gothic design, especially at the fenestration and should be properly classified as an example of "transitional" architecture. Despite some alteration to the front facade (i.e., the boarded windows and the loss of the carved cornice) the building should still be noted for its rare retention of the original, first-floor colonade. Surviving are the cast iron pilaster columns, many of the original doors and much of the original millwork. The limestone door and window sills at the foundation line are also intact.

The interior has been considerably altered over many years of differing use, but retains its original spatial arrangement. The structural condition, while in fair condition, is increasingly in need of attention as is the exterior brick work and ornamental detail.

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/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

1868

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Built ca. 1868[✓] as part of the old Second Street Commercial Club of Winona, the Grams Building is symbolic of the once common but now nearly extinct style of commercial architecture built in the upper Mississippi Valley after the Civil War. Transitional in style, the building is primarily early Italianate but with Gothic overtones. The latter can be recognized where the original window glazing has been retained. Although having suffered the use of its original iron or wood cornice trim, the building facade nevertheless has undergone surprisingly little alteration. This is especially true of the first floor, which despite having lost some of its original windows, has still not suffered the "modernization" of aluminum or plastic so common to the older commercial architecture of midwestern cities. This point alone architecturally separates the Grams Building from most of Winona's other commercial buildings. Also, noteworthy to the front facade is the retention of the cast iron Corinthian columns added to the building in the 1880s.

The Grams Building has served a varied and still not altogether known commercial history in the city of Winona. Its history can be traced to the early 1870s when part of the building contained a farm implement dealer, J. B. Kirch & Co. which remained its prime occupant until the late 1880s. In the mid-1890s, Latch & Son, the major wholesale and retail grocery house in the city became its occupant. Latch is probably its most historically significant occupant as it was the largest of a number of produce concerns generated by the rail and river traffic through Winona. The company built or occupied between 1866 and the 1930s a major portion of the Second Street commercial district and was its top commercial enterprise. Since 1933, the building has been primarily occupied by the Grams Feed and Seed Store and for which it is now known.

Various portions of the building have also held, during its colorful history, a saloon, a clothing store, a cigar manufacturer, a real estate office and a physician's office.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Winona City Directories, 1866/7 - 1900.

Winona Illustrated, Art Publishing Co., Pratt and Owen, 1888.

Files of the Winona County Historical Society, Winona, Minn.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than 1 acre

Longitude

Latitude 10

91° 38' 02"

44° 03' 14"

UTM REFERENCES

A	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

B	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
D	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Thomas Lutz - Historic Sites Survey and Planning

ORGANIZATION

Minnesota Historical Society

DATE

26 March 1975

STREET & NUMBER

Building 25, Fort Snelling

TELEPHONE

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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.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

TITLE

Russell W. Fridley
State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

Russell W. Fridley 3/28/75

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

DATE

MAY 21 1975

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

MAY 14 1975

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Ernest A. Connolly
Ann [unclear]