

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Minnesota
COUNTY: Ramsey
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY DATE DEC 31 1974

1. NAME

COMMON:
McGill, Andrew R., House

AND/OR HISTORIC:
McGill, Andrew R., House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
2203 Scudder Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:
St. Paul

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
4th

STATE:
Minnesota

CODE:
22

COUNTY:
Ramsey

CODE:
123

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"/> Public <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

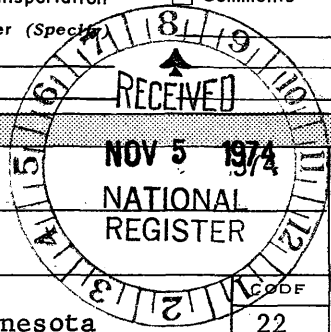
OWNER'S NAME:
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Stack

STREET AND NUMBER:
2203 Scudder Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:
St. Paul

STATE:
Minnesota

CODE:
22



5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER:
15 West Kellogg Blvd.

CITY OR TOWN:
St. Paul

STATE:
Minnesota

CODE:
22

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Minnesota Historical Society

DATE OF SURVEY:
September 1974

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Building 25, Fort Snelling

STREET AND NUMBER:
St. Paul

CITY OR TOWN:
Minnesota

STATE:
Minnesota

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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

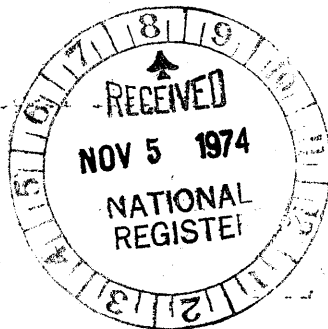
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Andrew R. McGill House is located at 2203 Scudder Avenue in North Saint Anthony Park, St. Paul. The mansion was built in 1888 and served as McGill's residence during his terms as governor, state senator, and postmaster of St. Paul.

The exterior of this Queen Anne style mansion exists today slightly altered from its original configuration. As designed, the mansion contained many Queen Anne features such as a wrap-around porch, a second story porch, a two story tower, and a carriage house to the rear of the mansion. The two porches and the carriage house were removed in a 1930 renovation. The massing of the mansion remains Queen Anne.

Entrance to the mansion is gained through a set of double doors. The outer doors are covered with decorative iron grill-work. The inner doors contain elaborate decorative glass panels. These doors open onto a hall from which an oak balustraded staircase leads to the second floor. The interior contains twelve rooms distributed on the first and second floors, an attic and a finished basement. The interior has not been noticeably altered since its construction; it retains its original lighting fixtures and decorative design on door knobs, door hinges and woodwork.

The present owners plan to restore the mansion to its 1888 appearance.



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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<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) **1888-1905**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<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	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Andrew R. McGill was one of the most active and prominent Minnesota political figures from 1865 until his death in 1905. McGill came from the "home of Minnesota governors", St. Peter, where he served as a newspaper editor, as superintendent of schools in Nicollet County and as a District Court clerk.

In May of 1869 he was admitted to the bar by Judge Horace Austin, and when, a year later, Judge Austin became governor, McGill was appointed his private secretary. In 1873 he was appointed by Governor Austin to the office of insurance commissioner, a post which he filled for thirteen years by appointment of the successive governors, Cushman K. Davis, John S. Pillsbury, and Lucius Hubbard.

In 1887, McGill won the governorship over the notorious but popular political boss and offtime mayor of Minneapolis, Dr. A. A. Ames, on the issue of high license fees for saloons, then a new question in Minnesota and the nation. McGill, after taking office, successfully led a move for a high license act (1887) -- saloon licenses were put at \$1,000 in cities of 10,000 or over. This law subsequently became a model for other states. One of the chief crusaders against the saloon was the Catholic prelate Archbishop John Ireland; and the rather close election of McGill has been ascribed largely to his efforts. After achieving the legislation he favored, McGill was not rewarded by re-election.

From 1899-1905 McGill served in the Minnesota state senate. In 1900, by suspension of the presidential rule, he was appointed postmaster of St. Paul, thus holding a state and federal office at the same time.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Blegen, Theodore C., Minnesota: A History of the State, Minneapolis, 1963.
 Castle, Henry A., History of St. Paul and Vicinity, Vol. III, Chicago, 1912.
 Upham, Warren, Minnesota Biographies, 1655-1912 -- Collections of the Minnesota Historical Society, Vol. XIV, St. Paul, 1912.

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		93° 11' 25"	44° 58' 45"	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

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



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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Lynne VanBrocklin, Survey Specialist

ORGANIZATION: **Minnesota Historical Society** DATE: **15 October 1974**

STREET AND NUMBER:
Building 25, Fort Snelling

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

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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:

National State Local

Name: Russell W. Fridley
 Russell W. Fridley, Director

Title: Minnesota Historical Society

Date: October 31, 1974

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

[Signature]
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: DEC 31 1974

ATTEST:

[Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: DEC 31 1974