

MINNESOTA HISTORIC PROPERTIES INVENTORY FORM

Historic Name: Howard Lake City Hall <div style="text-align: right; margin-right: 50px;">MAR 5 1979</div> Common Name: Howard Lake Library/Municipal Liquor Owner's Name and Address: City of Howard Lake Howard Lake, Mn. 55349		County: Wright Community: Howard Lake Address/Legal Desc.: 737, 739, 741 6th Street												
Classification: Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure _____ Object _____ District _____		Acreage: Less than one acre												
Condition: Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good _____ Fair _____ Deteriorated _____		Verbal Boundary Desc.: Howard Lake Plat Un-numbered City Hall Block North of Block 18 and East of Block 15.												
Open to the Public: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____	Visible from the road: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____													
Occupied: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____	Present Use: Library, liquor store, public hall													
History: Date Constructed: 1904 Original Owner: City Architect/Builder: I.A. Hancock Original Use: City Hall		UTM Reference: 15 Cokato Quad. 415800 4990075												
Description: Prominently situated on the banks of Howard Lake at the corner of Eighth Avenue and Sixth Street, the Howard Lake City Hall is a two story rectangular building of brick construction on a rubble stone foundation. The most dominant feature of the building is a three story corner tower. The principal doors and windows on the first floor of the building are highlighted with semi-circular molded brick hoods. The second story windows are rectangular in shape with decorative brick banding over the windows. Decorative brick banding appears both along the string course dividing the two stories of the building and within each of the panels located on the second story of the tower. The hipped roof, covered with wood shingles, contains two single-stack brick chimneys. The rear or north facade contains two gabled dormers with exposed rafters. Palladian windows are located in each		Level of Significance: Local <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State _____ Nation _____												
Significance: The Howard Lake Village Hall is an example of the architectural style frequently used at the turn of the century in community government architecture. The hall is the dominant architectural feature in Howard Lake's streetscape. This two story brick building with three story corner tower occupies an entire city block. The building overlooks Howard Lake. Its principal entrance faces the city. The hall was built to replace an earlier hall which had been destroyed by fire. The contractor was I.A. Hancock; the costs of construction were financed by a local bond issue of \$5,000. The building originally housed the post office, public library, courtroom, council chambers, fire departments, public hall, and various offices and a barber shop. The village hall continues to serve both as a visual landmark in the community and as library, community liquor store-lounge, and meeting hall. Howard Lake Village Hall is one of two surviving examples of early Wright County village halls and is in a good state of preservation.		Status: <table style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width:60%;">Survey</td> <td style="width:40%;">Date</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Local</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>State</td> <td>_____ 1/78</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nat'l. Reg.</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nat'l. Land.</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HABS/HAER</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> </table>	Survey	Date	Local	_____	State	_____ 1/78	Nat'l. Reg.	_____	Nat'l. Land.	_____	HABS/HAER	_____
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Theme/s: Primary <u>Government</u> Secondary <u>Architecture</u> Other _____		Local Contact/Org.: Wright County Historical Society Buffalo, Minnesota												
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Alterations to the exterior of the building include a bricked-in entry on the center of the Sixth Street facade and the addition of porticoes over secondary entrances on the Eighth Avenue and Sixth Street facades.

The Howard Lake City Hall is presently situated on State Highway 12, (Sixth Street), the commercial street of the city.

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