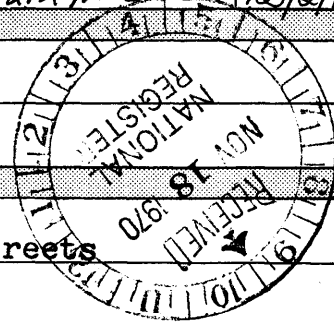


**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Minnesota	
COUNTY: Winona	
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1. NAME

COMMON:
WINONA COUNTY COURTHOUSE

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Washington Street between 3rd & 4th Streets

CITY OR TOWN:
Winona

STATE Minnesota	CODE 55987	COUNTY: Winona	CODE 169
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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 Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied. <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
County of Winona

STREET AND NUMBER:
Washington Street between 3rd & 4th Streets

CITY OR TOWN: Winona	STATE: Minnesota	CODE: 55987
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

STREET AND NUMBER:
Washington Street between 3rd & 4th Streets

CITY OR TOWN: Winona	STATE: Minnesota	CODE: 55987
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
NONE

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE:
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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)		
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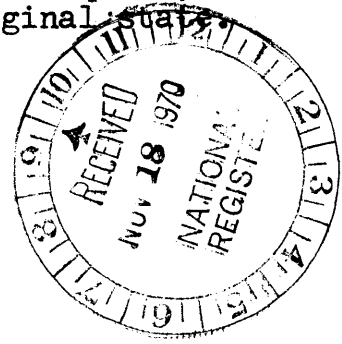
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The building is of three stories and a basement, built of Dresbach buff sandstone with trim in Lake Superior brownstone. On the Washington Street side, near the front is the main tower which is 24 feet square and rises to a height of 136 feet. On the same side, near the rear is a round tower, 22 feet in diameter and 92 feet high. The main entrance is a large brownstone arch resting on three polished granite columns on either side. The water tables, window sills, belt courses, lintels and door and window jams and arches are of brownstone. The cornice is of galvanized iron. The front entrance is ornamented with mosaic work in two colors set in geometric figures. On either side and above the entrance is a medallion carved of brownstone representing law and justice. All the windows in the building are of French glass and the transom is of stained glass. Above the windows on the main entrance, is an arcade of nine windows of stained glass, all of which open from the main hall. The roof is plain black Lockland slate and all flashings, valleys and gutters are lined with heavy copper. The name of the county, Winona, stands out from the tower above the third story on the Washington Street side and the date of commencing work, 1888, is over the first story windows, with ornamental carving about it.

The Courthouse houses the offices of the various county officials, most with vaults adjoining, and the great courtroom with adjoining witness rooms, jury rooms, attorneys' rooms and judges' private rooms. The vaults are all finished like rooms, having outside windows for light, protected by inside iron shutters. The vault doors are all of iron. The offices are all finished similarly in heavy red oak and wainscoted with papered wainstoting, four feet high. Every office has a fireplace and carved wood mantel with tiled facing and hearth. The court room has a 28 foot ceiling running through two stories. On the third floor, there are no rooms furnished. The hallways and vestibules of the first and second floors are laid with American or English Minton tiles in variagated colors. Both the stairways are of heavy white oak, elaborately carved. The walls are all of solid brick or stone. Trimmings, hinges, locks, etc., are bronze.

The building is in essentially the same condition as when it was built. The original gas lighting was replaced by electricity and the basement was remodeled with some additional partitions. There are details of the exterior that require, due to improper maintenance, restoration to their original state.

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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian | 16th Century | 18th Century | 20th Century
 15th Century | 17th Century | 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1889**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Winona County Courthouse is significant and valuable to the surrounding communities as a noteworthy architectural achievement, a visual record of a prosperous period in the area's history and an example of outstanding local workmanship.

Architects C.G. Maybury and Son designed the Romanesque building in 1888 at a cost of \$100,000. Reflecting the best characteristics of traditional styling, the building's function was not obscured by its design. Great care was taken to plan offices, vaults and courtrooms for maximum efficiency. An extra floor left room for expansion when needed.

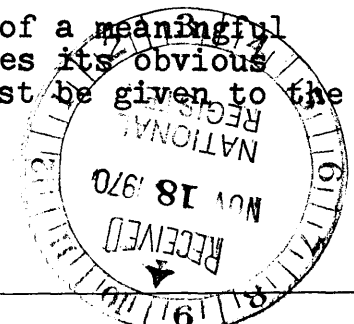
Built during the romantic era of the riverboat, logging and saw mills, the structure represents the ambitious hopes and aspirations of the community during this period. Only blocks from the Julius Wilke Steamboat, a museum dedicated to this historic period, the courthouse once commanded an unobstructed view of the river and the prospering river businesses to which the town owed its livelihood.

The attorneys and other officials who occupied this building were often well known figures in this politically oriented state. In 1889, Winona could claim among its prominent citizens, attorney generals, state supreme court justices, a lieutenant governor, a United States marshal and two United States senators. Winona had a large interest in the governmental functions of Minnesota and this courthouse was a perceptible reflection of this interest in government.

The fact that this building has lasted magnificently through 81 years of use, despite improper maintenance, attests to the skill of the craftsmen who worked on it. All the carpenters, stonemasons, iron workers and painters were local artisans. All the materials used were obtained from the surrounding area. The building was a product built of, for and by the area it serves.

These factors indicate the possibility of a meaningful functional value for this courthouse, besides its obvious historical value. Serious consideration must be given to the preservation of such a site.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Letter from: Edwin H. Lundie, F.A.I.A. Preservation Officer, Committee on Preservation of Historic Buildings, A.I.A., St. Paul Chapter; Copy, Minnesota Historical Society

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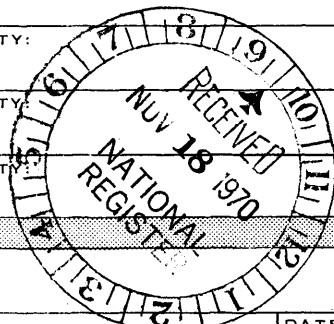
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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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
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **Brooks Cavin, A.I.A.**

ORGANIZATION: **Minnesota Society of Architects** DATE: **11-2-70**

STREET AND NUMBER: **117 Main Street S.E.**

CITY OR TOWN: **Minneapolis** STATE: **Minnesota 55414** CODE: **27**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Title Director, Minnesota Historical Society

Date _____

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

Ernest Allen Connally
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

DEC 2 1970

Date _____

ATTEST:
William Schunke
Keeper of The National Register

Date **DEC 1970**

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WINONA COUNTY COURTHOUSE



CITY OF
WINONA, MINNESOTA

**United States Department of the Interior
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**National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet**

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REFERENCE NUMBER: 70000313

STATE: Minnesota

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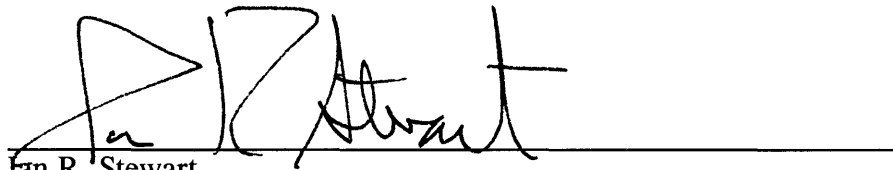
RESOURCE NAME (HISTORIC): Winona County Courthouse

CITY/TOWNSHIP: Winona

VICINITY OF:

ADDRESS: 171 W. 3rd St.

COMMENTS: Address Correction



Ian R. Stewart
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

4/24/98
Date