

**United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service**

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**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 Roseau County Courthouse

and/or common N/A

**2. Location**

street & number 216 Center Street West N/A not for publication

city, town Roseau N/A vicinity of

state Minnesota code 22 county Roseau code 135

**3. Classification**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	N/A in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property**

name Roseau County

street & number Roseau County Courthouse

city, town Roseau N/A vicinity of state Minnesota

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Roseau County Courthouse

street & number 216 Center Street West

city, town Roseau state Minnesota

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title Minnesota Statewide Historic Sites Survey has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date 1980  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Minnesota Historical Society—Ft. Snelling History Center

city, town St. Paul state Minnesota 55111

# 7. Description

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<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 N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

**Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance**

The Roseau County Courthouse is located on Center Street on the west side of the city of Roseau. The two-story rectangular brick building is capped by a simple hipped roof. Windows are 1/1 double hung sash. On the front facade, windows are grouped in pairs and the five bays are separated by simple two-story brick pilasters capped by Ionic capitals. The single windows on the side facades are set in two-story recessed vertical panels. The only major exterior alteration to the building has been the modification of the original arched recessed doorway by the addition of a one-story entrance section in 1968.

# 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 type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

**Specific dates** 1913

**Builder/Architect** Lignell and Loebeck, Duluth

Hugh Fawcett, Duluth, builder

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**

The Roseau County Courthouse is significant for its association with the development of county government. The county was established in 1894, with the county seat located at Roseau in 1895. In 1913 the county voters authorized the construction of a new building to provide adequate space for the then inadequate county facilities. Plans for the building were submitted by the Bemidji firm of Thomas Johnson and the Duluth firm of Lignell and Loebeck; the award went to the Duluth firm. Completed in 1914, the modest courthouse building has continued to provide space for county offices through the present day.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

See continuation sheet - page 1

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than 1 acre

Quadrangle name Roseau Quad.

Quadrangle scale 7.5

### UTM References

A 

1	5	2	9	7	1	2	0	5	4	1	3	8	0	0
Zone			Easting					Northing						

B 

Zone			Easting					Northing						

C 

Zone			Easting					Northing						

D 

Zone			Easting					Northing						

E 

Zone			Easting					Northing						

F 

Zone			Easting					Northing						

G 

Zone			Easting					Northing						

H 

Zone			Easting					Northing						

### Verbal boundary description and justification

N. 300' of lot 1 and N. 300' of W. 140' of lot 2  
Block 23 of the corrected Plat of Roseau

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N/A code N/A county N/A code N/A

state N/A code N/A county N/A code N/A

# 11. Form Prepared By

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organization Minnesota Historical Society

date 29 August 1983

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telephone 612-726-1171

city or town St. Paul

state Minnesota 55111

# 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 6/27/85

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

Entered in the  
National Register

date 8-15-85

*for Melvyn Byer*  
Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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