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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORMSEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Day Building

AND/OR COMMON

Same

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

300-310 Main Street

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Worcester

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

3rd

STATE

Massachusetts

CODE

025

COUNTY

Worcester

CODE

027

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☒ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Consumers Savings Bank

STREET & NUMBER

316 Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Worcester

VICINITY OF

STATE

Massachusetts

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Worcester County Registry of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER

2 Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Worcester

STATE

Massachusetts

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Inventory of the Historic Assets of the Commonwealth

DATE

1978

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Massachusetts Historical Commission

CITY, TOWN

Boston

STATE

Massachusetts

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☐ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Day Building is located at 300-310 Main Street in downtown Worcester. It stands opposite Mechanics Hall (NR) and next to the Five Cents Savings Bank (potential NR). It is one of the few turn of the century commercial buildings remaining on Main Street, an area which has been heavily altered during this century.

It was built in three phases between 1897 and 1906. The original portion, facing Main Street, was erected in 1897-98. The second section, which extends behind and around the Five Cents Savings Bank to face on Walnut Street, was constructed the following year, while the third part, also fronting on Walnut Street, was probably built in 1906.

The five bay facade was designed in a Romanesque Revival Style. The first floor of this five story building consists of large plate glass and cast iron storefronts, while the upper stories are faced with buff brick and limestone trim. The facade is organized around a wide central bay with the words "DAY BUILDING" inscribed on the third story spandrel. Full two story pilasters link the third and fourth floors. A deeply projecting modillion cornice over a wide frieze completes the design.

Fenestration on the second floor consists of a single pane of glass in each bay flanked by canted 2/2 sash. Each bay is divided by narrow banded pilasters supporting a continuous frieze. Fenestration on the third and fourth floors is similar, consisting of four sections of 2/2 sash in each bay arranged so that the outer two are canted. The fifth floor is the most elaborately treated with paired 2/2 sash in the outer bays and tripled 2/2 sash in the center. All the sash are topped by the glazed round headed arches which provide one of the dominant motifs of the Romanesque Revival design.

The first Walnut Street addition is a simpler version of the Main Street facade. It utilizes the same brick and limestone trim above plate glass and cast iron storefronts, but it is only three bays wide and four stories tall.

The second Walnut Street addition offers a contrast to the other two sections by employing red brick with granite trim rather than buff with limestone. However, this four and one-half story section relates to the others in scale and decorative motifs of round arched windows in the upper floor and deeply projecting cornice.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
___PREHISTORIC	___ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	___COMMUNITY PLANNING	___LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	___RELIGION
___1400-1499	___ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	___CONSERVATION	___LAW	___SCIENCE
___1500-1599	___AGRICULTURE	___ECONOMICS	___LITERATURE	___SCULPTURE
___1600-1699	___ARCHITECTURE	___EDUCATION	___MILITARY	___SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
___1700-1799	___ART	___ENGINEERING	___MUSIC	___THEATER
___1800-1899	___COMMERCE	___EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	___PHILOSOPHY	___TRANSPORTATION
___1900-	___COMMUNICATIONS	___INDUSTRY	___POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	___OTHER (SPECIFY)
		___INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Day Building, one of the few remaining structures of its period and type in downtown Worcester, is significant for its architectural integrity and for the continuous role it has played in Worcester's commercial life during this century.

The principal facade, facing Main Street, was designed according to plans by the local firm of Barker and Nourse. It is believed that the second section, facing Walnut Street, was designed by the same firm, although the building notice has not yet been located. The final section was designed by George T. Tribe of Worcester.

The building was originally constructed for John Day (1857-1907), a Connecticut native who first came to Worcester to study law in the office of George Frisbee Hoar. Day opened his own office in Worcester after graduating from Boston University Law School in 1876. He first specialized in real estate law, gradually becoming more involved in real estate development. This building, which was one of the largest and most imposing in downtown Worcester at the time of Day's death, represents one of his major achievements.

While Barker and Nourse worked in Worcester throughout the late nineteenth century, only two other examples of their work remain in the downtown. These are the Hamilton-Prentice Block at 621-625 Main Street, built in 1888 and the Merchant's and Farmers' Insurance Company Building at 242-246 Main Street, facade designed in 1901. The Day Building is far better preserved than the former, whose facade has been completely obscured by a metal screen, and far more elaborately detailed than the latter, which echoes its materials and design elements.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .4 acres

UTM REFERENCES

A 19 268900 4682900
ZONE EASTING NORTHING
C

B
ZONE EASTING NORTHING
D

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

Candace Jenkins National Register Coordinator

ORGANIZATION

Massachusetts Historical Commission

DATE

7/20/78

STREET & NUMBER

294 Washington Street

TELEPHONE

617-727-8470

CITY OR TOWN

Boston

STATE

Massachusetts

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

Dolores L. W. Long

7/21/78

TITLE

Executive Director, Mass. Historical Commission

DATE

7/21/78

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

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION
ATTEST:

DATE

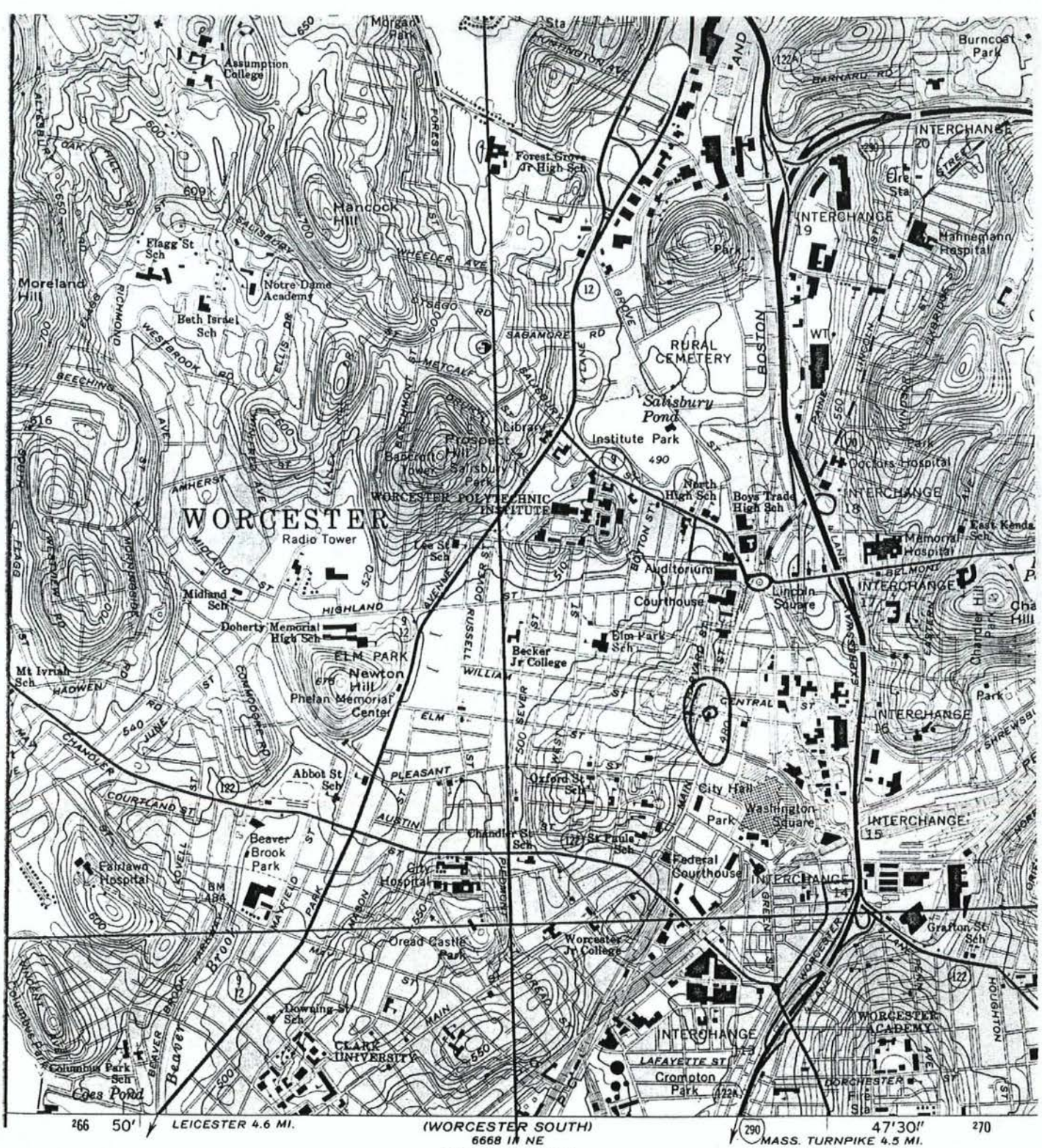
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1. Day Building. View of Main Street facade. (Photographer: Ronald White, 1978)



2. Day Building. View of buildings on Walnut Street. (Photographer: Ronald White, 1978)



CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET
 NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929
 Day Building
 300-310 Main Street

UTM References 19/268900/4682900

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
 FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092
 A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

West Brookfield vicinity. **WHITE HOMESTEAD**, NW of West Brookfield on Ware Rd. (MA 9), (4-14-75) PH0111074

Worcester. **AMERICAN ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY**, 185 Salisbury St., (11-24-68) PH0121614 NHL

Worcester. **DAY BUILDING**, 300-310 Main St., (9-13-78)

Worcester. **ELM PARK**, (7-1-70) PH0006751

Worcester. **G.A.R. HALL**, 55 Pearl St., (3-13-75) c.

Worcester. **GREENDALE VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY BUILDING**, 480 W. Boylston St., (11-7-76)

Worcester. **LIBERTY FARM**, 116 Mower St., (9-13-74) NHL

Worcester. **MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE HISTORIC DISTRICT**, Between Salisbury St. and Drury Lane, (12-16-71) PH0006785

Worcester. **MECHANICS HALL**, 321 Main St., (11-9-72) PH0006793 c.

Worcester. **OXFORD-CROWN HISTORIC DISTRICT**, Roughly bounded by Chatham, Congress, Crown, Pleasant, Oxford Sts. and Oxford Pl., (5-6-76)

Worcester. **PAINE, TIMOTHY, HOUSE**, 140 Lincoln St., (4-30-76)

Worcester. **SALISBURY HOUSE**, 61 Harvard St., (6-10-75)

Worcester. **SALISBURY MANSION AND STORE**, 30, 40 Highland St., (5-30-75)

Worcester. **WHITCOMB HOUSE**, 51 Harvard St., (11-9-77)

Worcester. **WORCESTER CITY HALL AND COMMON**, 455 Main St., (3-29-78)

MICHIGAN

alger county

AuTrain vicinity. **PAULSON HOUSE**, S of AuTrain on USFS Rd. 2278 in Hiawatha National Forest, (11-9-72) PH0016411

Christmas vicinity. **BAY FURNACE**, NW of Christmas off MI 28 in Hiawatha National Forest, (9-31-71) PH0016403

Grand Marais vicinity. **AU SABLE LIGHT STATION**, W of Grand Marais, (5-23-78)

Munising. **LOBB HOUSE**, 203 W. Onota St., (10-8-76)

Munising vicinity. **SCHOOLCRAFT FURNACE SITE**, NE of Munising off MI 94, (12-28-77)

allegan county

HACKLANDER SITE, NW Allegan County, (7-27-73) PH0016420

antrim county

HOLTZ SITE, Central Antrim County, (6-19-73) PH0016438

Bellaire. **RICHARDI, HENRY, HOUSE**, 402 N. Bridge St., (1-18-78)

Elk Rapids. **ELK RAPIDS TOWNSHIP HALL**, River St., (9-22-77)

Elk Rapids. **HUGHES HOUSE**, 109 Elm St., (5-6-76)

baraga county

SAND POINT SITE, Northern Baraga County, (6-19-73) PH0016454

Assinins. **ASSININS**, U.S. 41, (5-19-72) PH0016446

barry county

Hastings. **STRIKER, DANIEL, HOUSE**, 321 S. Jefferson St., (1-13-72) PH0016462

bay county

FLETCHER SITE, Late Archaic, Early and Late Woodland, Hopewell, and Middle Historic, (4-16-71) PH0016471

Bay City. **CITY HALL**, 301 Washington St., (7-18-75)

Bay City. **TROMBLE HOUSE**, 114, 116, 118 Webster St., (1-25-73) PH0016489

benzie county

Benzonia. **MILLS COMMUNITY HOUSE (MILLS COTTAGE)**, 891 Michigan Ave., (8-21-72) PH0016497

berrien county

SANDBURG HOUSE, (4-14-72) PH0016543

Benton Harbor. **SHILOH HOUSE**, Britain Rd., (9-29-72) PH0016578

Berrien Springs. **BERRIEN SPRINGS COURTHOUSE**, Corner of Union and Cass Sts., (2-16-70) PH0016501 c.

Buchanan vicinity. **MOCCASIN BLUFF SITE**, (4-13-77)

Niles. **FORT ST. JOSEPH SITE**, Off S. Bond St., (5-24-73) PH0016527

Niles. **LARDNER, RING, HOUSE**, 519 Bond St., (5-16-72)

Niles. **PAINE BANK**, 1008 Oak St., (5-8-73) PH0016535 HABS.

Three Oaks. **UNION MEAT MARKET**, 14 S. Elm St., (9-22-72) PH0016551

branch county

Coldwater. **EAST CHICAGO STREET HISTORIC DISTRICT**, Chicago St. from Wright St. to Division St. including parks, (5-12-75)

Coldwater. **WING HOUSE**, 27 S. Jefferson St., (2-24-75)

calhoun county

Albion. **GARDNER HOUSE**, 509 S. Superior St., (5-6-71) PH0016624

Athens vicinity. **PINE CREEK POTAWATOMI RESERVATION (NOTAWASIPPE RESERVATION)**, 1 mi. W of Athens, (3-30-73) PH0016667

Battle Creek. **BATTLE CREEK POST OFFICE**, 67 E. Michigan St., (8-21-72) PH0016560 c.

Battle Creek. **BATTLE CREEK SANITARIUM**, 197 N. Washington Ave., (10-4-78)

Battle Creek. **FEDERAL CENTER (BATTLE CREEK SANITARIUM)**, 74 N. Washington St., (7-30-74) PH0016616

Battle Creek. **PENN CENTRAL RAILWAY STATION (NEW YORK CENTRAL AND MICHIGAN CENTRAL RAILWAY STATION)**, W. Van Buren, (4-16-71) HABS.

Marshall. **BROOKS, HAROLD C., HOUSE (JABEZ S. FITCH HOUSE)**, 310 N. Kalamazoo Ave., (7-8-70) PH0027154 HABS.

Marshall. **CAPITOL HILL SCHOOL**, 603 Washington St., (3-16-72) PH0016594 c.

Marshall. **GOVERNOR'S MANSION**, 621 S. Marshall Ave., (1-8-75)

Marshall. **HONOLULU HOUSE (ABNER PRATT HOUSE)**, 107 N. Kalamazoo St., (7-8-70) PH0016632 HABS; c.

Marshall. **JOY HOUSE**, 224 N. Kalamazoo Ave., (4-19-72) PH0016659

Marshall. **NATIONAL HOUSE**, 102 S. Parkview, (1-3-78)

Marshall. **OAKHILL**, 410 N. Eagle St., (12-31-74) PH0016641

Marshall. **STONEHALL (ANDREW L. HAYES HOUSE)**, 303 N. Kalamazoo St., (6-28-72)

Marshall. **WAGNER'S BLOCK**, 143 W. Michigan Ave., (10-7-71) PH0016683 c.

Marshall. **WRIGHT-BROOKS HOUSE (DANIEL PRATT HOUSE)**, 122 N. High St., (3-16-72) PH0016691 HABS.

charlevoix county

O'NEILL SITE, (5-27-71) PH0016730 c.

PEWANGOING Q'JARRY, Western Charlevoix County, (6-20-72) PH0016748

PINE RIVER SITE, NW Charlevoix County, (11-15-72) PH0016781

PIWAN-GO-NING PREHISTORIC DISTRICT, NW Charlevoix County, (10-3-73) PH0016764

Charlevoix. **CHARLEVOIX CITY PARK SITE**, (3-16-72) PH0016705

Charlevoix vicinity. **GARDEN ISLAND INDIAN CEMETERY**, N of Charlevoix, (2-17-78)

Charlevoix vicinity. **GREENSKY HILL MISSION (PINE RIVER INDIAN MISSION)**, E of Charlevoix at jct. of U.S. 31 and CR 630, (3-16-72)

Charlevoix vicinity. **MT. MCSAUBA SITE**, (9-29-76)

Charlevoix vicinity. **WOOD SITE**, Northern Charlevoix County, (5-19-76)

St. James. **MORMON PRINT SHOP**, Main and Forest Sts., (1-25-71) PH0016721

St. James vicinity. **BEAVER ISLAND LIGHT STATION**, S of St. James on Beaver Island, (12-29-78)

St. James vicinity. **PROTAR, FEODAR, CABIN**, SW of St. James, on Beaver Island, (3-16-72)

cheboygan county

Campbell. **FARM SITE**, NW Cheboygan County, (1-31-78)

Mackinaw City vicinity. **MACKINAC POINT LIGHTHOUSE**, Michilimackinac State Park, (10-1-69) PH0016799 c.

chippewa county

NAOMIKONG POINT SITE, Middle Woodland (Laurel Focus), Chippewa (c. 1850), (4-16-71) PH0016837

Brimley vicinity. **POINT IROQUOIS LIGHT STATION**, 6 mi. NW of Brimley in the Hiawatha National Forest, (5-30-75) PH0150053

Drummond Island. **FORT DRUMMOND**, W end of Drummond Island, (10-1-69) PH0016811

Sault Ste. Marie. **ELMWOOD (SCHOOLCRAFT HOUSE/INDIAN AGENCY)**, 705 E. Portage Ave., (2-25-74) PH0016802

Sault Ste. Marie. **FEDERAL BUILDING**, 209 E. Portage Ave., (9-9-77)

Sault Ste. Marie. **JOHNSTON, JOHN, HOUSE**, 415 Park Pl., (7-8-70) c.

Sault Ste. Marie. **NEW FORT BRADY**, Lake Superior State College campus, (1-13-72) PH0016845

Sault Ste. Marie. **OLD FORT BRADY**, Bounded by the C.O.E. Service Plaza on the N, Portage St. on the S, Brady St. on the E, and Bingham St. on the W., (3-11-71) PH0016853

Sault Ste. Marie. **S.S. VALLEY CAMP (LOUIS W. HILL)**, Old Union Carbide Dock, (2-1-72) PH0016861

Sault Ste. Marie. **ST. MARY'S FALLS CANAL**, St. Mary's River, (11-13-66) PH0017922 NHL

Sheldrake vicinity. **WHITEFISH POINT LIGHTHOUSE**, 5 mi. NE of Sheldrake on Whitefish Rd., (2-28-73) PH0016896

Clinton county

Ovid. **MAIN STREET BUILDING, UNITED CHURCH OF OVID**, 222 Main St., (1-13-72) PH0016888 HABS.

delta county

SPIDER CAVE, Middle Woodland, (4-16-71) PH0018031

Escanaba. **CARNEGIE PUBLIC LIBRARY**, 201 S. 7th St., (7-25-77)