

**United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form**

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

**1. Name**

historic Keystone Building

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number 409 Main Street not for publication

city, town Red Wing vicinity of congressional district First

state Minnesota code 22 county Goodhue code 049

**3. Classification**

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

**4. Owner of Property**

name Donald B. and Joleen Jensen

street & number 409 Main Street

city, town Red Wing vicinity of state Minnesota

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Recorder's Office - Goodhue County Courthouse

street & number

city, town Red Wing state Minnesota

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

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

date 1979  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Minnesota Historical Society - 240 Summit Avenue-Hill House

city, town St. Paul state Minnesota

## 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 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

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

The Keystone Building is located in Red Wing's business district on the south side of Main Street between Bush Street and Broadway. It is surrounded on all sides by commercial buildings. Its heavy brick ornamentation causes it to stand out from the buildings around it.

The building measures 30 feet by 60 feet and is constructed of brick. It is a good example of the Italianate style in a commercial building. Its two stories are divided by an entablature of ornamental brickwork. The Main Street facade's three bays are divided by vertical pilasters in brick. The central bay is emphasized by the broken pediment, the arch in the entablature between the first and second floors, and a triple arched window. The windows are all framed by heavily rusticated brickwork on the second floor. The original brick facade is intact behind the awning that covers part of the street level facade. The building is capped by a bracketted wooden cornice.

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

**Specific dates**      1867                                      **Builder/Architect** Daniel C. Hill

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

The Keystone Building is significant as a well preserved example of an early Red Wing commercial building. Designed and built by the local architect and builder, Daniel C. Hill, the building has been a significant element in Red Wing's commercial streetscape for over 110 years. Architecturally, it is a good example of Italianate architecture in a commercial building and is one of the few remaining buildings known to have been designed and built by Daniel C. Hill.

The Keystone Building was built as office space in 1867 for Pierce and Wilder at a cost of \$10,000. A local paper judged it to be one of the most substantial and convenient structures of the city. The building has played a significant role in the history of Red Wing's businesses. It housed the Pierce and Simmons Bank for the first fourteen years of its existence. In 1872 Dr. Charles Hewitt established the state board of health office there. The second floor offices were long occupied by the law firm of Williston and Wilder. In the course of its history it has provided office and commercial space for numerous other Red Wing enterprises.

The building is presently occupied by Jensen Jewelers. Its owners have plans to restore the building's exterior as closely to its original appearance as possible.

PLEASE NOTE: The manuscript for this nomination was prepared before the one paragraph limit for significance statements was stipulated.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Angell, Madeline, Red Wing, Minn., Saga of a River Town, Mpls.: Dillon Press, 1977.  
Goodhue County Republican, Jan. 10, 1868, Feb. 23, 1871.  
St. Paul Daily Press, August 6, 1874.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than 1 acre

Quadrangle name Red Wing

**UTM NOT VERIFIED**

Quadrangle scale 7.5

UMT References

A 

1	5	5	3	6	9	1	0	4	9	3	4	5	6	0
Zone			Easting				Northing							

B 

Zone			Easting				Northing							

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Zone			Easting				Northing							

H 

Zone			Easting				Northing							

Verbal boundary description and justification

North 30 feet on Lot 7, Block 37; original town being 60 feet on Main Street

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

state code county code

state code county code

## 11. Form Prepared By

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date April 1979

street & number 240 Summit Avenue-Hill House

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city or town St. Paul

state Minnesota

## 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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Russell W. Fridley

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date 7/19/79

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

Carol D. Shull  
Keeper of the National Register

date 11-14-79

Attest: Kristin O'Connell  
Chief of Registration

date 11/5/79