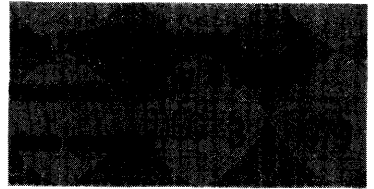


**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**



**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 Waterford School District 72

and/or common Waterford Community Center

2. Location

street & number 321^{st.} and Cornell Avenue not for publication

city, town Waterford vicinity of _____ congressional district First

state Minnesota code 22 county Dakota code 037

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<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	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input 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 Town of Waterford

street & number Route 2

city, town Northfield vicinity of _____ state Minnesota 55057

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Dakota County Government Center

street & number 1560 West Highway 55

city, town Hastings state Minnesota 55033

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Statewide Survey of Historic Resources

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 55102

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 Waterford School is a one story rectangular building with a high gable roof. The structure is wood framed and the exterior is covered with clapboards painted white. The entrance in the center of the front wall is surmounted by a transom that appears too wide for the present door, suggesting an original double door. The transom and two-over-two windows have pediments above them. Three panels of stickwork in the gable suggest beams and braces. There is a square belfry with a double-pitched hip roof. A small brick chimney is located near the rear wall. Alterations have included the replacement of the double door with a single one, the placement of a rectangular window next to the front door, and the construction of a small rear addition and a side-rear entry. The interior has also been remodeled to serve its new function as a community center.

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
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<input 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 1882

Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Waterford School District 72 is representative of the small rural schools that were distributed across Dakota County in the 19th century. While the small school building has almost disappeared from the urbanized northern portion of the county, it continues to be a characteristic landscape feature of rural areas. Many of the remaining structures, however, have been abandoned or moved and modified to serve other functions. Waterford School remains on its original site as a well-preserved example of a rural public building. Built in 1882 to replace an earlier school, its ample proportions and stylish ornamentation reflect community interest in the educational environment of its children. After school consolidation the building found adaptive use as a community center and township hall. It remains the visual focal point of the hamlet of Waterford as well as its social center.

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED

Acreeage of nominated property less than 1

Quadrangle name Northfield

Quadrangle scale 7.5

UMT References

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G

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H

Zone		Easting				Northing							

Verbal boundary description and justification

Block 3
Town of Waterford

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 Susan Pommering Reynolds, Survey Analyst

organization Minnesota Historical Society date 8 June 1979

street & number 240 Summit Avenue-Hill House Contact Dennis Gimmestad telephone 612-296-9545

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*
Russell W. Fridley
title State Historic Preservation Officer date 11/1/79

For HCRS use only
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Carol D. Skell
Keeper of the National Register date 12-31-79

Attest: *Kristin J O'Connell*
Chief of Registration date 12/26/79

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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**Note: These changes apply to
Waterford School District 72 in
Dakota County, Minnesota.**

REFERENCE NUMBER: 79001236

STATE: MINNESOTA

COUNTY: Dakota

RESOURCE NAME (HISTORIC): District School No. 72

CITY:

VICINITY OF: Northfield

ADDRESS:

CERTIFICATION DATE:

REMOVED DATE:

COMMENTS:

Nina M. Archabal

**Nina M. Archabal
State Historic Preservation Officer**

JUN 17 1988

Date

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REFERENCE NUMBER: 79001236

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COUNTY: Dakota

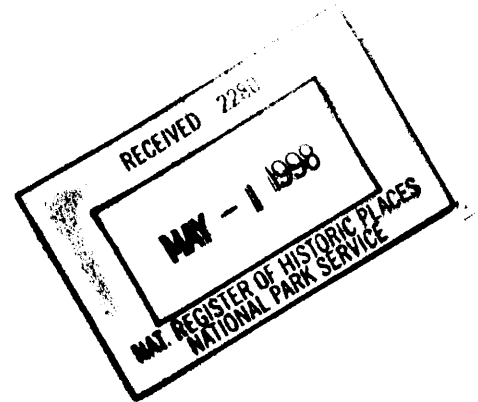
RESOURCE NAME (HISTORIC): District No. 72 School

CITY/TOWNSHIP: Waterford

VICINITY OF:

ADDRESS: 321st St. W. and Cornell Ave.

COMMENTS: ~~Address Correction~~ *Name Correction*



Ian R. Stewart

Ian R. Stewart
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

4/24/98
Date