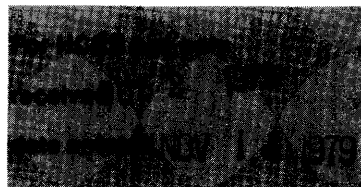


**United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**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 Gladstone Building

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number 309 Bush Street \_\_\_ not for publication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 <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> museum</span>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> park</span>
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> private residence</span>
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> religious</span>
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> scientific</span>
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> transportation</span>
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <span style="float: right;"><input type="checkbox"/> other:</span>

**4. Owner of Property**

name Neal Siewert

street & number Siewert Construction Company - 419 Plum 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 State 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

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## 7. Description

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**Condition**

excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

**Check one**

unaltered  
 altered

**Check one**

original site  
 moved      date \_\_\_\_\_

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

The Gladstone Building occupies a prominent position on the east side of Bush Street between Third and Fourth Streets in the heart of Red Wing's business district. The large size and limestone construction of the 1886 building have made it a prominent element on the streetscape of downtown Red Wing for the ninety-three years of its life.

The three story building is built of local limestone and measures 97 feet on Bush Street by 60 feet deep. The Bush Street facade is divided into ten bays. The central two windows on the second floor and the three stone projections above them (original function uncertain) make the center of the building the visual focus. The windows on the third floor are considerably taller than those on the second floor and are set in arches of contrasting stone. The horizontal arrangement of the window groupings is emphasized by horizontal bands of contrasting stone running the width of the building above and below the second story windows and at the base of the third floor windows. The building is topped by a decorative cornice. The overall weight and mass of the building, the masonry construction, and the use of arches as a major design element are characteristic features of the Romanesque style popular in commercial buildings at the time the building was constructed.

The street level facade has been altered by the addition of four modern store-fronts.

# 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
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<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 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** 1886

**Builder/Architect**

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

The Gladstone Building is significant as a well preserved nineteenth century commercial building of local limestone. Built in 1886 by James Lawther, a prominent Red Wing citizen, this massive stone building has been an important element in Red Wing's business district for ninety-five years.

The Gladstone Building was built during a time when Red Wing was experiencing steady growth in population and was settling into its identity as a manufacturing center in southeastern Minnesota. It was built to meet the needs of this growing community. The building has continuously provided space for local professionals and local businesses. It has served the community in other capacities as well: during the 1890s it housed the first reading room of the Red Wing Public Library and the Red Wing Commercial College and School of Shorthand and during the early twentieth century it housed the Red Wing Elks club. Local newspapers list this building as the meeting place for numerous local organizations during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Its prominent downtown location, "modern" facilities, and ample space made it well suited to serve this function.

As Red Wing's outstanding nineteenth century commercial building of local stone and a prominent element in Red Wing's business streetscape for ninety-five years, the Gladstone Building is worthy of preservation.

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, Minnesota, Saga of a River Town, Minneapolis: Dillon Press, 1977.  
Red Wing Argus, May 14, 1885, January 7, 1886.  
 Schmeckebier, Lawrence, Art in Red Wing, Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 1945.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property less than 1 acre

Quadrangle name Red Wing

UTM NOT VERIFIED

Quadrangle scale 7.5

### UMT References

A 

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Zone		Easting						Northing						

B 

Zone		Easting						Northing							

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Zone		Easting						Northing							

**Verbal boundary description and justification** The Gladstone Building is situated on a parcel of land measuring 97 feet on Bush St. by 80 feet deep : parts of lots 9 and 10, block 27 of the original town plat to the city of Red Wing, being the SLY 97 feet of lot 10 and the SLY 97 feet of the WLY 20 feet of lot 9.

### 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 Britta Bloomberg

organization Minnesota Historical Society

date April 1979

street & number 240 Summit Avenue-Hill House

telephone 612-296-0101

city or town

state

## 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 9/18/79

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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

date 11/5/79

Chief of Registration