

MINNESOTA HISTORIC PROPERTIES INVENTORY FORM

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 COUNTY: Clay JAN 29 1980

HISTORIC NAME: Barnesville City Hall and Jail
 COUNTY: Clay
 CURRENT NAME: CITY/TWP.: Barnesville
 LEGAL DESC.: Lots 11 and 12, Block 2, Great Northern Addn, ADDRESS: Front and Main Streets

CLASSIFICATION:	CONDITION:	SIGNIFICANCE:	THEME/S:
Building <u> X </u>	Excellent <u> </u>	Local <u> X </u>	Primary <u>Politics/Government</u>
Structure <u> </u>	Good <u> X </u>	State <u> </u>	Secondary <u> </u>
Object <u> </u>	Fair <u> </u>	National <u> </u>	Others <u> </u>
District <u> </u>	Deteriorated <u> </u>		

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:	Yes <u> X </u> No <u> </u> Restricted <u> </u>	PRESENT USE:
VISIBLE FROM THE ROAD:	Yes <u> X </u> No <u> </u>	City Hall
OCCUPIED:	Yes <u> X </u> No <u> </u>	Liquor Store

DATE CONSTRUCTED: 1899, c.1910	ORIGINAL USE: City hall, fire hall, jail, opera house
ORIGINAL OWNER: City of Barnesville	ARCHITECT/BUILDER:

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: City of Barnesville Barnesville, MN	ACREAGE: Less than one acre <u> X </u>
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LOCAL CONTACT/ORG.:	UTM REFERENCE:
FORM PREPARED BY: Tom Harvey	96° 25' 12" Longitude
DATE: October 1979	46° 39' 48" Latitude
	Barnesville 15' quad.

DESCRIPTION:

The Barnesville City Hall and Jail occupy two lots on a corner at the north end of the city's main street business district. The city hall was built in 1899 and the jail was added about 1910. In 1964 the space between the hall and jail was filled in with a new fire engine garage. Though built about ten years apart, the two buildings are of the same construction material, a locally produced soft brick, and are complementary in style.

As originally constructed, the city hall housed city offices, the fire department, and an opera hall. The buff colored brick structure is two-stories high. Large semi-circular arched windows are found on the front and side second story facades. Stone sills are connected by raised brick belt coursing. Raised brick hood molds arch over each window. On the first floor, the front facade originally had three wide entrances. Two have now been converted to windows; the other is the present entry. On the side facade, a single door enters the old liquor store. The municipal liquor store is now in the old fire hall toward the rear of the structure. The upper portions of the building are decorated with more brick belt courses, raised corner posts, and recessed brick panels. Large plaques in the front read "City Hall" and "1899."

The jail is a one story building set at the back of the corner lot and faces the side street. It too has a raised brick belt course and corner posts extending above the roof line. The front facade is marked by a parapet roof line.

SIGNIFICANCE:

The Barnesville City Hall and Jail is a good example of a municipal services complex in a small town. The city hall building and added jail housed the range of services anticipated at the turn of the century - jail, city hall chambers, opera house, and fire hall. The municipal liquor store was added later, and then moved into the original fire hall space in 1964 when the fire engine addition was built. The Barnesville complex is the most substantial, and one of the least altered buildings on the main business street, and marks the north end of the business district. The use of locally manufactured brick, no longer produced, enhances the buildings local significance.