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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 Jackson Hotel

AND/OR COMMON Jackson Hotel

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 214 Jackson Street
CITY, TOWN Anoka COUNTY CODE Anoka 003
STATE Minnesota VICINITY OF CODE COUNTY CODE
NOT FOR PUBLICATION CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" 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	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<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 Fred Jackson
STREET & NUMBER 403 Fremont St.
CITY, TOWN Anoka STATE Minnesota
VICINITY OF Minnesota
Contract for Deed in name of:
Mary Helen Delong
Park Street
Anoka, Mn 55303

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Anoka County Court House, Auditor & Records Offices
STREET & NUMBER 325 East Main Street
CITY, TOWN Anoka STATE Minnesota

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE County Survey -- Anoka County Historical Society
DATE 1977
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Anoka County Historical Society - 1900 3rd Ave.
CITY, TOWN Anoka STATE Minnesota
FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input 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 Jackson Hotel is located on the south side of Jackson Street between Second and Third Avenues in the central business district of Anoka. The solid brick building consists of five sections built at different times, three of which face Jackson Street. The two-story center section (26' x 60') facing Jackson Street was built in the fall of 1884 at a cost of \$6,000, and still bears the name of its builder, C. G. Jackson. A two-story detached brick barn (now vacant warehouse) was also built at this time at a cost of \$3,000. In 1885, at a cost of \$2,000, a two-story brick addition (30' x 35') to the rear of the center section was constructed thereby attaching the original hotel and barn structures. In 1888, a large three-story brick addition (20' x 55') was constructed on the west side of the original hotel structure. Some years later, another large three-story brick addition (26' x 66') was made on the east side of the original structure. The three rectangular sections facing Jackson Street are all constructed of red brick.

The exterior facades appear in nearly their original condition except for a few bricked up windows necessitated by interior alterations. The three-story east and west wings display a nearly symmetrical design with oriel windows centered between a bay window on each side on the second and third floors. The oriel windows are capped by twin cupolas. Two brick pilasters from ground to roof separate the three sections. A large canopy which once shaded the sidewalk has been removed.

There is a full basement beneath all sections except the west wing. An unusable basement is beneath the old barn. The foundation is constructed with three foot thick stone.

The interior has been altered over time to meet local commercial needs. An adaptive use is planned which would be consistent with the changing commercial uses of the building throughout its history.

As modern accommodations appeared and means of travel improved, time left the Jackson Hotel behind and it fell into changing uses and finally disuse. Presently, the hotel is in a deteriorated condition, vacant, and in need of extensive interior renovation. However, the exterior still displays the proud image of the grand hotel it once was at the turn of the century.

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 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 checked="" 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 1884, 1888, 1905

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Charles G. Jackson

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Jackson Hotel is the only hotel and one of very few commercial buildings in Anoka representing the period of reconstruction following the great fire of 1884 which has survived fires, floods, tornadoes, and urban renewal. It remains a distinctive landmark in the central business district of Anoka and symbolizes the once prominent role that this City played in Minnesota as an agricultural market and as a lumbering, milling and commercial trade center. However, the building is in imminent danger of being lost to urban renewal if not recognized and renovated. If protected and renovated it could be more than symbolic, but return to an active commercial life in Anoka.

Constructed in 1884 and serving the Anoka area continuously for over 90 years until it ceased operation in 1975, the Jackson Hotel has played a central role in the commercial vitality of the Anoka region. Situated in the heart of Anoka at the hub of water, rail, and overland trade routes, the Jackson Hotel served a varied clientele and witnessed the passing of several commercial periods. In its early years the hotel served farmers and loggers who brought their respective produce to market and mill in Anoka. As commerce expanded, the hotel expanded to serve traveling businessmen, campaigning politicians, itinerant photographers, lecturers, entertainers, and tourists. The hotel was an essential part of the itinerant salesman's life with the hotel sample room serving as the only store and office the salesman ever knew. Both early teamsters and modern-day truckers made the Jackson Hotel one of their stops.

Under the management of Charles G. Jackson, the builder and owner, the Jackson Hotel gained the reputation of being the leading hotel in Anoka and one of the best hotels in Minnesota, known particularly for its fine cuisine and exceptional hospitality toward its guests. The hotel attracted weekend tourists from the Twin Cities and served as a banquet and small convention center for many civic and business groups from both the Anoka and the Twin Cities areas. As a unique local landmark the Jackson Hotel has been the gathering place for many special community events and served as the headquarters for reconstruction crews who poured into Anoka following the 1939 tornado.

