

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Minnesota	
COUNTY: Rice	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
70-10-27.002-5	10/15/70

1. NAME

COMMON:
The Nutting House

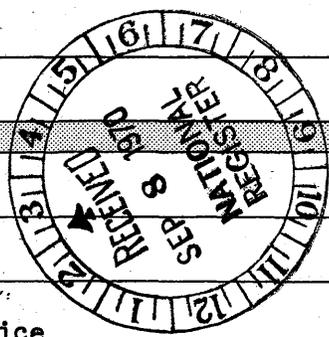
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
217 Union Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Northfield

STATE: Minnesota CODE: 22 COUNTY: Rice CODE: 131



3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Carleton College

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Northfield STATE: Minnesota CODE: 22

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Rice County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Faribault STATE: Minnesota CODE: 22

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
None

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

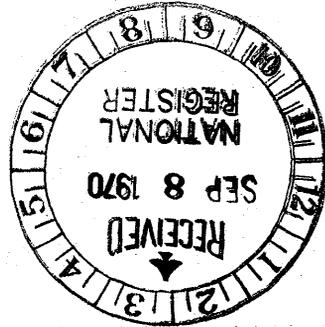
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house is of typical 19th Century wood frame construction with an exterior white brick veneer wall two stories high over a full basement of local limestone with a two story attic. A subsidiary wing (the Wood House) one and one half stories high with basement adjoins the house on the north end. Shingles are of red asphalt and all openings are trimmed with red sandstone. An early hot air system was replaced by hot water. There are seven principal rooms on the first floor and six on the second. Room finishes include white oak, red oak, ash, birch, cherry and redwood. J.C. Nutting made a trip to the West while the house was underway, and brought back a wide variety of wood so that each room could have a distinctive wood trim with furnishings to match. He is also said, by family tradition, to have actively revised the architect's drawings, both on the exterior with a higher roof, and with the addition of some 30 cupboards and closets not shown on the original plans. In about 1917 the original 2 parlors were combined into one living room and in 1912 a 56 ft. long by 12 foot wide screened porch was added along the east side of the house. Above it is a smaller porch 25 foot long by 12 foot wide.

The original two story high west entrance porch has been modified with the upper porch removed. It could be rebuilt from the existing plans. Although the fireplace mantels have been removed they are thought to be in attic storage and photographs exist of the original intentions.

A recent detailed inspection by Carleton College maintenance personnel and by architects Sovik Mathre & Madson members reveal that a number of items need to be attended to soon: a new heating plant, complete rewiring and attention to completion of reroofing undertaken three years ago, plus repairing cornice and complete repainting of all exterior trim. A carriage house exists in good condition to the east of the house containing a single garage and storage room on ground level, and loft above.

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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1887-8

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

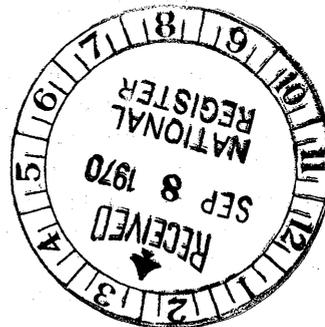
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Nutting house was built in 1887-8 from plans by local architect J.E. Cooke. Mr. John Claudius Nutting came to Northfield in 1868 from California where he had gone in 1853 from his native Vermont to join the gold rush and work in the lumber industry. Experience with loans to lumber-jacks led to his being founder of the First National Bank (the oldest in Rice County) of which he was president in 1876 when it was robbed by the notorious James-Younger gang. An earlier wooden house on the west side was sold and the present house built in 1887 on the east side because of Nutting's desire to be near the new Congregational Church and Carleton College. The new sturdy house lacked grandeur - it was large and substantial but had no flights of extravagant fancy. "It is more a large cottage than a mansion," say its heirs.

The house is the only remaining example of a brick house of this size and period in Northfield. Since the people of Northfield held the Nutting family in high regard, the house has become a landmark in the community. It has been acquired from the 2 non-resident heiresses as a residence for Carleton's president-elect and some minor interior changes are contemplated.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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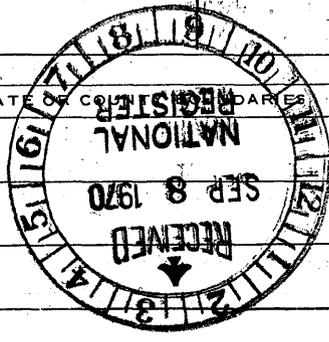
10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 4/5 acre

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE AND COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Brooks Cavin, A.I.A.

ORGANIZATION: Cavin & Page DATE: 6/12/70

STREET AND NUMBER:
102 Hubbard Building, 2675 University Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: St. Paul STATE: Minnesota CODE: 22

12 STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION **NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

As the designated State Liaison 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 National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name: Russell W. Fridley

Title: Director, Minnesota Historical Society

Date: _____

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

Ernest Allen Connally
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation
 OCT 15 1970

Date: _____

ATTEST: Wilbur J. Mumford
 Keeper of The National Register
 SEP 30 1970

Date: _____

WATERFORD

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 Northfield, Mn. 1960
 Nutting House
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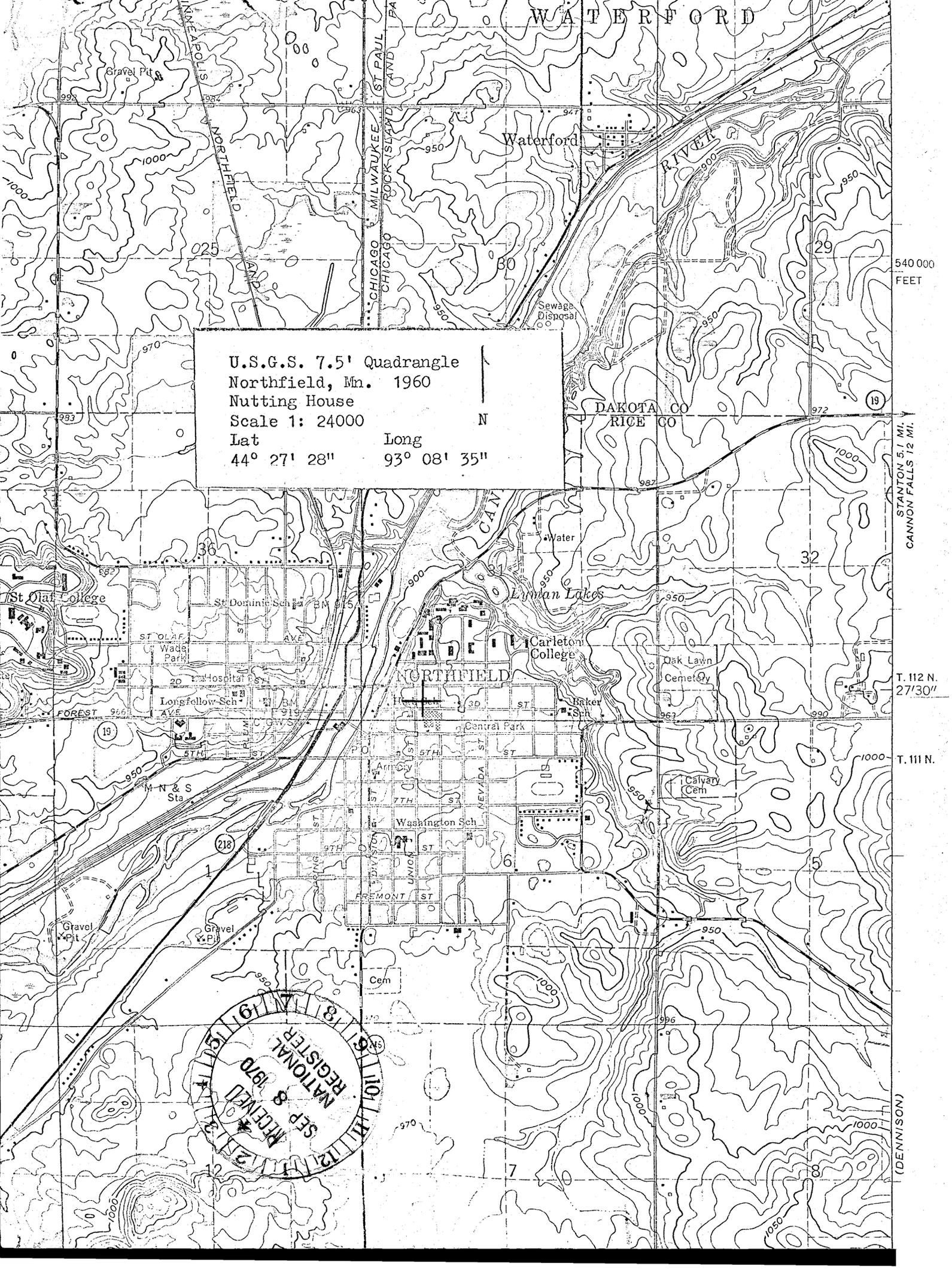
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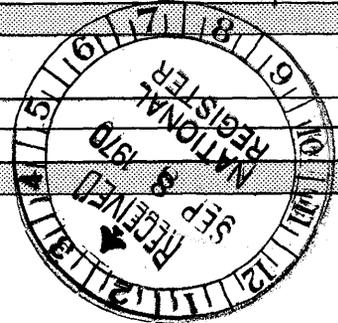
**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
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3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE: U.S.G.S. 7.5 Quadrangle, Northfield, Mn.			
SCALE: 1: 24,000			
DATE: 1960			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			



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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

for Keeper *Helene Lynn*
1/19/89

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**Note: These changes apply to
Nutting House in Rice County,
Minnesota.**

REFERENCE NUMBER: 70000310

STATE: MINNESOTA

COUNTY: Rice

RESOURCE NAME (HISTORIC): Nutting, John C., House

CITY:

VICINITY OF:

ADDRESS:

CERTIFICATION DATE:

REMOVED DATE:

COMMENTS:

Nina M. Archabal

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

JUN 17 1988

Date