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

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histo	ric	Hemstead, Wern	er, House		
and/o	r common				
2.	Loca	ation			
stree	& number	303 North Four	th Street		not for publication
city, t	own	Brainerd	vicinity of	congressional district	7th
state		Minnesota <b>code</b>	e 22 county	Crow Wing	code 035
<u>3.</u>	Clas	sification			
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4.	Own	er of Prope	rty		
name		John Kurtzman			
street	& number	324 North Sever	nth Street		
city, t	own	Brainerd	vicinity of	state	Minnesota
5.	Loca	ation of Lega	al Description	on	
court	house, regi	stry of deeds, etc. Crow	Wing County Courth	ouse	
street	& number				
city, t	own	Brainerd		state	Minnesota
6.	Rep	resentation	in Existing	Surveys	
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city, t	own St	. Paul		state	Minnesota

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Condition excellent _X good fair	deteriorated ruins unexposed	Check one unaltered X altered	Check one  X original site moved date	

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

7. Description

The Werner Hemstead House is located on the northwest corner of the intersection of North Fourth and Kingwood Streets, in a residential neighborhood near downtown Brainerd. It is a white two-story, square wood frame structure, 40 x 40 feet, of symmetrical composition in a Georgian or Classical Revival style. The most prominent feature is a monumental protico in the Ionic Order on the main (Fourth Street) facade. A balcony with iron railing projects over the entrance which has a transom and sidelights. Features of the building include pilasters at the corners of the main facade, a porte-cochere centered on the south facade, and an enclosed pilastered porch across the west (rear) facade. The double slope roof is pierced by chimneys on the north and south slopes and dormer windows on the north, south, and west slopes. Windows are one-over-one double-hung sash. The interior has been subdivided into apartments. The house exterior is in very good condition.

## 8. Significance

1600–1699 1700–1799	Areas of Significance—C archeology-prehistoric agriculture x architecture artX commerce communications		law literature military music	re religion science sculpture social/ humanitarian theater transportation other (specify)
Specific dates	ca. 1900	Builder/Architect U	nknown	

## Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Werner Hemstead House is significant as the residence of a prominent Brainerd citizen and as a notable local example of Classical Revival domestic architecture. Werner Hemstead arrived in Brainerd in 1882 to serve as assistant chief surgeon at the Northern Pacific Railroad Company hospital. In 1888 he was mayor of Brainerd and in 1890 served in the Minnesota State Legislature. He was manager of the Northern Pacific Bank of Brainerd (later Citizens State Bank) and a partner in the Brainerd Brewing Company. In 1892 and 1898 he served as president of the County Agricultural Society and in 1908 was a member of the Brainerd Charter Commission. In 1903 he moved into his newly-constructed residence. The imposing classical facade of this structure is unique among Brainerd houses. With its virtually unaltered exterior and weighty portico it survives as an elaborately articulated example of the symmetrical, classical style considered appropriate for a civic and politically-oriented person of Hemstead's stature.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Zapffe, Carl. <u>Brainerd: 1871-1946</u>. Minneapolis: Colwell Press, Inc., 1946. Pages 21, 116, and 190.

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10. Ge	ographical Da	ta UTM NOT V	ERNFIED
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name/title	Robert M. Frame III,	, Architectural Histori	ian/Research Historian-Survey
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12. Sta	te Historic Pr	eservation Of	ficer Certification
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