

**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 Spina Hotel

and/or common Spina Hotel

2. Location

street & number Curtis Avenue and Fourth Street (NW corner) not for publication

city, town Ironton vicinity of congressional district 7th

state Minnesota code 22 county Crow Wing code 035

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Charles C. and Elizabeth Perpich

street & number

city, town Ironton vicinity of state Minnesota

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Crow Wing County Courthouse

street & number

city, town Brainerd state Minnesota

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Statewide Survey of Historic Resources 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 55102

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Spina Hotel is located on the northwest corner of the intersection of Curtis Avenue and Fourth Street in Ironton. It is a two-story brick masonry building in a style of mild commercial classicism, 75 ft. x 100 ft., with the second story arranged in a U-shape around the three principal facades. The main (Curtis Ave.) facade has plate glass display windows on the first story and paired one-over-one double-hung sash windows on the second story. The first story is constructed primarily of cast iron St. Paul Foundry columns with somewhat more elaborate cast iron entrances placed diagonally at each corner. Directly above each entrance is a false balcony with a pair of columns constructed of banded wood strips. Each pair of windows along the second story is surmounted by an arch and cast iron decorative panel. The interior, altered somewhat over time, contains the hotel lobby (basically intact), a bar, barber shop, shop area, and U.S. Post Office. The second story contains hotel rooms. Some original wood trim, pressed metal ceilings, and light fixtures remain.

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 checked="" 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 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 1913

Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Built during the early boom years of Ironton and the Cuyuna Iron Range, the Spina Hotel is significant as a representative, both architecturally and commercially, of the grand style of living which was anticipated at the time. Employing decorative cast iron and wood balcony columns in a design of small town commercial classicism, the hotel reflects Ironton's civic visions in 1913 when Cuyuna Range iron mining was creating rapid financial and commercial development. In addition to its hotel function the building also was designed to accommodate a variety of shops and commercial space. Ironton's peak population was reached by 1920 and has declined thereafter, never having attained the grand scale which was envisioned. The Spina Hotel, however, remains with almost total exterior integrity and continues to serve much of its original function.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Hansen, Arvy (ed.).

CUY-UNA! ...a Chronicle of the Cuyuna Range. "Published by the Cuyuna Range Bicentennial Committee on June 1, 1976, as a project during the nation's 200th Birthday Observance." N.P. Page 41.

10. Geographical Data

**ITEM NOT VERIFIED
ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED**

Acreeage of nominated property less than one

Quadrangle name Crosby

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UMT References

A

1	5	4	2	5	0	5	0	5	1	4	7	3	7	0
Zone		Easting				Northing								

B

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Verbal boundary description and justification

The nominated property consists of Lots 21, 22, 23, 24, and 25, Block 13, Amended Plat First Addition, City of Ironton.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Robert M. Frame III, Architectural Historian/Research Historian-Survey

organization Minnesota Historical Society date March 19, 1980

street & number 240 Summit Avenue-Hill House telephone 612-296-9074

city or town St. Paul state Minnesota

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

Russell W. Fridley

title State Historic Preservation Officer date 3/25/80

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

W. Ray Juce
Keeper of the National Register

date 5/23/80

Attest: Kristin J. O'Connell

date 5/21/80

Chief of Registration