MINNESOTA HISTORIC . PROPERTIES INVENTORY FORM

HISTORIC HAIR. KI	ei & Morgan Hotel/first Lyon Co	ounty Cook.	LI: Lyon	
CURRENT NAME:	Courthouse		CITY/TWP.: Lynd	
LEGAL DESC.: Se	e page 2		ESS: ne intersection of River St. . Road 4, Lynd Township	
CLASSIFICATION: Building X Structure Object District	CONDITION: Excellent Good X to Fair X Deteriorated	SIGNIFICANCE: Local X State National	THEME/S: Primary government & politic Secondary settlement Others	
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC VISIBLE FROM THE R OCCUPIED:		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	PRESENT USE: vacant	
DATE CONSTRUCTED: ca 1871		ORIGINAL USE:	Hotel	
ORIGINAL OWNER: Levi S. Kiel & A. D. Morgan		ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown		
OWNER'S NAME AND A	DDRESS: Mrs. Eva Schrunk P.O. Box 53 Balaton, MN		AGE: Less than one acrexREFERENCE:	
LOCAL CONTACT/CRG.: Lyon County Historical Society Courthouse, Marshall, MN		Ly	nd Quad	

DESCRIPTION:

DATE:

FORM PREPARED BY:

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The Kiel and Morgan Hotel is located in the area of Lynd Township known as Lower Lynd, one of Lyon County's earliest settlements. The hotel, now used as a farm house, was constructed in ca 1871, and is a two story frame rectangular structure with gable roof over the main section and a shed roof at the rear. It is sheathed in clapboard. The central entrance in the five bay front has a bracketed hood roof (not original). Alterations to the building include the removal of the one-story decked front porch, the construction of a one story frame addition to the ease side of the building, and modifications to the rear section's roofline.

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SIGNIFICANCE: The Kiel and Morgan Hotel is significant for its links with the early settlement of Lyon County and with the beginnings of county government. In 1869 the Legislature passed an enabling act entitling Lyon County to be set apart from Redwood County. To facilitate organization of the county, Governor Horace Austin appointed several commissioners. In 1870, the year of organization, there were two active settlements in the area; Saratoga Springs on the Cottonwood River and Upper Lynd on the Redwood River. For the next two years the county commissioners met at an Upper Lynd home. In 1871 another village called Lower Lynd was laid out by A. R. Cummins and Allen D. Morgan. Here Morgan and Levi Kiel, one of the county commissioners, erected a hotel. In a short time the store and church at Upper Lynd moved to Lower Lynd and Lower Lynd became the dominant settlement. For the first time since the county's organization, county business was conducted on a regular basis at a fixed location, in Kiel and Morgan's hotel. However, like Upper Lynd, Lower Lynd lost the county seat to another rival when Marshall was platted on the Winona and St. Peter Railroad in 1872. Lower Lynd declined steadily, although Kiel still operated the post office from the hotel. In 1888 present-day Lynd was platted and Lower Lynd was abandoned. The village was sold for farm land and the hotel was converted to a farmhouse. In 1970 a granite pillar from the first courthouse building in Marshall was moved to a site near the Kiel and Morgan Hotel to commemorate citizen interest in the beginnings of county government. The Kiel and Morgan Hotel is important as one of the few remaining examples of early settlement structures that were pressed into service as county courthouses in newly organized and thinly populated western Minnesota counties. It stands as a reminder of the transitory nature of the earliest Euro-American communities as cities became established at more commercially viable locations.

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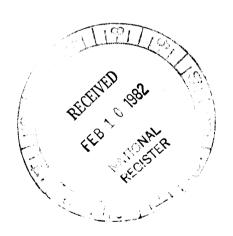
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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

Commencing at a point on the north line of public highway also known as Benton St. 1320 feet east of the west line of section 27; thence north 240 feet; thence east 132 feet; thence south 240 feet; thence west 132 feet to the point of beginning; excepting that part of the S^1_2 , NW^1_4 of section 27, Township 111 North, Range 42 West, described as follows:

Commencing at the NW corner of Section 27, Township 111 North of Range 42 West; thence southerly along the West line of said Section 27 a distance of 2312.65 feet; thence easterly at a deflection angle of 88 degrees 56 minutes left 1413 feet; thence northerly at right angles 24 feet to the true place of beginning; thence easterly at right angles 10 feet; thence northerly at right angles 10 feet; thence westerly at right angles 10 feet; thence southerly 10 feet to the true place of beginning.



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	Note: These changes apply to Kiel & Morgan Hotel/Lyon County Courthouse in Lyon County, Minnesota.			
REFERENCE NUMBER: 82002981				
STATE: MINNESOTA				
COUNTY: Lyon				
RESOURCE NAME (HISTORIC):				
CITY:				
VICINITY OF: Lynd				
ADDRESS: off Co. Hwy. 5				
CERTIFICATION DATE:				
REMOVED DATE:				
COMMENTS:				

Nina M. Archabal State Historic Preservation Officer

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Date