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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic McLeod County Court House

and/or common same

2. Location

street & number 830 11th St. East N/A not for publication

city, town Glencoe N/A vicinity of ~~congressional district~~

state Minnesota code 22 county McLeod code 085

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> government
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name McLeod County

street & number 330 11th St. East

city, town Glencoe N/A vicinity of state Minnesota

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. McLeod County Court House

street & number 830 11th St. East.

city, town Glencoe, state Minnesota

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Statewide Survey of
title Historic Resources has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1981 federal state county local

depository for survey records Minnesota Historical Society—Ft. Snelling History Center

city, town St. Paul state Minnesota

7. Description

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

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

McLeod County was organized in March 1856, and Glencoe chosen the county seat. It was not until 1876 that the citizens of the county finally selected a site for the county court house. That year the building was completed and described later as being built of brick, two stories in height, and measuring 48 X 70 feet. The interior was divided into six rooms on the first floor and two fire-proof vaults and a courtroom and jury room above. The total cost of the building, about ten thousand dollars. An early photograph of the structure shows a gabled roof with a full pediment over the front entry. A one-story columned, open porch protected the main entry. The corners of the structure were quoined in stone. Arched and carved stone lintels hooded the windows; which were rectangular double hung sash. In 1881 some improvements were made to the building and in 1887 further remodeling altered the second story interior. Between 1893 and 1899 a brick jail was built behind the court house, attached to the sheriff's residence which had been built earlier. Later an underground tunnel connected these structures to the court house. The jail and residence were demolished in 1981. A two-story brick addition was added to the rear of the court house sometime between 1899 and 1908, and houses the boiler in the basement level. Between 1909 and 1912 extensive alterations and additions were made to the building. The old 1876 portion of the building was completely remodeled, changing the entire interior of the structure. This was done in order to tie the structure to the new building that was constructed directly in front of the old one. A large two-story brick and stone Beaux-Arts style building was erected at a cost of \$35,000. It is rectangular in shape, with quoined corners, large entablatured windows and a recessed central portico with two Ionic columns. A stone and brick balustrade surrounds the roof; which is a complex arrangement of gables and hips. Additions to the rear of the building were made between 1932 and 1935, designed by Pass & Rockney. Attached to the west side of the building is the 1958 addition of Hammel & Green, architects. "The street elevation of the addition is a windowless brick wall with a stone base and cornice. The brick box is joined to the older building by a recessed glass section." Much of the west exterior wall of the 1909 portion of the structure is preserved intact, forming an interior hall connecting the old and new structures. Although remodeled many times on the interior the McLeod County Court House still retains most of its architectural integrity on the exterior of the 1909 portion of the structure. Sited in the heart of downtown Glencoe, it is a landmark known to all McLeod County residents.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates	Built	Builder/Architect	1876 Architect:	1876 Builder:	1909 Architect:	1909 Builder:
	1876/1909		Bisbee & Bardwell, Mpls.	Bisbee & Bardwell, Mpls.	W.F. Kinney, Mpls.	Emil M. Johnson, Mpls.

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The McLeod County Court House in Glencoe is the nucleus of all government activity in the county. McLeod County organized in 1856, but it wasn't until twenty years later that the citizens chose this site for a permanent court house. The first structure, built in 1876, even though greatly altered still serves its original purpose. As the need for government services grew, so did the court house. In 1909 the large front portion of the building was completed, and has been altered little since that date. Today, this portion of the building represents the best example of Beaux-Arts style architecture in the entire county. Still used as the headquarters for McLeod County government the building represents a living example of our democratic form of government, serving the community on one site for more than a century.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Sanborn Map Company, Insurance Atlases: 1893,1899,1908,1914,1930.
 Franklyn-Curtiss-Wedge, History of McLeod County, 1917.
 Gebhard & Martinson, A Guide to the Architecture of Minnesota, 1977.
 Glencoe Enterprise, (newspaper) May 27, 1909. St.Paul Daily Dispatch(newspaper)Dec. 19, 1876.

10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property Less than one acre

Quadrangle name Glencoe

Quadrangle scale 1:24 000

UMT References

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1	5	4	0	8	9	4	0	4	9	5	7	8	0	0
Zone			Easting				Northing							

B

Zone			Easting				Northing						

C

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Legal Description: Lots 1,2,6,7, and 8, Block 30 - Original Town of Glencoe

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

state	N/A	code	N/A	county	N/A	code	N/A
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11. Form Prepared By

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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 National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Russell W. Fridley
 date 7/12/84

title

date

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

Entered in the
 National Register

date

8/23/84

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration