

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

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**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 Kahlert Mercantile Store

and/or common N/A

2. Location

street & number Main Street N/A not for publication

city, town Browerville vicinity of N/A

state Minnesota code 22 county Todd code 147

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 type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<u>N/A</u>	<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 Lawrence Kahlert

street & number N/A

city, town Browerville vicinity of N/A state Minnesota 56438

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Todd County Courthouse, Register of Deeds

street & number 215 1st Avenue South

city, town Long Prairie state Minnesota 56347

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Minnesota Statewide Historic Sites Survey has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1984 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	N/A
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Kahlert Store in Browerville, Minnesota is located facing west at the corner of Main and Sixth Streets, Browerville's two major streets. Of wood frame construction, the building was one of the first structures to be built following the construction of the railway through Browerville in 1882. The store is built in the false-front "Boomtown" style popular in small rural or frontier communities.

The Kahlert store is two stories in height, has no basement, and measures approximately twenty-five by eighty-two feet. The first floor was originally used as a general merchandise store, while the second served as a community hall. Because of this use, the upper floor is a full story tall, unlike most false-front buildings which had shorter second floor side walls.

The building has changed remarkably little since it was built. The double-hung sash divided into two over two lights appear to be original, as do the clapboard siding and the cornice at the top of the front parapet wall. The upper lights of the storefront windows have been infilled with wood panels, but the storefront is otherwise intact. An overhead-opening garage door has been inserted near the rear of the north facade, and the original door in that location moved several feet to the west.

At some time prior to 1910, a balcony attached to the front of the building was removed. This was likely done to facilitate a sidewalk or street improvement along Main Street.

9. Major Bibliographical References

See continuation sheet.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than 1 acre

Quadrangle name Browerville, Minn.

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References

A 15 355680 5104980
Zone Easting Northing

B
Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

The west 12 feet 7 inches of the east 70 feet of Lots 1 and 2, and the west 70 feet of Lot 1; Block 13; Original Townsite of Browerville, Minnesota.

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

state N/A code N/A county N/A code N/A

state N/A code N/A county N/A code N/A

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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
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title State Historic Preservation Officer

date 7/12/85

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

for Melores Byers
Keeper of the National Register

Entered in the
National Register

date 9/5/85

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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