

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: <u>Minnesota</u>	
COUNTY: <u>Brown</u>	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER <u>70-4-22-0008</u>	DATE <u>4/28/70</u>

1. NAME			
COMMON: <u>Federal Post Office Building</u>			
AND/OR HISTORIC: <u>New Ulm Post Office</u>			
2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: <u>Center Street and Broadway</u>			
CITY OR TOWN: <u>New Ulm</u>			
STATE <u>Minnesota</u>		CODE <u>22</u>	COUNTY: <u>Brown</u>
			CODE <u>015</u>

3. CLASSIFICATION			
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
☐ District ☒ Site ☐ Object	☒ Building ☐ Structure ☐ Object	☒ Public ☐ Private ☐ Both	Public Acquisition: ☐ In Process ☐ Being Considered
		☒ Occupied ☐ Unoccupied ☐ Preservation work in progress	Yes: ☒ Restricted ☐ Unrestricted ☐ No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
☐ Agricultural ☐ Commercial ☐ Educational ☐ Entertainment	☐ Government ☐ Industrial ☐ Military ☐ Museum	☐ Park ☐ Private Residence ☐ Religious ☐ Scientific	☐ Transportation ☒ Other (Specify) <u>Post Office</u>
			Comments

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNER'S NAME: <u>Federal Government</u>			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN: <u>Washington</u>		STATE: <u>D.C.</u>	CODE <u>08</u>

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: <u>Brown County Courthouse, Register of Deeds</u>			
STREET AND NUMBER: <u>Center and State</u>			
CITY OR TOWN: <u>New Ulm</u>		STATE: <u>Minnesota</u>	CODE <u>22</u>

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY: <u>Minnesota State Register of Historic Sites</u>			
DATE OF SURVEY: <u>1969</u> ☐ Federal ☒ State ☐ County ☐ Local			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: <u>Minnesota Historical Society</u>			
STREET AND NUMBER: <u>Fort Snelling Branch, Building 25, Fort Snelling</u>			
CITY OR TOWN: <u>St. Paul</u>		STATE: <u>Minnesota</u>	CODE <u>22</u>

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	☒ Excellent	☐ Good	☐ Fair	☐ Deteriorated	☐ Ruins	☐ Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	☐ Altered	☒ Unaltered	☐ Moved	☒ Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The New Ulm Post Office building was built in 1909 and is still in use. It is excellently preserved. Overall measurements of the structure are: 72' 5" long, 55' wide, total height 59'.

The original exterior design and construction of the building are singularly unique. The structure is of alternating courses of deep red rough brick and grey-white terra cotta stone, a manufactured concrete stone. Below the first floor, the exterior walls are of brick and granite to the ground level.

The main entrance is on Center Street and faces south. On this side the doorway has a Doric pediment and cornice, and squared columns. An additional entrance is on Broadway, facing west. A driveway and parking area are provided around the building on the two off street sides. The building is one and one half stories high with a steep slate roof and steeply stepped end gables topped by long blunt finials that are well above the roof ridge. The end gables have matching stepped-up windows. The broad side facing Center Street has three steep roofed gables. In each there are corresponding pairs of oblong windows. The center gable on this side is as high as the roof ridge, and a brick-work design graduates up the stepped roof to the finial peak. This design matches the rounded window tops of the gable. The gables to either side of the center one on the broad side are lower and are decorated with scroll work instead of stepped sides, and they are topped by pedimented pinnacles. All three gables on this side also have a circular stone inset on the same level above the windows.

Renaissance style is reflected in the freedom of expression and the excellence of the design in the building. Specifically German Renaissance, originally from France and the Low Countries, is shown in the individuality of the design, the stepped gables, the decorative details, and the combined use of brick and stone. Renaissance Baroque details are evident in the decoration, such as scrolls, cartouches, and in the feeling of upward thrust, steep roof pitch, and the use of materials.

The unique character of this building results primarily from the unusually steep roof, flanked by the stepped gable and dormer ends. It lacks grace and refinement yet is brutally dramatic. The exterior has a dignified control of expression and is a worthy and notable achievement in design that should be preserved.

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3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Pre-Columbian☐ 16th Century☐ 18th Century☒ 20th Century☐ 15th Century☐ 17th Century☐ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

1709-
1910

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Aboriginal☐ Education☐ Political☐ Urban Planning☐ Prehistoric☐ Engineering☐ Religion/Phi-☒ Other (Specify)☐ Historic☐ Industry

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reflects local☐ Agriculture☐ Invention☐ ScienceGerman culture☒ Architecture☐ Landscape☐ Sculpture☐ Art☐ Architecture☐ Social/Human-☐ Commerce☐ Literature

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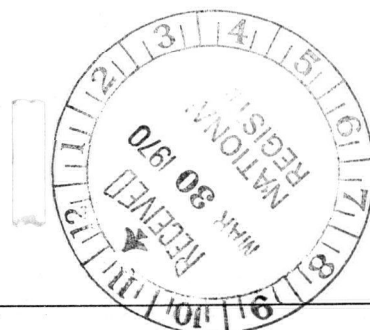
☐ Communications☐ Military☐ Theater☐ Conservation☐ Music☐ Transportation

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The building reflects the origins of the founders of New Ulm in 1854. These first settlers came from an area of Europe which included Wurtemberg, Bavaria, Bohemia, Hesse, Luxemburg, and Switzerland. They were skilled artisans, expert stone masons and brick workers. In their structures in the vicinity of New Ulm before the turn of the century they adapted various elements of design from their homelands, as well as adding innovations of their own creation. They expressed their individuality in methods of construction, ornamentation, and design. No pure style emerged in their buildings, but a "New Ulm" style is discernible in their work from the 1860's to about 1900. The post office exterior reflects the same freedom in design as well as the predominant background of the settlers.

Funds for the Post Office in New Ulm were approved by Congress in 1906, and the site was purchased the same year. Originally the appropriation was for \$30,000. It is said that when the tentative plans were received in New Ulm there was a most vigorous protest because they "showed a lack of architectural beauty." A subsequent omnibus bill added \$20,000 for a total of \$50,000. New plans were drawn. The supervising architect was James Knox Taylor of Washington. The contractors were Stewart and Hager of Janesville, Wisconsin. Designed with the German background of New Ulm in mind, the building was completed and opened in 1910.

Significantly, for the first thirty years not even a sign was allowed to mar the exterior details. Even today the only identification on the building is a small, unobtrusive "New Ulm, Minnesota Post Office." An imposing structure in the central city, the building has sufficient surrounding open space. It is eye arresting and pleasing. It blends with the other characteristic buildings scattered through the city. It is the most interesting and popular landmark in New Ulm.



9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Historical Records, Brown County Historical Museum, New Ulm, Minnesota,
includes correspondence, newspaper clippings, original architectural drawings, and photographs from beginning of construction to date.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	° ' "	° ' "	44 °	18 ' 15 "	94 ° 27 ' 35 "
NE	° ' "	° ' "			
SE	° ' "	° ' "			
SW	° ' "	° ' "			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Brooks Cavin, Architect		DATE March 18, 1970
ORGANIZATION Cavin and Page		
STREET AND NUMBER: 325 Cedar Avenue		
CITY OR TOWN: St. Paul	STATE Minnesota	CODE 22

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☒ Local ☐

Name

Russell V. Fridley

Title

Director, Minn. Hist. Soc.

Date

March 25, 1970

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

Ernest Allen Cunnally
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date

APR 28 1970

ATTEST:

William J. Hunt
Keeper of The National Register

Date

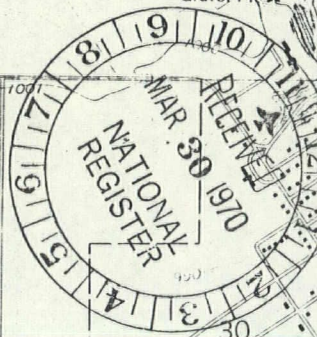
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Urm Refunc
1-5-76

U.S.G.S. 7.5' Quadrangle
New Ulm, Minn. 1964
Post Office Scale 1:24000
Lat 44 18' 15" Long 94 27' 35" N



Brown 70000287

70.4.22 0002
~~0008~~

RECEIPT

Federal Post office Bldg

MINN.
SIGN OF

5/18/70

Date of Receipt	Yes	No	Number
Data Page	☒	☐	
Photo(s)	☒	☐	2
Photo Description(s)	☒	☐	
Map(s)	☒	☐	1
Map Description(s)	☒	☐	
Logged	☒	☐	
Acknowledged	☒	☐	ms 4/1/70

Good, reminds me of Jaws, Del. museum.

REVIEW

Historian Comments

OK

Architect Comments

OK

If checked
let. to
Mark

☒ Chief Architect ☒ Chief Archeologist ☒ Chief Historian

Keeper Comments

OK

ENTRY

Chief, OAHF Comments

Date of Entry

Registry Clerk	Yes	No	Date
Assign NPS No.	☒	☐	
Acknowledgement Sent	☒	☐	



EDITORIAL PROCESSING

Editor
Federal Register Entry
Annual Edition Entry

Date
6/2/70

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National Park Service

**National Register of Historic Places
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**Note: These changes apply to
Federal Post Office Building in
Brown County, Minnesota.**

REFERENCE NUMBER: 70000287

STATE: MINNESOTA

COUNTY: Brown

RESOURCE NAME (HISTORIC): New Ulm Post Office

CITY:

VICINITY OF:

ADDRESS:

CERTIFICATION DATE:

REMOVED DATE:

COMMENTS:

Nina M. Archabal

**Nina M. Archabal
State Historic Preservation Officer**

JUN 17 1988

Date

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

for Keeper Melony Lynn
11/9/89

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

New Ulm Post Office
Brown County
MINNESOTA

Working No. 24 June, 1988
Fed. Reg. Date: _____
Date Due: _____
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 1/9/89
☐ RETURN
☐ REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

- ☐ resubmission
☐ nomination by person or local government
☐ owner objection
☐ appeal

Approved
Entered in the
National Register

Substantive Review: ☐ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

The National Register has accepted additional information submitted by the SHPO. This information clarifies name, address and geographic location information on the original documentation.

Recom./Criteria _____
Reviewer _____
Discipline _____
Date _____
_____ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: _____ technical corrections cited below
_____ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no

7. Description

Condition	Check one	Check one
☐ excellent	☐ deteriorated	☐ original site
☐ good	☐ ruins	☐ moved date _____
☐ fair	☐ unexposed	

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- ☐ summary paragraph
☐ completeness
☐ clarity
☐ alterations/integrity
☐ dates
☐ boundary selection

8. Significance

Period _____ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates _____

Builder/Architect _____

Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*)

- ☐ summary paragraph
- ☐ completeness
- ☐ clarity
- ☐ applicable criteria
- ☐ justification of areas checked
- ☐ relating significance to the resource
- ☐ context
- ☐ relationship of integrity to significance
- ☐ justification of exception
- ☐ other _____

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UTM References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

_____ national _____ state _____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature _____

title _____

date _____

13. Other

- ☐ Maps
- ☐ Photographs
- ☐ Other _____

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



(4)

Title Federal Post Office Buildings
NPS Number
NPS No 70-4-22-0008 4-28-70 doe
Title: _____

Loc. _____ ①
Brown County, Minnesota
View from south -

8x10

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Photo credit:

BROWN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
NEW ULM, MINNESOTA 1969

New Ulm, Minnesota
Postoffice, 1969

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

PROPERTY MAP FORM

(Type all entries - attach to or enclose with map)

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3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE: U.S.G.S. 7.5 Quadrangle			
SCALE: 1"=24000"			
DATE: 1964			
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TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
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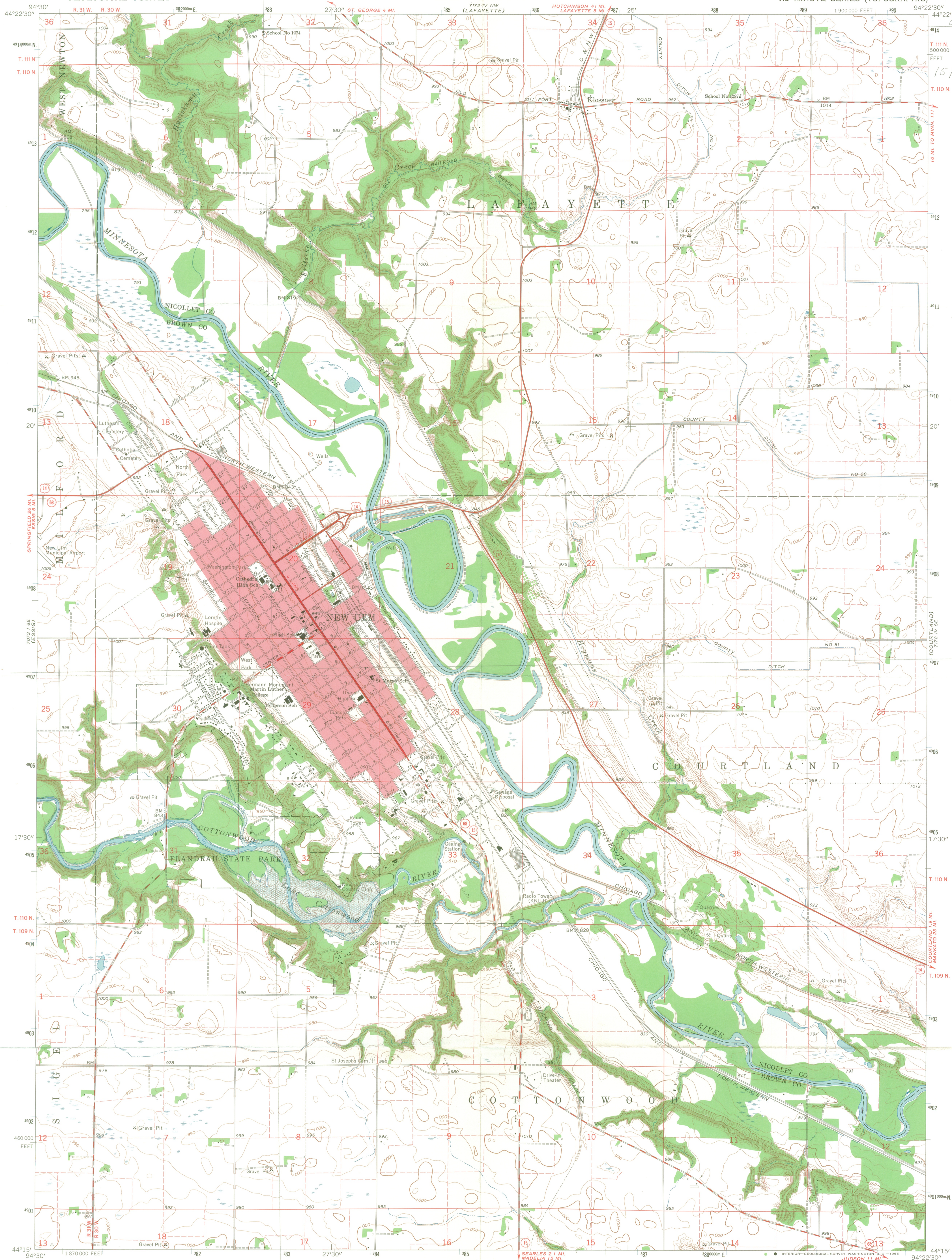


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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION

NEW ULM QUADRANGLE
MINNESOTA
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

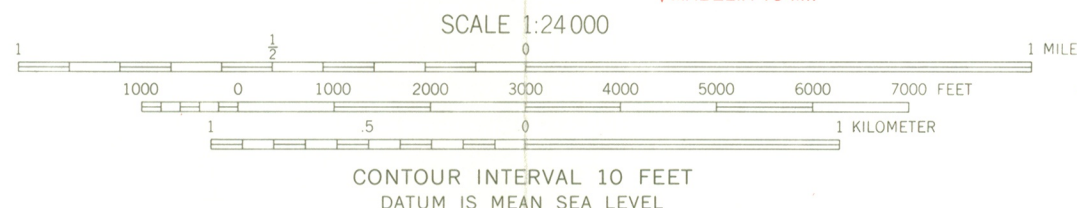


Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USGS and USC&GS

Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial
photographs taken 1963. Field checked 1964
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Minnesota coordinate system, south zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 15, shown in blue

Red tint indicates area in which only landmark buildings are shown
Area covered by dashed light-blue pattern
is subject to controlled inundation
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked

UTM GRID AND 1964 MAGNETIC NORTH
DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET



ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———
Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt ———
U.S. Route ——— State Route ———



NEW ULM, MINN.
N4415—W9422.5/7.5

1964

AMS 7172 IV SW—SERIES V872

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, DENVER, COLORADO 80225, OR WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

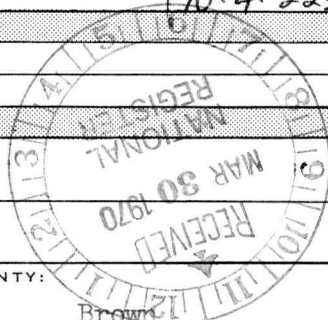
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STATE: Minnesota	CODE 22	COUNTY: Brown	CODE 015
3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE: Site plat, Register of Deeds, Brown County			
SCALE: 1"=50'			
DATE: 1915			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
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2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			

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CENTER STREET

~~BROADWAY-STREET~~

Post Office Building

B-66 N.

PLAT SHOWING PART OF
LOTS 1, 2 & 3, BLOCK 66 NORT.
NEW ULM, MINN.
Scale: 1"=50' Oct. 25, 1915
F.D. Minium, City Eng'r.

134-12

MAY 1 - 1970

BASIC FILE RETAINED IN HR

Hon. Eugene J. McCarthy
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator McCarthy:

We are pleased to inform you that the Federal Post Office Building in
New Ula, Minnesota, has been nominated by the officer appointed by the
Governor for the implementation of the National Historic Preservation
Program in Minnesota and has been entered into the National Register
of Historic Places. Senator Walter F. Mondale and Representative
Ancher Nelson have also been provided with this information. A leaf-
let explaining the National Register is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

(SGD) GEORGE B. HARTZOG, JR.

Director

Enclosure

Entered in the National Register

APR 28 1970

cc:

Dr. Russell W. Fridley, Director, Minnesota Historical Society, Cedar and
Central Streets, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

Duplicate letters sent to:

Hon. Walter F. Mondale
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Hon. Ancher Nelson
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

cc:
Director, Midwest Region
Mr. Charles Steen, Southwest Region
LL-Mr. Melvin

RGamble:mm

HR

Local Postmaster wants to carry out
remodelling job and Grossman wants
to put this bldg. on NR to restrain
him from any barbarities.

Grossman on Cottingham from Mmm.
should be notified when this goes on
NR

RG

photo pulled
for possible
publication