

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Minnesota
COUNTY:	Ramsey
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY DATE	MAY 12 1975

1. NAME	
COMMON:	Benjamin Brunson House
AND/OR HISTORIC:	Benjamin Brunson House

2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: 485 Kenny St.			
CITY OR TOWN: Saint Paul		CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 4th	
STATE Minnesota	CODE 27	COUNTY: Ramsey	CODE 123

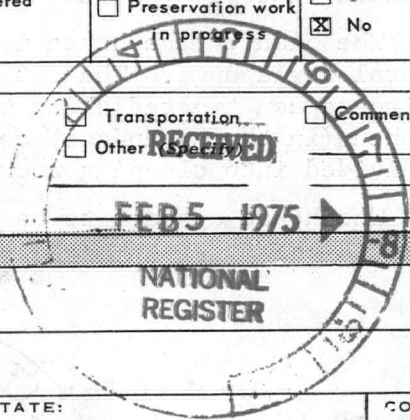
3. CLASSIFICATION	
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered
STATUS	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	
ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC	
Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> Museum <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY	
OWNER'S NAME: John Szlavich	
STREET AND NUMBER: 485 Kenny	
CITY OR TOWN: Saint Paul	STATE: Minnesota
	CODE 27

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION	
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Ramsey County Courthouse/Register of Deeds	
STREET AND NUMBER: 15 West Kellogg Boulevard	
CITY OR TOWN: Saint Paul	STATE: Minnesota
	CODE 27

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS	
TITLE OF SURVEY: Statewide Historic Sites Survey	
DATE OF SURVEY: 1974 <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local	
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Minnesota Historical Society	
STREET AND NUMBER: Building 25, Fort Snelling	
CITY OR TOWN: Saint Paul	STATE: Minnesota
	CODE 27

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# 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

☐ Excellent

☒ Good

☐ Fair

(Check One)

☐ Deteriorated

☐ Ruins

☐ Unexposed

(Check One)

☒ Altered

☐ Unaltered

(Check One)

☐ Moved

☒ Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Benjamin Brunson House is a late federal style, two story brick bearing wall residence, built in 1855. The house has a one and one half story appendage to the rear, a portion of which is original. The front elevation is divided by three equally spaced windows on the second level. Two windows and an offset entrance to the left are equally spaced on the first level below. The original six-over-six window sash has been replaced by two-over-two. However, the original window sizes and locations, as well as the top and side lighted sash at the entry are unchanged throughout the house. The three-sided bay window on the east or right elevation was added by the Brunsons sometime before the turn of the century.

Despite slight alterations over the years, the house has undergone very little change both to the exterior and interior since its construction. Exterior changes include the recent alterations to the original front porch and the stucco surfacing of the old Galena red brick. Most interior changes were made by the Brunson family who modified the once spartan, pioneer interior to accommodate their tastes as income allowed and late Victorian styles dictated.

The plan of the house is as one would expect for a detached, late federal style home. The entry is off-center leading immediately to the staircase constructed along the west wall. A parlor, dining room and kitchen (in the appendage) complete the first floor. The second floor is divided into sleeping rooms.

The house appears to be well maintained by the owner.



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DATE OF OWNER'S BIRTH. LEBOVICH  
DATE OF HOUSE

# 8. 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) 1823, 1835, 1847, 1855-1900

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |   |  |   |
|--|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input type="checkbox"/> Education              | <input type="checkbox"/> Political           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | <u>Immigration and Settlement</u>                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           | _____   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Military               | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |  | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            |   |  | _____   |

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Brunson House is the lone surviving residence of one of Saint Paul's true city fathers and a symbol of the Brunson family's pioneering effort in the settling of the upper midwest frontier. Built in 1855 by Benjamin Brunson, the surveyor of the City of Saint Paul, the house is distinctive in its own right as one of the few surviving examples of federal style architecture in the state.

Born in Detroit in 1823, Benjamin Brunson along with his brother, Ira, and his father, the Rev. Alfred Brunson, were all prominent figures on the early midwestern frontier. His father, who initially made a reputation for himself in the Great Lakes naval battles during the War of 1812, became an itinerant Methodist preacher after the war in the new lands west of the Appalachians. The senior Brunson brought his family to the Michigan Territory (then including a portion of Minnesota) in 1835, where he was assigned a "circuit district" along and seventy miles either side of the Mississippi River from Rock Island, Illinois to the falls of Saint Anthony (now Minneapolis) as his congregation. Although based in Galena, Illinois, Rev. Brunson made his permanent residence in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin, as this was the terminus of the famed Fox-Wisconsin River trade route and the main route for most of the first immigrants to the new territory. The elder Brunson traveled extensively both for religious and secular matters, as he also served as a Justice of the Peace, as the Indian Agent for the Chippewa at the LaPointe Agency on Lake Superior and in the Wisconsin Territorial Legislature. He is most well known in the Minnesota area for the establishment of the Kaposia Indian Mission in 1837 at Red Rock (now part of the suburb of Cottage Grove, south of Saint Paul) and the Saint Croix Academy, one of the first attempts in the state to create an institution of higher learning. His travels brought him many times to Benjamin's house in Saint Paul where he was no stranger to the city or its surroundings.

Benjamin Brunson came to Saint Paul in 1847 from Prairie du Chien to assist his brother, Ira, with the first platting of the city. His brother, while Deputy United States Marshall for the Wisconsin Territory in 1840, had made quite a reputation for himself, leading a group of Fort Snelling soldiers who drove the Canadian Selkirk colonists from the fort's military reservation unto the present day site of Saint Paul. This action led to the founding of Saint Paul, as these squatters became the first residents of the city and giving it its first name, "Pig's Eye".

(see continuation sheet)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

## 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

St. Paul City Directories, 1856/7-1900 inclusive.  
History of Ramsey County and the City of Saint Paul; J. Fletcher Williams;  
North Star Publishing Company, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 1881.  
Going West: The Pioneer Work of Alfred Brunson; edited by J. Christian  
Bay, Torch Press, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 1951.  
Pen Pictures of St. Paul, Minnesota; Vol. 1, Tim Newson, T.M. Newson  
Publishing, St. Paul, Minnesota, 1886, p.65-6.

## 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			
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	° ' "	° ' "	44 °	57 ' 28 "	93 ° 04 ' 48 "
NE	° ' "	° ' "			
SE	° ' "	° ' "			
SW	° ' "	° ' "			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than 1 acre

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 AND TITLE: <u>Thomas Lutz - Historic Sites Survey and Planning</u>		DATE <u>26 December 1974</u>
ORGANIZATION <u>Minnesota Historical Society</u>		
STREET AND NUMBER: <u>Building 25, Fort Snelling</u>		
CITY OR TOWN: <u>Saint Paul</u>	STATE <u>Minnesota</u>	CODE <u>22</u>

## 12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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 W. Fridley  
Russell W. Fridley  
 Title State Historic Preservation  
Officer  
 Date 1/12/75

## NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Ernest A. Connally  
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 5/12/75

ATTEST:  
Ronald M. Greenberg  
 Keeper of The National Register  
 Date 5/9/75

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**8. Significance**

Ira, with Benjamin's assistance, completed the first land survey in early 1847, laying out boundaries for the township as well as the city. However, the city plat was somehow never recorded and soon after was re-platted and drawn by Benjamin who now receives credit for the original plat of the city. He also listed himself along with thirteen other gentlemen as one of the original city proprietors. He is credited with surveying nearly all the early city additions, including his own in 1849, as well as many of the city plats for neighboring Minnesotan communities. During his residence in Saint Paul which lasted until his death in 1898, Benjamin Brunson served as a Saint Paul representative in the first Minnesota Territorial Legislature, as a Justice of the Peace, as the city's first superintendent of mail carriers, as one of the city's earliest commission merchant's at the Old Steamboat Landing, and as the civil engineer for the Lake Superior Railroad, Minnesota's second railroad, which ran from Saint Paul to Duluth.

Benjamin Brunson built his house in 1855 in the area known as Brunson's addition to the City of Saint Paul, which was then a semi-rural area on the city's northeast outskirts. It is now an architectural and historical curiosity amidst Saint Paul's inner city warehouse and industrial district. Its history and architecture, however, tell the story of another era; the story of the birth of a city and its relationship to the development of midwestern United States through one family's eyes.





Property Brunson, Benjamin, House

State Minnesota

Working Number 2.5.75.183

75001007  
Ramsey

**TECHNICAL**

Photos 2

Maps 1

**CONTROL**

OK cm  
2.7.75

**HISTORIAN**

**ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN**

Too BAD ABOUT  
THE PORCH.

ACCEPT  
LEBOVICH  
2-18-75

**ARCHEOLOGIST**

House next door appears intact, too.

**OTHER**

Accept  
Thorman  
2-18-75

**HAER**

Inventory       

Review       

**REVIEW UNIT CHIEF**

Accept  
Cole  
2-18-75

**BRANCH CHIEF**

accept  
Hump  
5.5.75

**KEEPER**

[Signature]  
5/9/75

National Register Write-up       

Federal Register Entry 2-1-75

Send-back       

Re-submit       

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United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

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Note: These changes apply to  
Brunson, Benjamin, House in  
Ramsey County, Minnesota.

REFERENCE NUMBER: 75001007

STATE: MINNESOTA

COUNTY: Ramsey

RESOURCE NAME (HISTORIC):

CITY:

VICINITY OF:

ADDRESS: 485 Kenny Rd.

CERTIFICATION DATE:

REMOVED DATE:

COMMENTS: Address on the computer print out was incorrect.

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 Melvin Lynn  
1/19/89



NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Brunson, Benjamin, House  
Ramsey 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
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
		<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____

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





UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

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

STATE Minnesota	
COUNTY Ramsey	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
MAY 12 1975	

1. NAME

COMMON: Benjamin Brunson House

AND/OR HISTORIC: Benjamin Brunson House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

485 Kenny

CITY OR TOWN:

Saint Paul,

STATE:

Minnesota

CODE

27

COUNTY:

Ramsey

3. PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT: Thomas Lutz

DATE OF PHOTO: 1974

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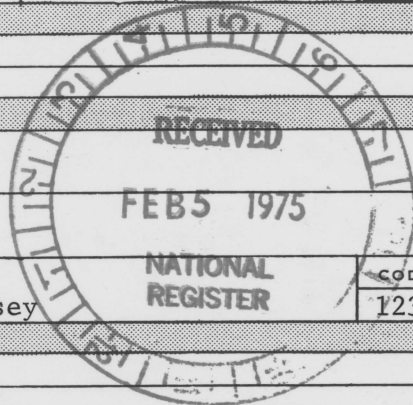
Minnesota Historical Society, 690 Cedar St., St. Paul, Minnesota

4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

Southeast Corner Elevation

#102





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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

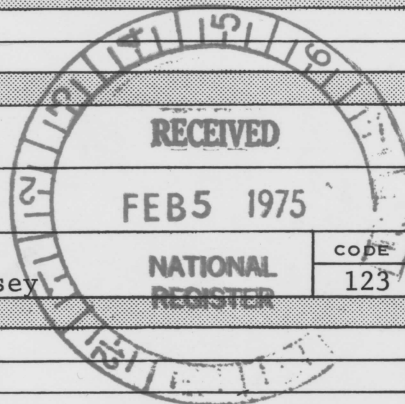
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CITY OR TOWN: Saint Paul			
STATE: Minnesota	CODE 27	COUNTY: Ramsey	CODE 123
3. PHOTO REFERENCE			
PHOTO CREDIT:		Unknown	
DATE OF PHOTO:		ca. 1894	
NEGATIVE FILED AT: Minnesota Historical Society, 690 Cedar Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101			
4. IDENTIFICATION			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.  Historical view of house looking from the southeast  #282			





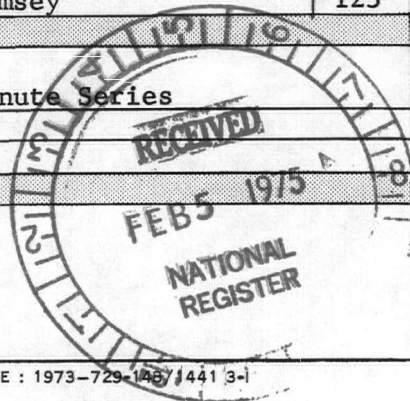
**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES**  
**PROPERTY MAP FORM**

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

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STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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<b>3. MAP REFERENCE</b>			
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TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			





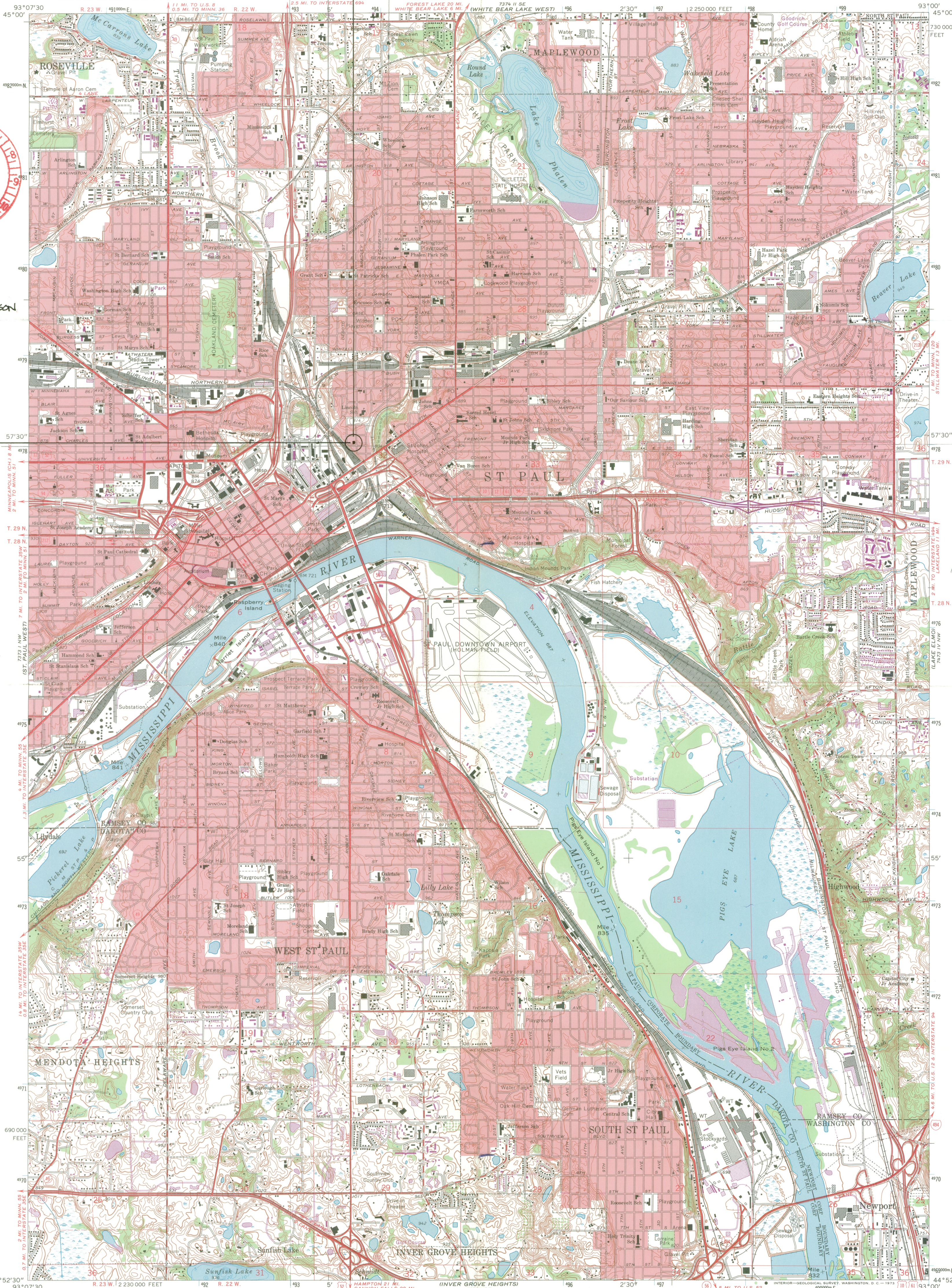
UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

ST. PAUL EAST QUADRANGLE  
MINNESOTA  
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)  
NE 1/4 ST. PAUL 15' QUADRANGLE



BRAHAM BRUNSON  
Kousse

44°57'28"



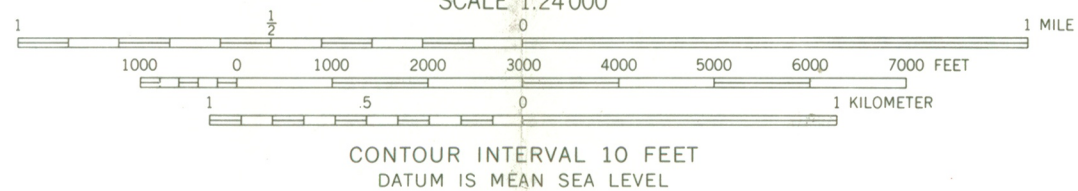
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Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs  
taken 1947. Field checked 1951. Revised from aerial  
photographs taken 1966. Field checked 1967

Hydrography compiled from information furnished by  
Minnesota Department of Conservation

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 areas in which only landmark buildings are shown  
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where  
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked



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



ST. PAUL EAST, MINN.  
NE 1/4 ST. PAUL 15' QUADRANGLE  
N4452.5—W9300/7.5

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

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taken 1972. This information not field checked  
Purple tint indicates extension of urban areas

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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE     MINNESOTA

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Muskego Church	St. Paul Ramsey County
Luckett, David, House	St. Paul Ramsey County
Brunson, Benjamin, House	St. Paul Ramsey County
Muench, Adolf, House	St. Paul Ramsey County
Stockton Roller Mill	Stockton Winona County
Dodge Farm	Rochester Olmsted County
Fire Department Number One	Duluth St. Louis County
Nicollet House Hotel	St. Peter Nicollet County
Administration Building - Minnesota State Public School for Dependent and Neglected Children	Owatonna Steele County

Also Notified

Hon. Walter F. Mondale	State Historic Preservation Officer
Hon. Hubert H. Humphrey	Mr. Russell W. Fridley
Hon. Joseph E. Karth	Director
Hon. Albert E. Quie	Minnesota Historical Society
Hon. James Oberstar	690 Cedar St.
Hon. Thomas Hagedorn	St. Paul, Minnesota 55101
Regional Director, Midwest Region	

PR

MMott/row

5/14/75



NR Data Sheet

DATE: 4/4/77  
Reviewer INITIALS: [initials]  
NR DOE May 12, 1975

NAME AS IT APPEARS IN FEDERAL REGISTER: Brunson, Benjamin, House

OTHER NAMES:

LOCATION:

STREET & NUMBER 485 Kenny St.  
CITY, TOWN St. Paul  
STATE Minnesota  
VICINITY OF  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 4th  
COUNTY Ramsey code 123

OWNER OF PROPERTY: (Circle) PRIVATE STATE LOCAL GOV'T MUNICIPAL COUNTY OTHER  
ADMINISTRATOR (underline) FEDERAL (AGENCY NAME): not accessible ...

NPS REGION: (CIRCLE) N. ATLANTIC MID ATLANTIC SOUTHEAST MIDWEST  
SOUTHWEST ROCKY MOUNTAIN WEST PACIFIC NORTHWEST

FEATURES:

INTERIOR EXTERIOR ENVIRONS  
Substantially intact-1 Substantially intact-2 Substantially intact-3  
unknown - 4 unknown - 5 unknown - 6  
not applicable - 7 not applicable - 8 Not applicable-9  
Interior, exterior, environs not intact-0

CONDITION - EXCELLENT DETERIORATED UNALTERED ORIGINAL SITE  
GOOD RUINS ALTERED MOVED  
FAIR UNEXPOSED Reconstructed Unknown  
Unexcavated Excavated

ACCESS - Yes-restricted Yes-unrestricted No access Unknown

historic district? YES NO

WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES NO  
IF YES, NAME:

WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? YES NO  
IF YES, NAME:

ADAPTIVE USE: YES NO Saved? YES NO

FUNCTION(S): (use vocabulary words)  
then- private residence  
now- same

SIGNIFICANCE:

- ARCHAEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC
- ARCHAEOLOGY-HISTORIC
- AGRICULTURE
- ARCHITECTURE -4
- ART
- COMMERCE
- COMMUNICATIONS
- CONSERVATION
- ECONOMICS
- EDUCATION
- ENGINEERING
- EXPLORATION
- INDUSTRY
- INVENTION
- LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
- LAW/Gov't/politics
- LITERATURE
- MILITARY
- MUSIC
- PHILOSOPHY
- POLITICS/GOVERNMENT
- RELIGION
- SCIENCE
- SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER (SPECIFY)
- entertainment
- health
- recreation
- settlement + immigration
- socio/cultural
- urban & commun planning -31

Claims

"first" YES NO "oldest" YES NO "only" YES NO

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE:

Late Federal

architect/m.builder:

landscape/garden designer:

interior decorator:

engineer:

artist/artisan:

builder/contractor:

ETHNIC GROUP:

NAMES:

(label role

&

appropriate date)

personal

events

Benjamin Brunson - city father, Surveyor;  
Representative to MN Territorial Legislature...

institutional

DATES:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (Specific date or 1/4 of century):

1855

DATE(S) OF "MAJOR" ALTERATIONS:

HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT DATE(S):

SOURCE:

(OF NOMINATION)

PRIVATE

STATE

LOCAL GOV'T

MUNICIPAL

COUNTY

OTHER

FEDERAL AGENCY:

ACREAGE:

(to nearest tenth of an acre)

less than 1

COMMENTS: (include architectural information here)

Brick, Stuccoed; 3 stories, modified rectangle, hipped  
roof, interior side chimneys, 1<sup>st</sup> story enclosed ~~hipped~~  
entrance porch with <sup>off-center</sup> door and transoms, boxed  
cornice; ~~Added~~ 1 1/2-story rear extension,

porch enclosure and <sup>new</sup> 1-story polygonal window bay. One of  
few ~~late~~ Federal <sup>style bldgs</sup> in MN; only <sup>added.</sup>

SIGNIFICANCE: (maximum two sentences)

Surviving residence of one of  
St. Paul's city fathers, Benjamin Brunson.