

United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation 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 Lake City City Hall

and/or common Lake City City Hall

2. Location

street & number 205 West Center Street not for publication

city, town Lake City vicinity of congressional district First

state Minnesota code 22 county Wabasha code 157

3. Classification

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

4. Owner of Property

name City of Lake City

street & number 205 West Center Street

city, town Lake City vicinity of state Minnesota

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Register of Deeds - Wabasha County Courthouse

street & number

city, town Wabasha vicinity of state Minnesota

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Statewide Historic Sites Survey

has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1972 federal state county local

depository for survey records Minnesota Historical Society -- 240 Summit Avenue-Hill House

city, town St. Paul vicinity of state Minnesota

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input 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 City Hall in Lake City is located on a large corner lot southwest of the main business district. The two-story irregular plan building, constructed in 1899, utilizes an eclectic combination of Romanesque and Queen Anne features. Wall material is of red brick, with limestone used on the rusticated foundation, water table, window lintels, and entrance arches. Romanesque detailing includes semi-circular arched windows and doorways, gable coping and corbelling, and a four-level tower with three recessed, arched porthole windows and an open belfry capped by a pyramidal roof. Queen Anne detailing features a flat brick facade, asymmetrical placement of design elements, tripartite and paired windows with glass transom panels, bullseye windows with keystones, fluted chimneys, gable returns, brackets, dentils and finials. The interior retains original brass hardware and oak woodwork. At the time of its construction, the city hall housed city offices, library, and fire department on the first floor, and a second floor hall served as an opera hall and later as an auditorium. Presently the entire building is used for city offices. Alterations to the building include the 1945 construction of a one story brick jail addition to the northwest side of the building and the installation of modern garage doors in the former fire department wing. The building remains in an excellent and well-maintained condition.

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 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 1899 **Builder/Architect** Robert White
 Architect: E. Alexander

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Lake City City Hall is significant as one of the most architecturally prominent public building in the community and as the governmental center for the city from 1899 to the present. Housing council chambers, library, opera hall, and fire department, the building served as the political and cultural center of the community. The quality of its design and its high degree of architectural integrity combine to make the city hall an unusually prominent public building and an excellent example of late 19th century city hall construction.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Lake City City Council. City Council Minutes. 1882-1975.

10. Geographical Data

ACREAGE UNVERIFIED ITEM NOT VERIFIED

Acreege of nominated property less than 1 acre

Quadrangle name Lake City

Quadrangle scale 7.5

UMT References

A

1	5	5	5	8	3	7	5	4	9	2	1	6	0	0
Zone			Easting					Northing						

B

Zone			Easting					Northing						

C

Zone			Easting					Northing						

D

Zone			Easting					Northing						

E

Zone			Easting					Northing						

F

Zone			Easting					Northing						

G

Zone			Easting					Northing						

H

Zone			Easting					Northing						

Verbal boundary description and justification

Lot 1 & NW 1/2 of Lot 2, Block 33 in the City of Lake City.

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

state code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Susan Roth, Research Historian

organization Minnesota Historical Society

date January 1981

street & number 240 Summit Avenue-Hill House

telephone 612-296-0102

city or town St. Paul

state Minnesota

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Russell W. Fridley

Russell W. Fridley

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date 5/4/81

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

Russell W. Fridley

date 6-16-81

Keeper of the National Register

Attest: *Linda Flint McCallard*

date 6-10-81

Chief of Registration

Name Lake City City Hall

State, County MN Wabasha Co

Working Number 5.11.81.155

Fed Nom or Request-Agency _____

Federal Register Date 2.2.82

Nomination
 Determination of Eligibility
 On Nomination Form

Bldg(s)
 Site
 Object
 Structure
 District

Within:
 Multiple Resource Area
 Thematic Group

Maps 1
Photos 2

Nomination prepared by:
 State Staff
 Local
 Other

Action:
 ACCEPT 6.16.81
 RETURN _____
 REJECT _____

Check if Appropriate:
 State Request for Review
 Keeper's Decision to Review
 2nd Return

I. Evaluation of Resource (cont. on back if necessary)

Accept
Eligible A&C.

Tom McClelland
6.10.81

II. Evaluation of Nomination

	Good			Comments
	Adequate	Poor		
1. Descriptive Statement Short Format <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			Essentials covered - brief + concise
2. Significance Statement Short Format <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			Relies on #7 for arch. evaluation Perhaps too brief
3. Concepts/Integrity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
4. Concepts/Criteria	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			Arch. sign not developed and historic sign are obvious but not strongly developed otherwise.
5. Concepts/Boundaries	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
6. Contextual Evaluation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			a brief statement about communities history (civic develop- ment) and about arch. style

General Comments (cont. on back if necessary):

Minimum but sufficient
info. for a strong property.

at least arch. style in local
context would have been
good practice.

Reviewer/Date Tom McClelland 6.10.81

See Attached _____



Lake City City Hall
Lake City, MN; Wabasha County
Susan Roth
1980

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Minnesota Historical Society, 690
Cedar Street, St. Paul, MN 55101
northwest perspective
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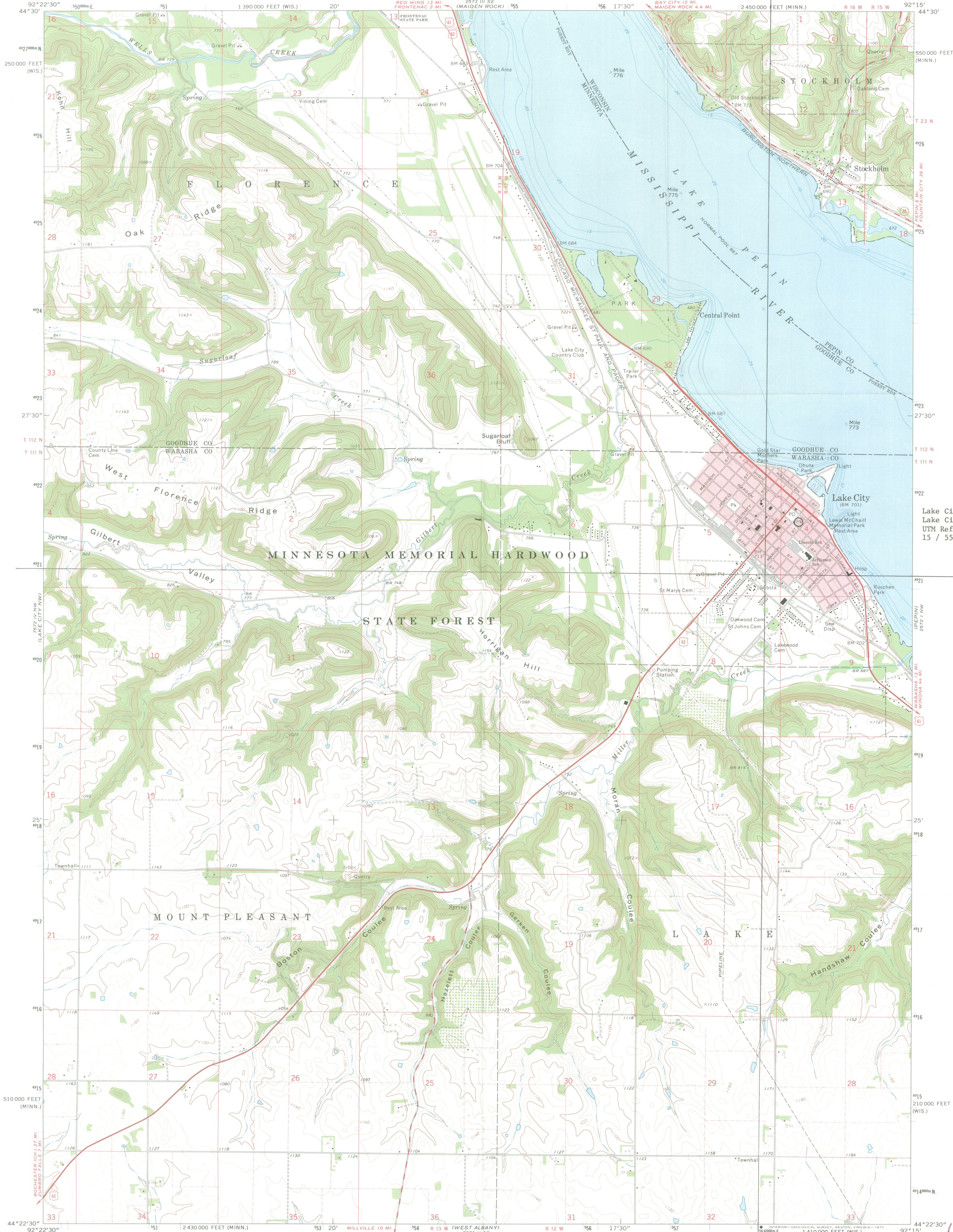
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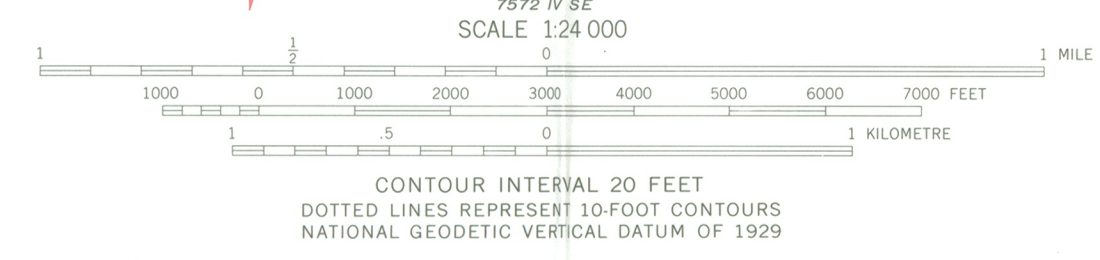
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Projection: Minnesota coordinate system, south zone (Lambert conformal conic)
10,000-foot grid ticks based on Minnesota coordinate system, south zone and Wisconsin coordinate system, central zone
1000-metre Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 15, shown in blue. 1927 North American datum
Red tint indicates area 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
Primary highway, hard surface
Secondary highway, hard surface
Light-duty road, hard or improved surface
Unimproved road
Interstate Route
U.S. Route
State Route

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NE/4 LAKE CITY 15' QUADRANGLE
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1974
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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MINNESOTA

Date Entered JUN 16 1981

Name

Location

Lake City City Hall

Lake City
Wabasha County

Also Notified

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Honorable David F. Durenberger
Honorable Arlen Erdahl
Lake Central Region, HCRS

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