

HISTORIC NAME: Houston County Courthouse, Jail, and

COUNTY: Houston

CURRENT NAME: Municipal Garage

CITY/TWP.: Caledonia City

LEGAL DESC.: Courthouse & Jail: Courthouse Square
Municipal Garage: lot 6, block 11,
Original Plat, Caledonia City

ADDRESS: Courthouse Square

CLASSIFICATION:	CONDITION:	SIGNIFICANCE:	THEME/S:
Building <u>X</u>	Excellent <u>X</u>	Local <u>X</u>	Primary <u>Politics/Government</u>
Structure _____	Good <u>X</u>	State _____	Secondary <u>Architecture</u>
Object _____	Fair _____	National _____	Others _____
District _____	Deteriorated _____		

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Yes X No _____ Restricted _____
 VISIBLE FROM THE ROAD: Yes X No _____
 OCCUPIED: Yes X No _____

PRESENT USE: County government

DATE CONSTRUCTED: Jail: 1875; courthouse: 1883;
garage: 1939
ORIGINAL OWNER: Houston County

ORIGINAL USE: County government
ARCHITECT/BUILDER: listed below

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Houston County
Caledonia, MN

LOCAL CONTACT/CRG.: N/A

FORM PREPARED BY: Robert M. Frame III, Ph.D.
DATE: June 2, 1981

ACREAGE: Less than one acre _____
approx. 1.1

UTM REFERENCE:
Caledonia, Minn. Quad.
15 / 621340 / 4831980

DESCRIPTION:

The Houston County Courthouse and Jail buildings are located in Courthouse Square in downtown Caledonia. The Courthouse is in the southwest corner of the square and faces east; while the Jail is in the northeast corner and faces west; the Garage is located immediately east (to the rear) of the Courthouse. The Jail (1875) is a rock-faced coursed ashlar stone structure of typical T-shaped jail and sheriff's residence configuration, in the Italianate style. The three-story residence (front) and two-story jail (rear) have cross-gable hip roofs, with a projecting bay on the front facade. Fenestration consists of four-over-four double-hung sash in segmental arch openings, occasionally arranged in pairs. The Courthouse (1883) is a large three-story building of similar stone construction, in Romanesque style with hip roof and cross gables. The building is dominated by a tall, 75-foot pyramidal-roofed tower, which is flanked by hip-roofed dormers. Fenestration consists of one-over-one double-hung sash paired at the second story in very tall round-arch openings, and at the first story arranged in paired rectangular openings. There is a large wheel window in each of the projecting north and south bays. Modern stone additions project to the north. The Municipal Garage (1939) is a large, stone structure, approximately 25 x 50 feet, with hip roof. It has five vehicle bays with overhead doors.

SIGNIFICANCE:

The Courthouse, Jail, and Garage are significant for their association with the administration of government and law in Houston County, and for their architectural styles. Both the Courthouse (1883) and Jail (1875) were designed by the same firm, C.G. Maybury and Son, of Winona, Minnesota. Each is the major example of its style in the county: Italianate for the Jail, and Romanesque for the Courthouse. The Municipal Garage was erected in 1939 by the Works Progress Administration and, with its stone and hip roof construction, is a compatible, contributing building in this county government complex.

ARCHITECT/BUILDER:

Courthouse: architect was C.G. Maybury & Son, Winona; builder was Noonan & Stelwagen.
 Jail: architect--C.G. Maybury; builder--A.W. Gage
 Garage: built by Works Progress Administration

Caledonia, ME
Houston County

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Cross, Marion E. Minnesota Courthouses. National Society of the Colonial Dames, 1966.

History of Houston County. 1882. P. 300.

St. Paul Daily Dispatch, January 14, 1976.

St. Paul Daily Globe, March 29, 1883.

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1883. Original copies in Houston County Historical Society.

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Substantive Review
EVALUATION / RETURN SHEET
Houston County Courthouse, Jail and Municipal Garage

83000905
362/82-585

Property: Houston County Multiple Resource Area
State, County: MN, Houston
Federal Agency: _____

Working No. _____
Fed. Reg. Date: _____
Date Due: 4-1-82 / 4-16-82
Action: ACCEPT
 RETURN 4/6/82
 REJECT
photos 2
maps _____

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

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments: 1883 courthouse, 1875 jail, and 1939 municipal garage situated on courthouse square. Courthouse + jail are historically and architecturally significant. Contribution of garage ~~is contributing~~ not justified in statement of significance. Photo of garage needed.

Recom./Criteria Return
Reviewer Smellard
Discipline Arch. Hist.
Date 4/5/82
 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"/> 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

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

for NPS use only

8. Significance

Period _____ Area 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~~ *Context relies on general discussion of area*

relationship of integrity to significance *significance.*

justification of exception *please provide a statement explaining the exceptional importance of the 1939 municipal garage*

other

Context relies on general discussion of area significance.
please provide a statement explaining the exceptional importance of the 1939 municipal garage

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acres of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UMT 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 *please provide a photograph of the garage.*

Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to *Kinda McClellan*

Signed *Brigham* Date *4.6.82* Phone: 202 272-3504

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet

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COUNTY: Houston

CURRENT NAME:

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Caledonia CityADDRESS:
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15 / 621340 / 4831980

DATE: June 2, 1981

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* For additional information on Houston County and its county seat, Caledonia, see the Area Description and Area Significance statements of the Houston County MRN.

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National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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Continuation sheet

Item number

Page

Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

dnr-11

Name Houston County Multiple Resource Area
State MIN

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

- | | | | | |
|-----|---|-------------------------------------|--------|--|
| 1. | Houston County Courthouse, Jail
and Municipal Garage | Substantive Review | Keeper | <u><i>Robert Ann Dwyer 3/2/83</i></u> |
| | | | Attest | _____ |
| 2. | Sprague, Ellsworth Ara and Robert
David, Houses | Entered in the
National Register | Keeper | <u><i>Delores Byers 4/6/82</i></u> |
| | | | Attest | _____ |
| 3. | Williams, Spafford, Hotel
(Barnes House) | Entered in the
National Register | Keeper | <u><i>Delores Byers 4/6/82</i></u> |
| | | | Attest | _____ |
| 4. | Houston County Poor Home | Substantive Review | Keeper | <u><i>William H. Braham 4.6.82</i></u> |
| | | | Attest | <u><i>Linda McClelland 4/5/82</i></u> |
| 5. | Bunge, Christian, Jr., Store | Entered in the
National Register | Keeper | <u><i>Delores Byers 4/6/82</i></u> |
| | | | Attest | _____ |
| 6. | Eitzen Stone Barn | Entered in the
National Register | Keeper | <u><i>Delores Byers 4/6/82</i></u> |
| | | | Attest | _____ |
| 7. | Johnson, Charles, Flour Mill
(Upper Mill) | Substantive Review | Keeper | <u><i>William H. Braham 4.6.82</i></u> |
| | | | Attest | <u><i>Linda McClelland 4/5/82</i></u> |
| 8. | Portland Prairie Methodist
Episcopal Church | Entered in the
National Register | Keeper | <u><i>Delores Byers 4/6/82</i></u> |
| | | | Attest | _____ |
| 9. | Cameron, Daniel, House | Entered in the
National Register | Keeper | <u><i>Delores Byers 4/6/82</i></u> |
| | | | Attest | _____ |
| 10. | Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church
(previously listed 6/2/70)
Schech's Mill
(previously listed 1/31/78) | | Keeper | _____ |
| | | | Attest | _____ |

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

Substantive Review

83000905

Houston County Courthouse, ^{and} Jail ~~and~~
~~Municipal Garage~~ (Houston County MRA)
MN, Houston

Working No. 3.2.82-585

Fed. Reg. Date:

Date Due: 3/20/83

Action: ACCEPT 3/18/83

RETURN

REJECT

Federal Agency:

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

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

*Garage omitted,
Burdens reduced
as appropriate*

Recom. / Criteria accept A+C

Reviewer na Dwyer

Discipline A. 17d

Date 3-18-83

see continuation sheet

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- summary paragraph
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- justification of areas checked
- relating significance to the resource
- context
- relationship of integrity to significance
- justification of exception
- other

Houston County Courthouse, Tallahassee
Florida (Houston County, Fla)
Mr. Houston

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Address of nominated property _____

Geographic name _____

USPT References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification

OK

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: 202 272-3500



HOUSTON COUNTY
COURT HOUSE

1883

Houston County Courthouse, Jail,
and Municipal Garage
Caledonia, MN; Houston County
Robert M. Frame
1980

Minnesota Historical Society, 690
Cedar St.; St. Paul, MN 55101
Front facade of Courthouse
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