

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Minnesota	
COUNTY: <u>Ramsey</u> Hennepin	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 69-11-22-0006	DATE 11/25/69

1. NAME

COMMON:
Ramsey (Alexander) House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
265 South Exchange Street

CITY OR TOWN:
St. Paul

STATE: Minnesota CODE: 22 COUNTY: Ramsey CODE: 123

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input 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"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	Historic House	
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Minnesota Historical Society

STREET AND NUMBER:
690 Cedar Street

CITY OR TOWN: St. Paul STATE: Minnesota CODE: 22

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: St. Paul STATE: Minnesota CODE: 22

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Historic Sites Act of 1965, H. F. No. 1713, 1965 Minnesota Statutes

DATE OF SURVEY: 1965 Federal State County Local

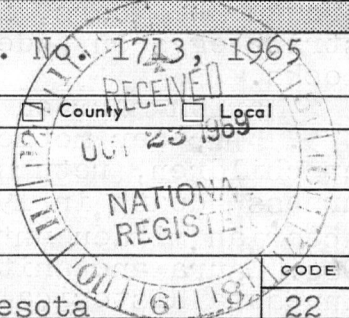
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

7. The Ramsey house was built between 1868 and 1872. The architect, Monroe Scheire, the contractor, John Summers and the chief carpenter, Matthew Taylor, were all from St. Paul. At that time the Irvine Park neighborhood, where the house was built, was one of the better sections of the city. The house has sixteen rooms, three stories and a full basement. It was built of local grey limestone and cost about \$40,000. The style is French Neo-Baroque of the Second Empire, featuring mansard roof, elaborate dormers, arched doors and windows with massive lintels and bracketing under the eaves. This mansion, surrounded by a cast-iron fence, symbolizes the solid prosperity and respectability of its owner.

On the first floor is the large parlor, measuring twenty by forty feet. Its floor-to-ceiling bay window is flanked by white marble fireplaces. The original carpet and gas light chandeliers, Steinway piano and furniture still furnish the room. The library and reception room are on the other side of the main hall; each has a fireplace, and the library has a bay window. In the back wing are the dining room, kitchen, pantry and storage rooms. First floor ceilings are fifteen feet high.

The second floor is reached by a main staircase and a back staircase. The main section of the second floor is taken up by four large bedrooms; each is furnished with original furniture. The rear wing contains two bathrooms, one bedroom and the Governor's study. In his study, the Governor read, entertained and conducted business. His law and history books line the shelves, his law shingle and an engraving of Lincoln hang above the plain desk, a spittoon rests beside the swivel chair and an easy chair sits beside the iron stove.

On the third floor, are three bedrooms for servants, a room later used as a nursery, and the attic. The porches and floors are select Minnesota white pine; most other woodwork is birch or walnut. The window sills and frames are two feet thick, with butternut shutters which fold into the frame. The house was built with pipes for gas lighting and flues for hot air heating. When electric lights and hot water heating were later installed, the original fixtures were retained.

In 1872, the Ramseys and their daughter Marion bought furniture for eight rooms in New York. Some articles were moved from their former St. Paul house, and many furnishings were added through the years, including the popular angelic marble lovers, ostrich eggs on pedestals and glass domes over bouquets and clocks.

Marion married Charles E. Furness in the house parlor in 1875. When her mother, Mrs. Ramsey, died in 1884, Marion, with her children, returned as mistress of the house. After Mrs. Furness' death in 1935, her daughters continued to live in the Victorian milieu until they died - Laura in 1959 and Anita in 1964. Laura and Anita Furness had willed the mansion to the Minnesota Historical Society. It was their wish that it be restored, so far as possible, to its original appearance, and that it be opened to the public. When the Ramsey House came into

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7. Description, continued

the possession of the Historical Society in 1964, the building looked very much as it did when the Governor had it built. The furnishings, plaster and wallpaper are now being restored. Hot air heat with humidity and temperature control is being installed. The carriage house is being reconstructed to the 1872 appearance, and will be used as an interpretation and orientation area for visitors touring the house. A St. Paul urban renewal project is improving the neighborhood which had deteriorated since the turn of the century.

reconstructed or restored?



SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

8. Alexander Ramsey held a greater number of important local and federal offices than any other Minnesotan. From the time he arrived, in 1849, until his death in 1903, he devoted himself to the public and private welfare of Minnesota and its citizens. He established the administrative machinery of the territory and guided the territory and state through difficult early years. He represented the State in the United States Senate for twelve years. Before he returned to his adopted home, he served in the administrative branch of the federal government for seven years. This Victorian mansion reflects the life of a man of public affairs and as such provides a contrast to the log cabin and frame house of the homesteader and the immigrant.

Alexander Ramsey, ex-Congressman from Pennsylvania, was appointed governor of Minnesota Territory because of his successful campaigning for Zachary Taylor in the election of 1848. When he arrived in the spring of 1849 with his wife and small son, the governor's house was not yet ready. They stayed with Henry H. Sibley at Mendota, beginning a friendship which lasted nearly half a century. Ramsey's first message to the Legislature showed his broad interest in the settlement and development of the territory. He organized the government, ordered a census and set a date for the elections. His greatest accomplishment was his negotiation of the treaties of Traverse des Sioux and Mendota in the summer of 1851, by which the Sioux tribes ceded twenty-four million acres to the United States. When a Democratic governor was appointed in 1852, Ramsey stayed in St. Paul; he was elected mayor in 1855. In the first election for the State of Minnesota, 1857, Ramsey was the new Republican party's nominee for governor. He was defeated by his friend and political rival, Henry H. Sibley, but won the office in the election of 1859. He was the first governor to offer the War Department troops after the firing on Fort Sumpter in April, 1861. In August, 1863, while many Minnesota men were fighting in the South, the Sioux rose in a desperate effort to reclaim their lost domain from the swelling numbers of small farms and villages. As they swept down the Minnesota valley, burning out farmer and villager, Governor Ramsey raised a force of militia and paroled soldiers and commissioned Sibley as their commander. By late fall, the uprising was defeated and the tribes driven from the State or penned in prison camps. Later that year, Governor Ramsey was elected

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Ryland, William James, Alexander Ramsey, Philadelphia Harris and Partridge, 1941

Fowell, William Watts, A History of Minnesota, St. Paul: Minnesota Historical Society, 1956.

Urevig, Frances, "Alexander Ramsey", Gopher Historian, Winter, 1957-58. pp. 16-17.

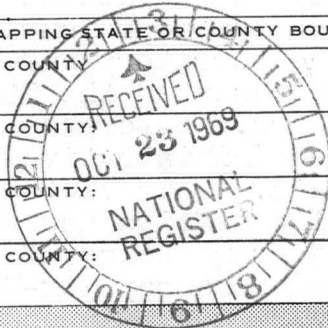
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

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: John Grossman, Historic Sites Survey

ORGANIZATION: Minnesota Historical Society DATE: October 2, 1969

STREET AND NUMBER: 690 Cedar

CITY OR TOWN: St. Paul STATE: Minnesota CODE: 22

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 H. Fridley

Title: Director, Minnesota Historical Society

Date: October 7, 1969

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Ewert Allen Connolly
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

NOV 25 1969

Date _____

ATTEST:

William J. Huntz
Keeper of The National Register

NOV 10 1969

Date _____

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8. Statement of Significance, continued

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United States Senator by the state legislature. He was serving in that office while he built this mansion. After retiring from the Senate, he entertained President Rutherford B. Hayes in his new home in 1878. The next year, President Hayes asked Ramsey to be his Secretary of War; he accepted and returned to Washington until 1886, serving as Minnesota's first cabinet member and later active on two special commissions. When he returned, he devoted his last years to his friends, family, and public welfare activities. Each year, Sibley called on May 27 to observe with his old friend, the anniversary of Ramsey's arrival in Minnesota. At the age of eighty-eight, Alexander Ramsey died on April 23, 1903. This house remained the family home, essentially the same as when he lived there for another sixty- one years.

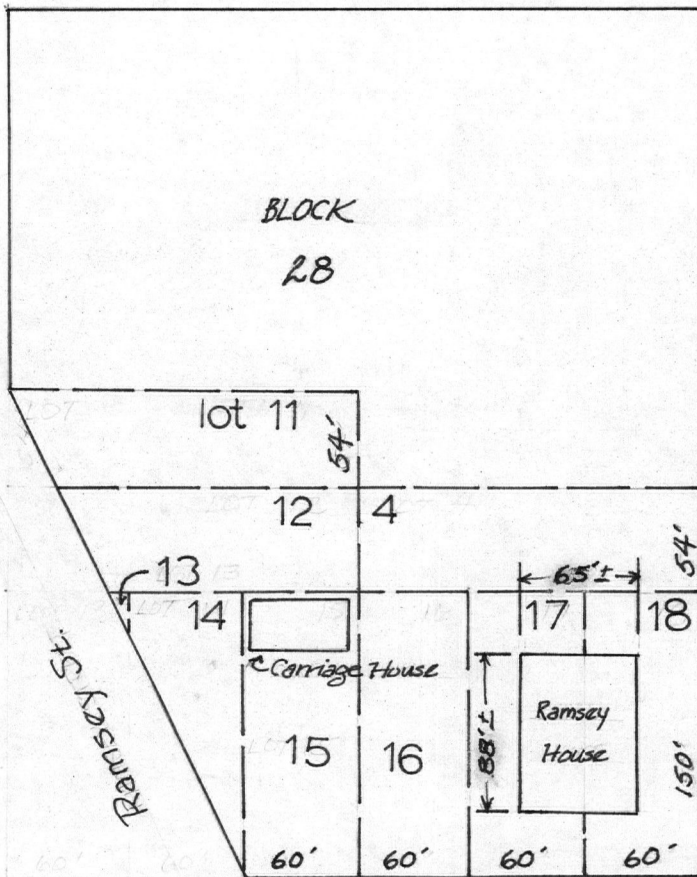


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Walnut Street

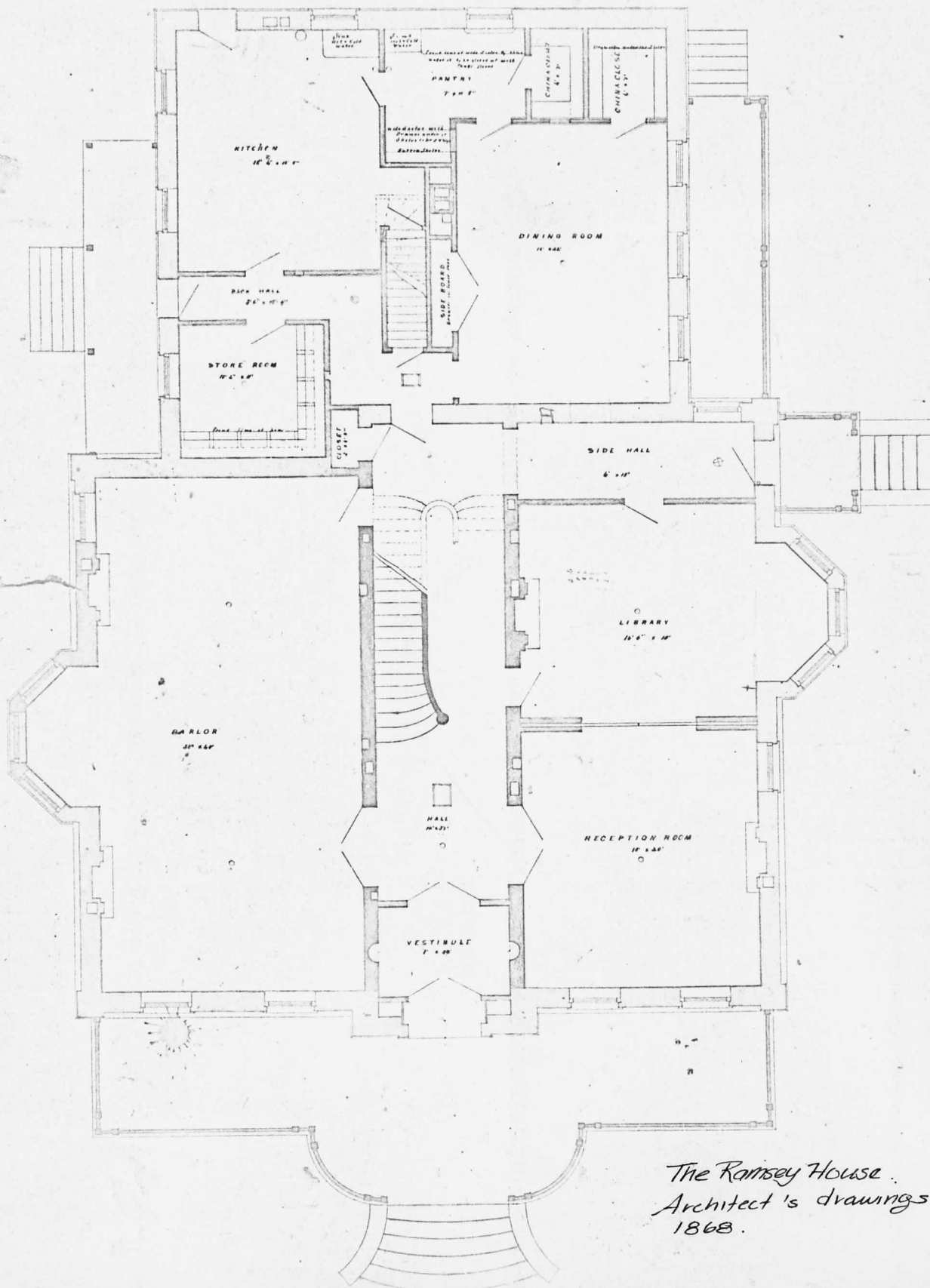


Exchange St.

Legal Description: Lots 11, 12, 13, 14 or parts thereof,
and Lots 4, 15, 16, 17 and 18, all in block 28,
Rice & Irvines Addition to St. Paul in Ramsey County.

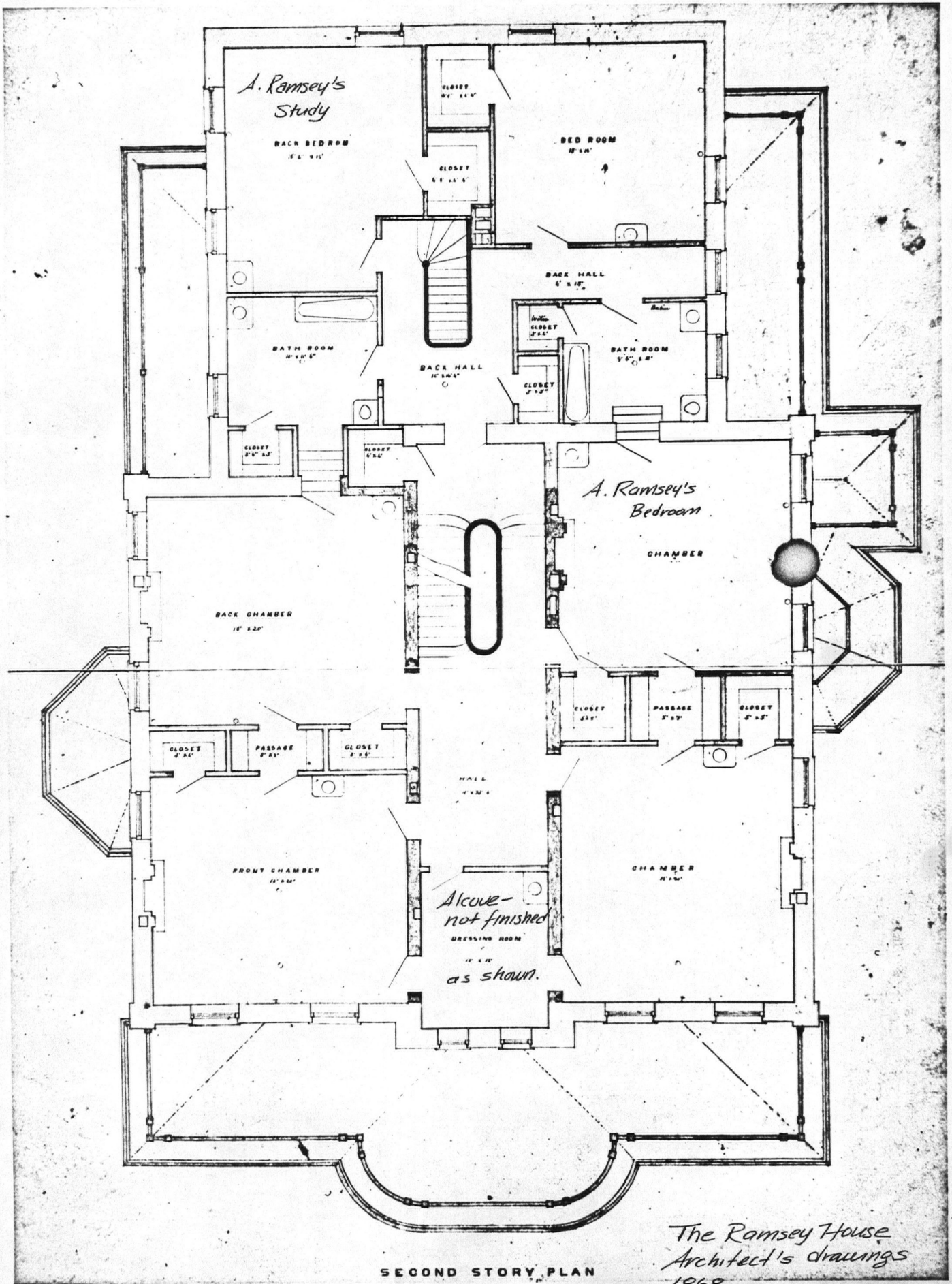
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Taken from County Plat Book, Ramsey County,
St. Paul, Minn.



*The Ramsey House
 Architect's drawings
 1868.*

FIRST STORY PLAN



*The Ramsey House
Architect's drawings
1868.*

12/3/69

CENTRAL SERIAL
National Register
Inventory-Nomination Forms

69000 077

Ramsey (Alex.) House Ramsey

MINN.
NPS Number
691123 0006

RECEIPT

SIGN OFF

Date of Receipt	<u>10/22/69</u>	Yes	No	Number
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Photo(s)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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Acknowledged	<u>10/23/69</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

RG 10/23/69

REVIEW

Good form, needs accuracy but no doubt about property's value both architectural & historical

Historian	Comments
<u>OK</u>	
Architect	Comments
<u>OK</u>	

BZ 10/24/69

Chamber 10/23/69

If checked
ret. to
Clerk

Chief Architect Chief Archeologist Chief Historian

Keeper	Comments
<u>[Signature]</u>	

Wm 10/24/69

ENTRY

Chief, OAHF Comments

OK
11-24-69

Date of Entry

Registry Clerk	Yes	No	Date
Assign NPS No.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Acknowledgement Sent	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

EDITORIAL PROCESSING

Editor	Date
Federal Register Entry	<u>12/2/69</u>
Annual Edition Entry	

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

**National Register of Historic Places
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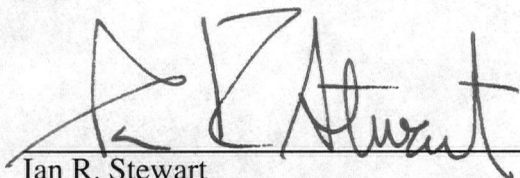
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CITY/TOWNSHIP: St. Paul

VICINITY OF:

ADDRESS: 265 So. Exchange St.

COMMENTS: Architect/Builder: Monroe Sheire (on the original nomination form, the architect's last name is misspelled)



Ian R. Stewart
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

12/1/98
Date



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)

1. NAME

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Alexander Ramsey House

AND/OR HISTORIC

Alexander Ramsey House

NUMERIC CODE (Assigned by NPS)

NOV 27 1973

2. LOCATION

STATE

Minnesota

COUNTY

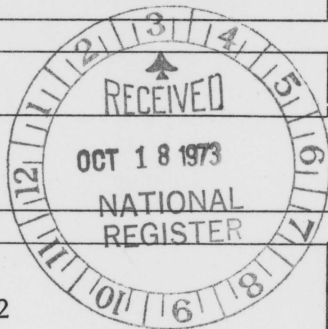
Ramsey

TOWN

St. Paul

STREET AND NUMBER

265 South Exchange



3. PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT

Minnesota Historical Society
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DATE

1972

NEGATIVE FILED AT

Minnesota Historical Society
690 Cedar Street
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

view of east corner elevation as seen from the intersection of Walnut and South Exchange

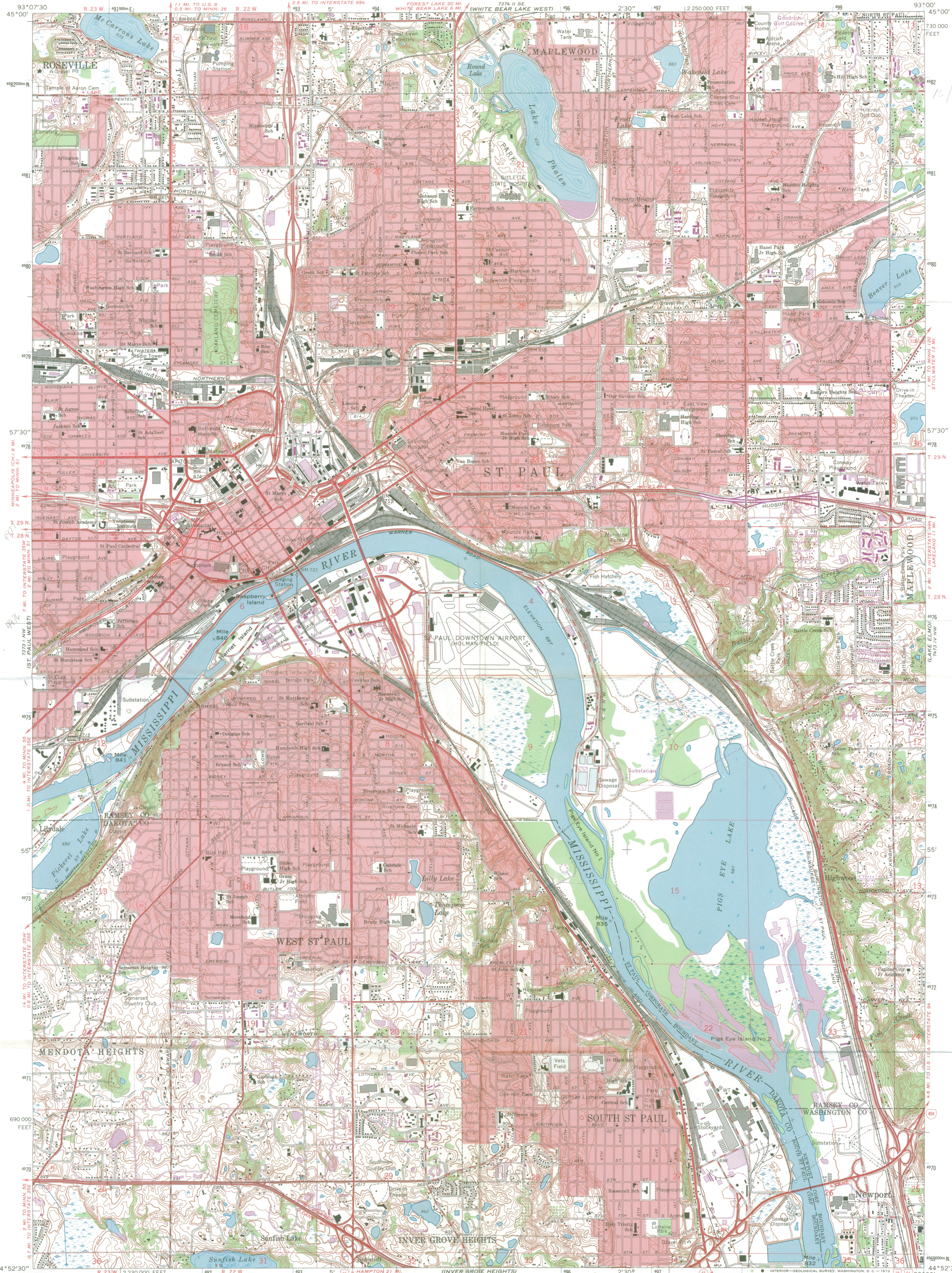
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Historic District
Loc. Ramsey Co., Minn
Alexander Ramsey
House

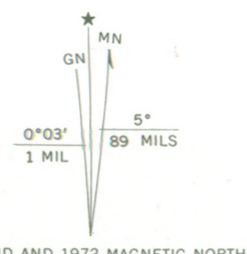
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photographs taken 1966. Field checked 1967
Hydrography compiled from information furnished by
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Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Minnesota coordinate system, south zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
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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



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A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



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

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NE/4 ST. PAUL 15' QUADRANGLE
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SOURCE: County Plat Book

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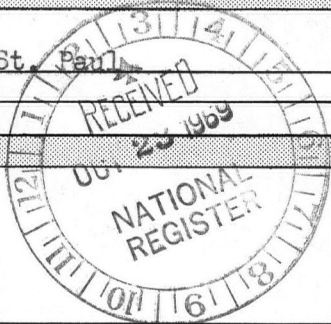
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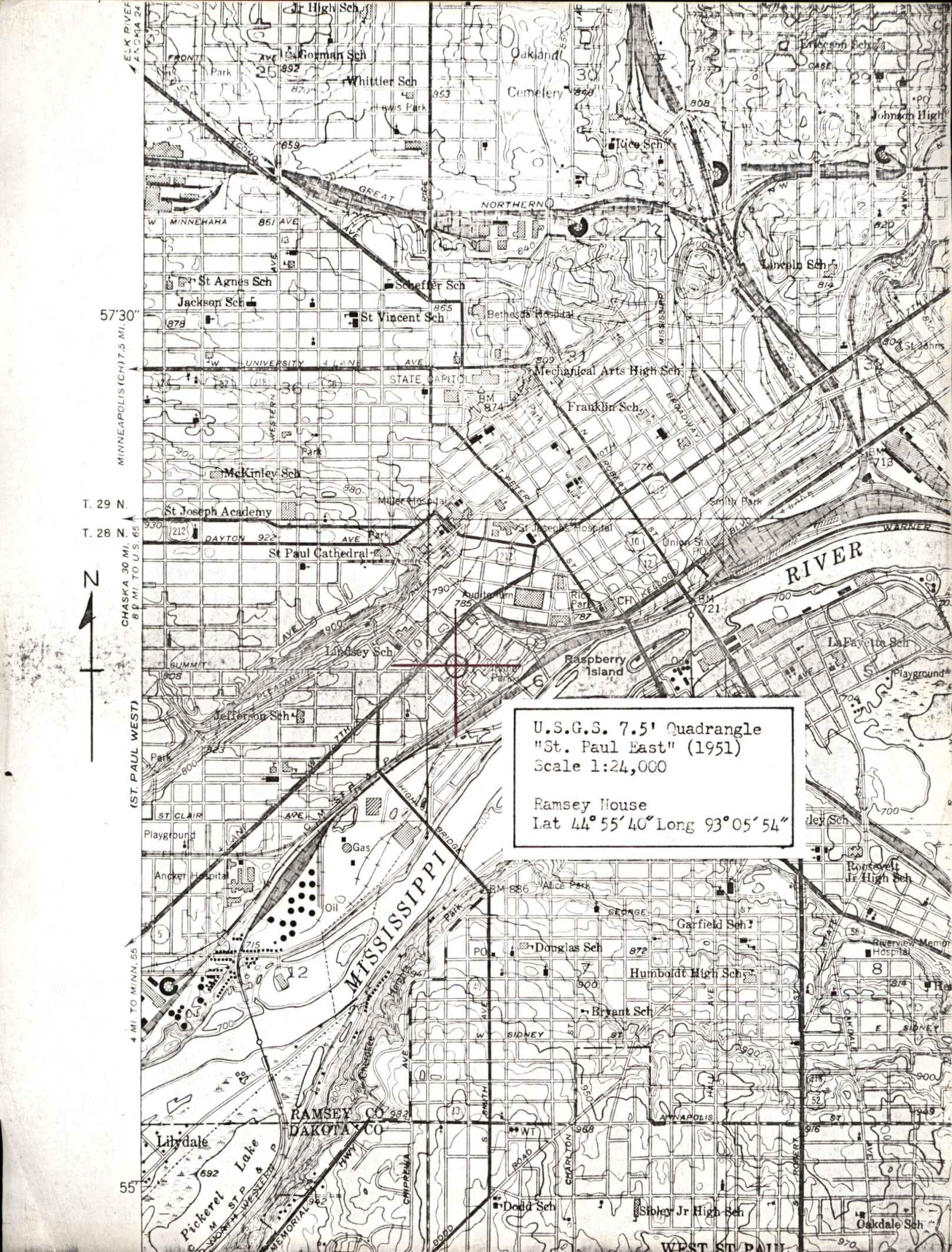
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4. REQUIREMENTS

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. Property boundaries where required.
2. North arrow.
3. Latitude and longitude reference.





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8 PM. TO U.S. 65

(ST. PAUL WEST)

4 MI. TO MINN. 55

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U.S.G.S. 7.5' Quadrangle
"St. Paul East" (1951)
Scale 1:24,000

Ramsey House
Lat 44° 55' 40" Long 93° 05' 54"

Map labels include: Jr High Sch, Froman Sch, Whittier Sch, Oakland Cemetery, Lincoln Sch, St Agnes Sch, Jackson Sch, St Vincent Sch, St Joseph Academy, St Paul Cathedral, McKinley Sch, St. Joseph's Hospital, Miller Hospital, Auditorium, St. Paul Cathedral, Jefferson Sch, Ancker Hospital, Lilydale, Packerel Lake, Ramsey Co, DAKOTA CO, West St Paul, and various street names like University Ave, State Capitol, Franklin Sch, and Lincoln Sch.

Form 10-301
(July 1969)

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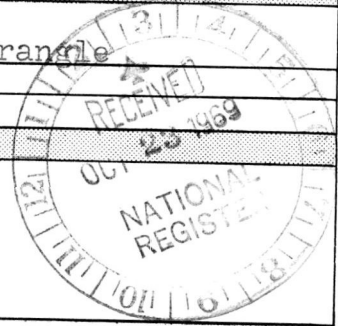
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MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Cedar Street and Central Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101 221-2747

September 8, 1969

Dr. William J. Murtagh
Keeper of the National Register
Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation
801 - 19th Street N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20006

Dear Dr. Murtagh:

Perhaps you remember our chance meeting at the Ramsey House during the National Association of State and Local History convention in St. Paul. I have been hired by the Minnesota Historical Society to conduct the state-wide survey and publish its findings. This is a new experience for me and I would appreciate the guidance you could give me. I will be in Washington September 21st through 24th and would like very much to visit you. Would you please give me an appointment? As I wish to discuss the standards and opportunities of the state-wide survey and the National Register, you might prefer to recommend me to one of your staff who deals with such questions. Regardless, I would enjoy talking with you again for a few minutes. I would also like to view the HABS and National Register operations in their headquarters, if such a "tour" is possible.

I am now preparing the nomination of Fort Snelling as a historic district, to include most of the military reservation. I need to know how much of the fort is now included in the National Register of 1968. Could I have a copy of the map accompanying that nomination?

Yours truly,

John Grossman
Historic Sites Survey Specialist

JG:vs

SEP 17 1969

H34-HR

Mr. John Grossman
Historic Sites Survey Specialist
Minnesota Historical Society
Cedar Street and Central Avenue
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

Dear Mr. Grossman:

Of course I remember meeting you at the Ramsey House, and look forward to your visit to our office here in Washington. I think it would be most convenient if you could stop in my office on Monday the 22nd of September first thing in the morning. We start at 8:45 a.m. Most of the rest of the staff should be here, and I hope we can help you with any problems that you have.

Apropos Fort Snelling, it is a National Historic Landmark so designated prior to the establishment of a boundary requirement for properties on the National Register. Boundaries are to be supplied by the Regional Offices of the National Park Service and approved by the Advisory Board on National Parks, Historic Sites, Buildings, and Monuments.

Until these actions are completed, technically Fort Snelling National Historic Landmark has no defined boundary. However, the generally acknowledged view in this office is that the Landmark status relates only to the early Fort Snelling.

Sincerely yours,

William J. Murtagh (Sgd.)

William J. Murtagh
Keeper of the National
Register

cc:

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

Regional Director, Midwest Region w/cy inc.

Mr. Charles Steen, Southwest Regional Office w/cy inc.

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Entered in National Register

BASIC FILE REMAINED IN HR

234-21

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

Dear Senator McCarthy:

We are pleased to inform you that the historic properties listed on the enclosure have been nominated by the officer appointed by the Governor for the implementation of the National Historic Preservation Program in Minnesota and have been entered into the "National Register of Historic Places." Senator Walter F. Mondale and the appropriate Representatives have also been provided with this information. A leaflet explaining the National Register is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed)

Ernest Allen Connally
Chief, Office of Archeology
and Historic Preservation

11/20/69

Enclosure

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

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801 19TH STREET, N. W.
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20006

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Properties added to the National Register of Historic Places

MINNESOTA

Minnehaha State Park (Hennepin County)
Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific RR, (St. Louis Park Station)
(Hennepin County)
Ramsey House (Ramsey County)
The Mayo (Dr. William W.) House (Le Sueur County)



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION
REGION 5

Suite 490, Metro Square Building
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

July 24, 1980

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AUG 18 1980

ADVISORY COUNCIL
ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION

BY *John E. Tannenbaum*

Mr. Robert R. Garvey Jr.
Executive Director
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
1522 K Street Northwest
Washington, D.C. 20005

Attention: Mr. Patrick Steele

Dear Mr. Garvey:

Ramsey Co.

The Minnesota Historical Society, in cooperation with the Minnesota Department of Transportation, has initiated a project to provide for stonework, window and exterior wood trim restoration to the Alexander Ramsey House which is a site on the National Register of Historic Places. The restoration work is proposed as a Great River Road amenity project and will be financed in part with Great River Road funds administered by the Federal Highway Administration pursuant to Section 148 of Title 23 U.S.C. The regulations are included in Part 661 Code of Federal Regulations - Title 23 Highways.

Enclosed is a copy of the Project Development and Location/Design Report for this project, which is currently being reviewed by this office. As indicated on page 8 of the report, Mr. John Ferguson of the Minnesota Historical Society will be the Project Manager. This report has been prepared by a consultant architect-engineer firm under contract to the Minnesota Historic Society, and it is anticipated that the plans, specifications and estimate will be prepared by the same consultant; in any eventuality, these documents will meet with the Minnesota Historic Society's approval.

The State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), Mr. Russell W. Fridley, has concluded that the proposed building improvement will have no adverse effect and, in fact, will have a beneficial effect on the neighborhood, the City of St. Paul and the State of Minnesota.

I have reviewed Mr. Fridley's May 15, 1980 letter included on the last page of the enclosed report and concur in his determination of no adverse effect. I request your concurrence in this determination of no adverse effect.

Your early response would be appreciated so that this project could be authorized by December 9, 1980 if the necessary agreements, plans, specifications and estimates have been completed as is currently anticipated.

Sincerely yours,

John S. Bowers
John S. Bowers
Acting Division Administrator

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THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

DATE REC'D **AUG 21 1980**

____ INDIVIDUAL RESPONSE (ATTACHED)

____ INFORMATIVE MATERIAL SENT

____ TELEPHONE CALL (ATTACHED)

DATE ACTION TAKEN _____

INITIALS _____

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ALEXANDER RAMSEY HOUSE (27-72-00016-00). *St. Paul, Ramsey Co.* Private ownership (Minnesota Historical Society). A late Victorian mansion built for Minnesota's first Territorial Governor. Restoration of dining room and gardens; research for kitchen restoration. \$8,955.31.