

**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 School District ^{No.} #28

and/or common Ramsey Town Hall

2. Location

street & number 14100 St. Francis Blvd. N.W. not for publication

city, town Anoka ^{mc} vicinity of congressional district 8th

state Minnesota code 22 county Anoka code 003

3. Classification

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

4. Owner of Property

name Anoka County

street & number Anoka County Courthouse - 325 East Main Street

city, town Anoka vicinity of state Minnesota

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Anoka County Courthouse

street & number _____

city, town Anoka state Minnesota

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Statewide Survey of Historic
title Resources has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1978, 1979 federal state county local

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

city, town St. Paul state Minnesota

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" 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 Ramsey Town Hall, constructed in 1892 as a single-room school house, is located on St. Francis Boulevard, two miles north of Anoka.

This simple, rectangular-shaped building is constructed of buff colored brick, presumably manufactured at the Kelsey Brickyard. The low pitched gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. (It is assumed that wood shingles originally covered the roof.)

The front facade of the building, which faces on St. Francis Boulevard, is composed of a centrally located doorway with flanking windows. The original door frame, which is partially block-in with plywood, was composed of a pair of doors. Decorative brick arches cap the door and windows. This decorative brickwork is repeated around a circular opening directly above the front entry. The north and south facades of the building contain three windows, each capped with decorative segmental brick arches. The west, or rear, facade of the building is composed of an exterior brick chimney flanked by two large windows. These windows, which have been filled-in with asphalt brick, are also capped with decorative segmental brick arches. A concrete belt course, presumably installed to prevent water damage to the building, is not original.

The interior of the building contains an entry hall, one large classroom, two cloak rooms (one cloak room has been converted into a kitchen), and a stairway to a partial basement (originally a small closet). The classroom has a pressed metal ceiling and a number of original chalk boards, now painted yellow. The interior walls of the classroom have been covered with fiber board.

A committee of the Anoka County Historical Society is currently conducting extensive research in preparation for the restoration of the building.

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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1892 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Ramsey Town Hall, constructed in 1892 as School #28 (to replace an earlier frame school house), is significant for its historic association with Anoka County's second major period of public building construction. During the 1880s and 1890s the rapid growth of the county's population outside of the city of Anoka created the need for the construction of rural public buildings such as schools and town halls. Numerous one-room schools, such as this building, were constructed to provide educational needs and to replace earlier less substantial schools. This building represents the best preserved nineteenth century rural public building in Anoka County.

Architecturally, the building represents one of a handful of brick buildings constructed in the county. Its proximity to the Kelsey Brickyard, which manufactured high quality, buff-colored brick from 1880 to 1897, indicates that the school was constructed of Kelsey brick. It is additionally significant for the excellence of its craftsmanship and detailing.

The acquisition of this building by the county, and its imminent restoration by the Anoka County Historical Society, insures its future use by the public.

PLEASE NOTE: The manuscript for this nomination was prepared before the one paragraph limit for significance statements was stipulated.

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED

Acreeage of nominated property less than 1

Quadrangle name Anoka

Quadrangle scale 7.5

UMT References

A

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B

Zone			Easting					Northing						

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Verbal boundary description and justification

See attached continuation sheet

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

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Lynne VanBrocklin Spaeth

organization Minnesota Historical Society

date March 1979

street & number 240 Summit Avenue-Hill House

contact Dennis Gimmestad
telephone (612) 296-9545

city or town

state

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

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date

11/1/79

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

Sally Goldhe
Keeper of the National Register

date

12/27/79

Attest:

Kristin O'Connell

date

12/26/79

Chief of Registration

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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

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School District #28

CONTINUATION SHEET

ITEM NUMBER 10

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Verbal Boundary Description:

Township 32, Range 25, Section 25. Th. pt. of lot 3 & of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 25-32-25 des. as fol: Com. at the SW cor. of said Lot 3; th. W. on the S. line of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ 5 rods; th. N. 12 rods; th. E. & parallel with the S. line of said SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ about 16 rods to the center of the St. Francis Road, so-called th. SE'ly along the center of the St. Francis Road to a pt. where the S. line of said lot 3 crosses said St. Francis Rd. th. W. on the S. line of said Lot 3 to the pt. of beg. Cont. about 204 sq. rods of land.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

*Corrected
1/23/89*

Section number _____ Page _____

Note: These changes apply to
School District No. 28 in Anoka
County, Minnesota.

Hist Name

REFERENCE NUMBER: 79001188

STATE: MINNESOTA

COUNTY: Anoka

this makes more sense

RESOURCE NAME (HISTORIC): District School No. 28

CITY: Ramsey

VICINITY OF:

ADDRESS:

CERTIFICATION DATE:

REMOVED DATE:

COMMENTS:

Nina M. Archabal

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State Historic Preservation Officer

JUN 17 1988

Date

Property

School District No. 28

79001188

State

Md (Anoka)

Working Number

11-6-79 2696

TECHNICAL

Photos

2

Maps

1

CONTROL

HISTORIAN

~~Historical references call~~

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

Handsome 1892 school house, now used as Town Hall. Unusual material for county, though brickyard is local. Significant as best preserved 19th century rural school in county + representative of important period of ~~school~~ public building construction.

~~Call then accept~~
O'Connell
12/21/79

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OTHER

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Inventory _____

Review _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

National Register Write-up _____

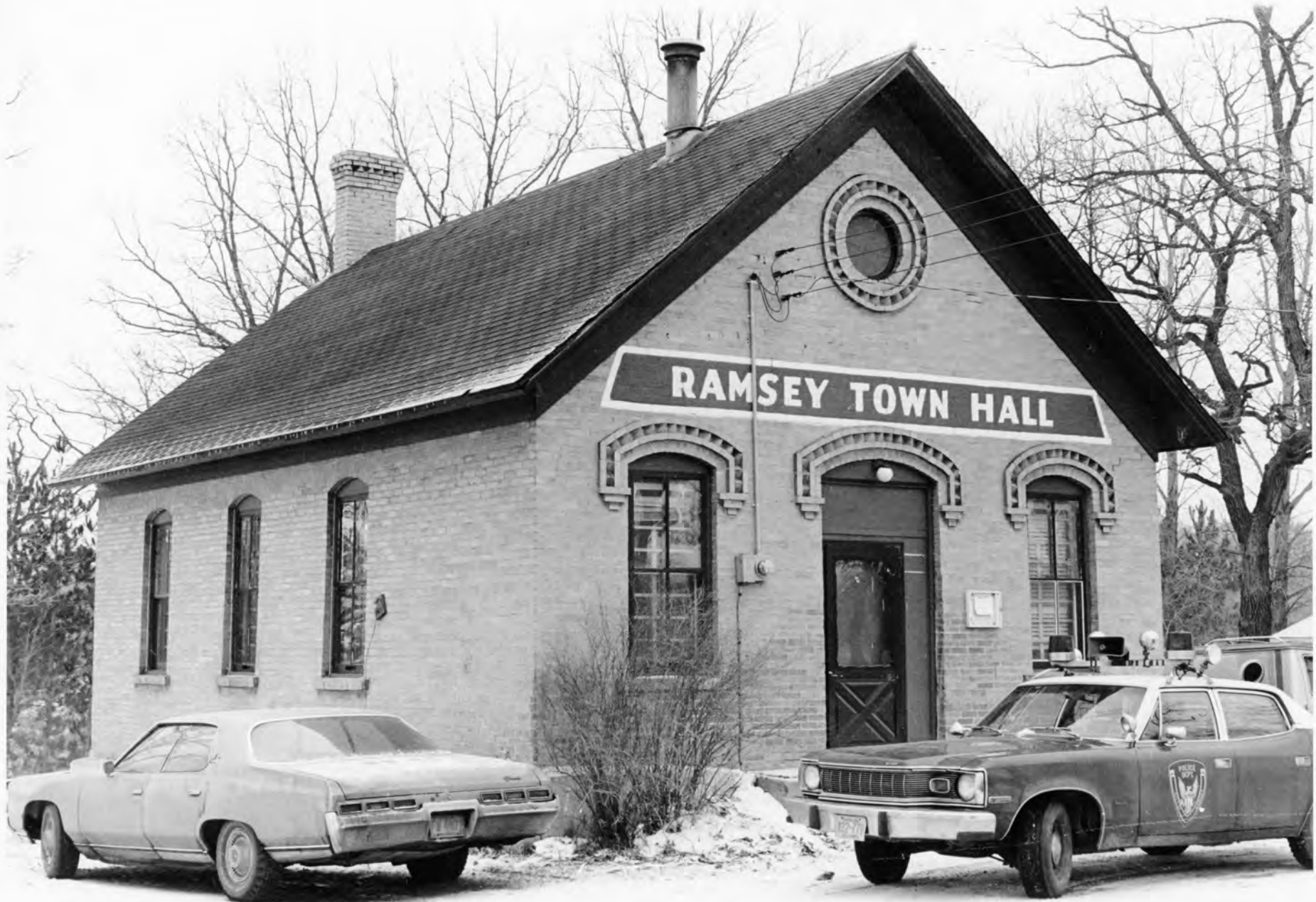
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Federal Register Entry

2-3-81

Re-submit _____



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T 32, R 25, sec. 25, SE/SE/SW

Ramsey Town Hall

12/1/77

School #28, Ramsey Town Hall
Ramsey MN, *Anoka County*

Christina Harrison
1977

NOV 06 1979

Minnesota Historical Society, Bldg. 27,
Fort Snelling, St. Paul, MN 55102

Looking northwest

#1 of 2

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M.B. - 3 - 5A

T32, R25, sec. 25, SE/SE/SW

Ramsey Town Hall

^{District}
School #28, Ramsey Town Hall
Ramsey, MN, Anoka County, Minnesota
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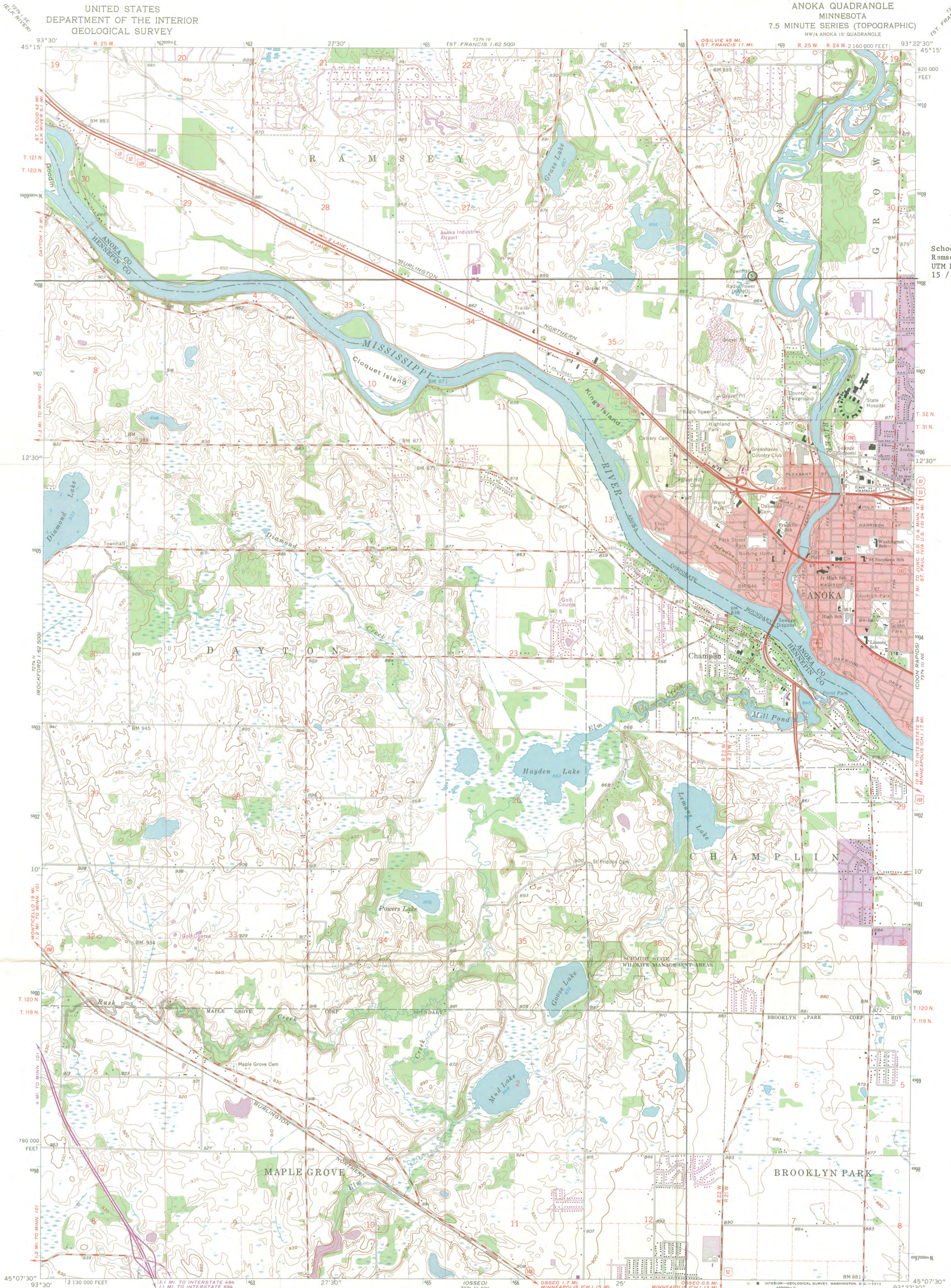
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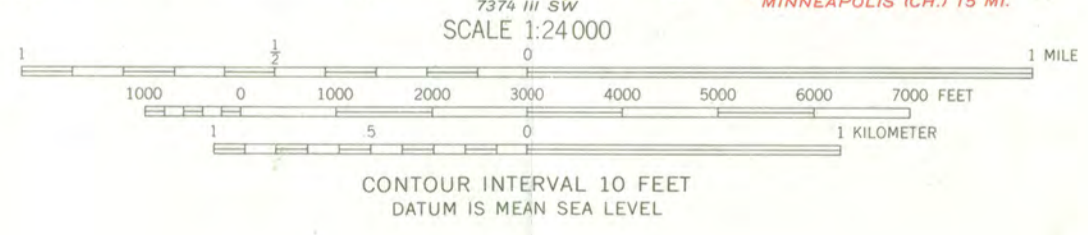
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School District #28
Ramsey, MN; Anoka County
UTM References
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taken 1947. Field checked 1955. Revised from aerial
photographs taken 1966. Field checked 1967
Hydrography compiled from information furnished 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



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A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

Revision shown in purple compiled from aerial photographs
taken 1972. This information not field checked
Purple tint indicates extension of urban areas

ANOKA, MINN.
NW/4 ANOKA 15' QUADRANGLE
N4507.5-W9322.5/7.5
1967
PHOTOREVISED 1972
AMS 7374 III NW-SERIES V872



ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MINNESOTA

Date Entered DEC 27 1979

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
School District No. 28	Anoka vicinity Anoka County
Ticknor, Heman L., House	Anoka Anoka County

Also Notified

Honorable David Durenberger

Honorable Rudolph Boschwitz
Honorable James L. Oberstar

State Historic Preservation Officer
Mr. Russell W. Fridley
Director
Minnesota Historical Society
690 Cedar Street
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

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