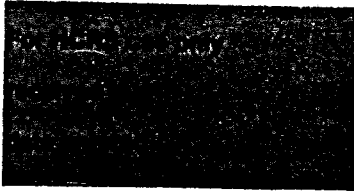


United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections



1. Name

historic ST. PAUL, MINNEAPOLIS, & MANITOBA GENERAL OFFICE BUILDING
GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY GENERAL OFFICE BUILDING
and/or common JAMES J. HILL BUILDING

2. Location

street & number 281-299 E. Kellogg Blvd. not for publication
city, town St. Paul, vicinity of congressional district
state Minnesota code county Ramsey code

3. Classification

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

4. Owner of Property

name PMA Limited Partnership
street & number 2600 Continental Plaza Building
777 Main Street
city, town Fort Worth, vicinity of state Texas

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Paul (Minnesota) City Hall, County Recorder
street & number 15 W. Kellogg Blvd.
city, town St. Paul, state Minnesota

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Hopkins Addition to St. Paul
title Block 1, Lots 4, 5, & 6 has this property been determined eligible? yes no
date June 19, 1854 federal state county local
depository for survey records St. Paul City Hall, County Recorder's Office
city, town St. Paul, state Minnesota

7. Description

Condition
 excellent deteriorated
 good ruins
 fair unexposed

Check one
 unaltered
 altered

Check one
 original site
 moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The original building, completed in 1888, was 5 stories above street level. The facades above the first floor were pressed brick with a belt course between the stories. The first floor articulation was a rock face on a sandstone base, all of which rested on a limestone foundation. On the original building, there was a painted tin cornice, similar to the one that exists now. This was removed in 1900 when an addition of 2 floors was constructed. The building appears now as it did in 1901, with the exception of the fire escapes which were added in 1912. Also, some of the windows on the first floor have been bricked up. The main entrance door also is not original.



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 type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1887, 1900

Builder/Architect James Brodie

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

In addition to being an early example of fireproof office construction, this building was the headquarters of James J. Hill's railroad empire, which was instrumental in the settlement of western Minnesota, North Dakota, and Montana. The St. Paul, Minneapolis, & Manitoba Railway, the original tenant of the building, was a successor to the first railroad chartered in the territory of Minnesota. As the "Manitoba," the railway actively solicited settlers to come to North Dakota and Montana. The Manitoba's successor, the Great Northern Railway, continued its predecessor's advertisement of western lands, and in 1893, completed one of the first transcontinental railroads. The president of the railroad, James J. Hill, oversaw the day to day operations of not only the Great Northern Railway from this building, but also the operations of his other numerous railroad, shipping and financial interests. As a major employer in the city of St. Paul, the Great Northern Railway's office building symbolized the industrial growth of the city. Its location in the warehouse district, a homogenous collection of buildings dating to pre-1900, the Great Northern Railway General Office Building is an important cornerstone in maintaining the integrity of this district depicting St. Paul's heritage.

