

INVEST IN HISTORY

HASTINGS HISTORIC CITY SQUARE



ABOUT CITY HALL

Hastings City Hall is located prominently in historic downtown Hastings, overlooking the Mississippi River. Built in 1869, this historic structure served as the Dakota County Courthouse from 1871 through 1974. It was purchased and renovated by the City of Hastings in 1993 and has served as Hastings City Hall ever since. The structure is designated on the National Register of Historic Places.

PRESERVATION NEEDS

City Square includes both City Hall and the Police Department buildings. The City has leveraged grants and has carefully maintained these buildings. We have been setting funds aside for several years in anticipation of large capital repairs. We have worked with field experts to identify structural, operational, and functional deficiencies. Though there are areas of concern, the buildings are structurally sound. While we have taken these steps to prepare for needed repairs, this is still a huge project. We look to the State of MN to partner with us in the repair and preservation efforts that will maintain this Minnesota landmark for future generations.

BRICK AND LIMESTONE MASONRY

- Showing signs of deterioration, flaking, spalling.
- Must reduce amount of water being absorbed into stone.

ROOF REPAIRS

- Underlayment is original and in poor condition, causing threat to water tightness of the building.
- Ornamental galvanized and painted metal of dome needs replacement to ensure long-term durability.

SITE REGRADING

- Solve infiltration issues and excessive amounts of water exposed to the foundation.

HVAC IMPROVEMENTS

- Control interior environment to minimize swelling and shrinkage of wood framing, minimizing ongoing cracking of walls and ceilings.



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SECOND OLDEST COURTHOUSE IN MN

Built from 1869-1871, this structure was the second courthouse completed in Minnesota history. Local folklore states that it was originally on track to be the first courthouse built, but a load of supplies headed for Hastings was mysteriously rerouted to Stillwater.



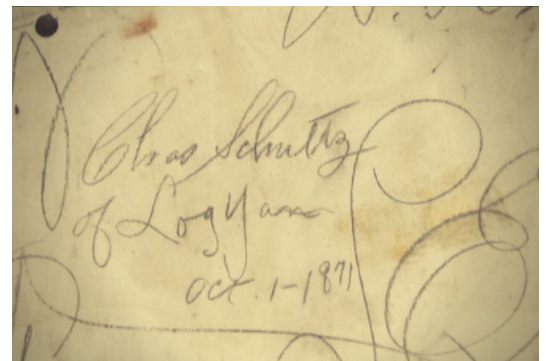
INSPIRED THE MN STATE CAPITOL

The former Dakota County Courthouse was designed in 1868 by A.M. Radcliff, one of the first architects in Minnesota. At the time, Radcliff employed a young Cass Gilbert as his draftsman. Inspired by his time with Radcliff, Gilbert went on to design the Minnesota State Capitol, the Woolworth Building, and the United States Supreme Court building.



SECRETS IN THE ATTIC

Take a trip to the attic and you will find signatures dating back to the 1800s. Thought to be the area where the accused were held awaiting trial, the tradition continued into the 1980s with county staff adding their names to the wall.



OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Hastings City Hall is open to the public, Monday through Friday, during normal business hours. Tours are available upon request. In addition to the spectacular dome, City Hall boasts beautiful architectural details such as columns in the Ionic style, mosaic tile, curved woodwork, stained glass, and impeccable brick work.

