

Photographs,
Prints and Postcards
of
Historic County Courthouses
in
Minnesota
Part One



**Grant County Courthouse (2012).
Elbow Lake, Minnesota.
Building constructed in 1906.
It is on the National Register of Historic Places.
Date of photograph: September 1, 2012.
Photographer: Gobonobo.
Source: Wikimedia/Creative Commons.**



Grant County Courthouse
Elbow Lake, Minnesota.
Photograph taken: August 1977.
Photographer: Calvin Beale.
Source: Wikimedia Commons;
Grant County Website.



**Stevens County Courthouse (1909).
Morris, Minnesota
Source: Library of Congress.**



Stevens County Court House
Morris, Minnesota
Date of postcard: 1920s
Source: LakesnWoods.com



Stevens County Court House
Morris, Minnesota
Date of postcard: 1920s
Source: LakesnWoods.com



Wilkin County Court House
Breckenridge, Minnesota
Date of photograph: 1948
Source: LakesnWoods.com



Date of photograph: 1952
Source: LakesnWoods.com



**Wilkin County Courthouse
Breckenridge, Minnesota.
It was constructed in 1928.
Date of photograph: 2013
Photographer: McGhievers
Source: Wikimedia Commons.**



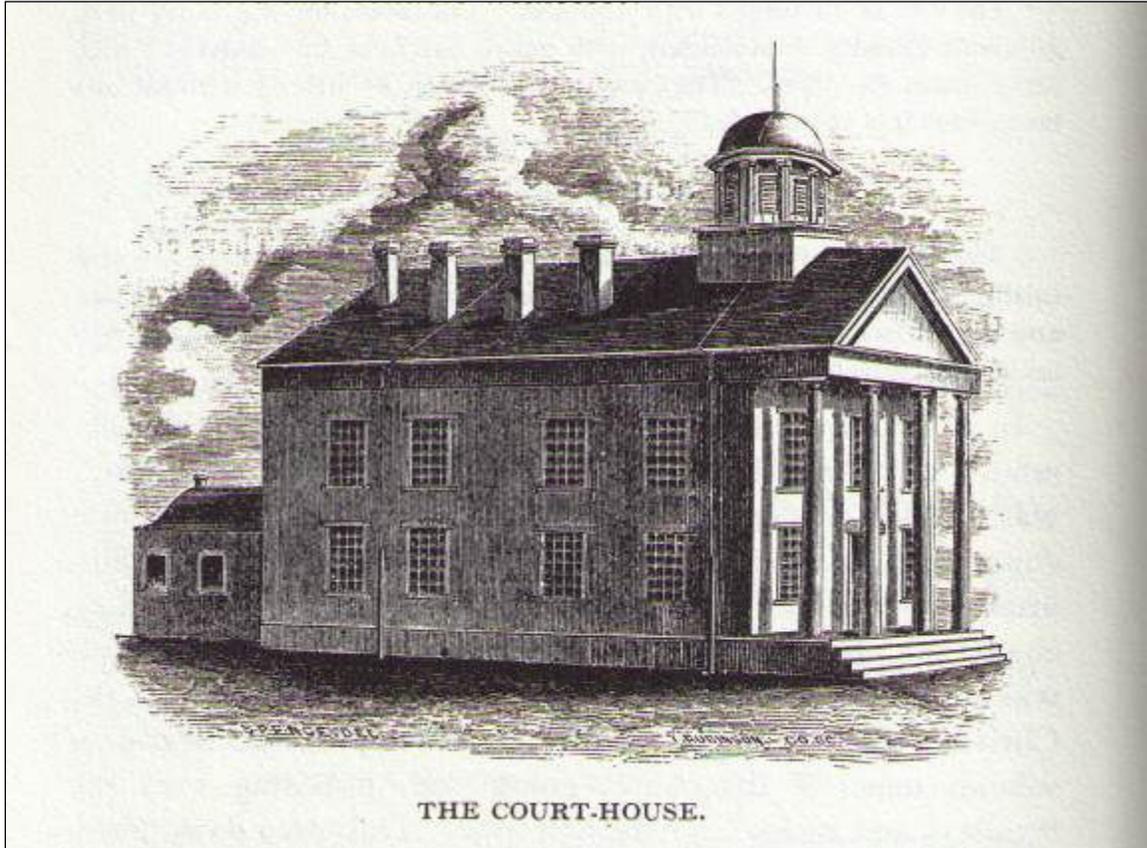
Red Lake County Court House
Red Lake Falls, Minnesota
Date of photograph: 1909
Source: LakesnWoods.com



Red Lake County Court House
Date of photograph: 2008
Source: LakesnWoods.com



**Red Lake County Courthouse
Red Lake Falls, Minnesota.
Date of photograph: 2007.
Photographer: Tim Kiser.
Source: Wikimedia Commons.**



Court House in St. Paul (ca. 1850s).

4th Street & Wabasha Street.

Erected in 1850-1851.

Source: J. Fletcher Williams, *A History of the City of Saint Paul, and the County of Ramsey, Minnesota* (1875) (republished in 1983).



**Court House in St. Paul (ca. 1860s).
4th Street & Wabasha Street.
Erected in 1850-1851.
Source: Hennepin County Library,
Minneapolis Photograph Collection.**



Source: *Resources of Minnesota: City of St. Paul* (1888).



St. Paul City Hall & Ramsey County Courthouse (1889).
Drawing of Courthouse on the day of its opening.
Source: St. Paul Daily Globe, May 7, 1889.



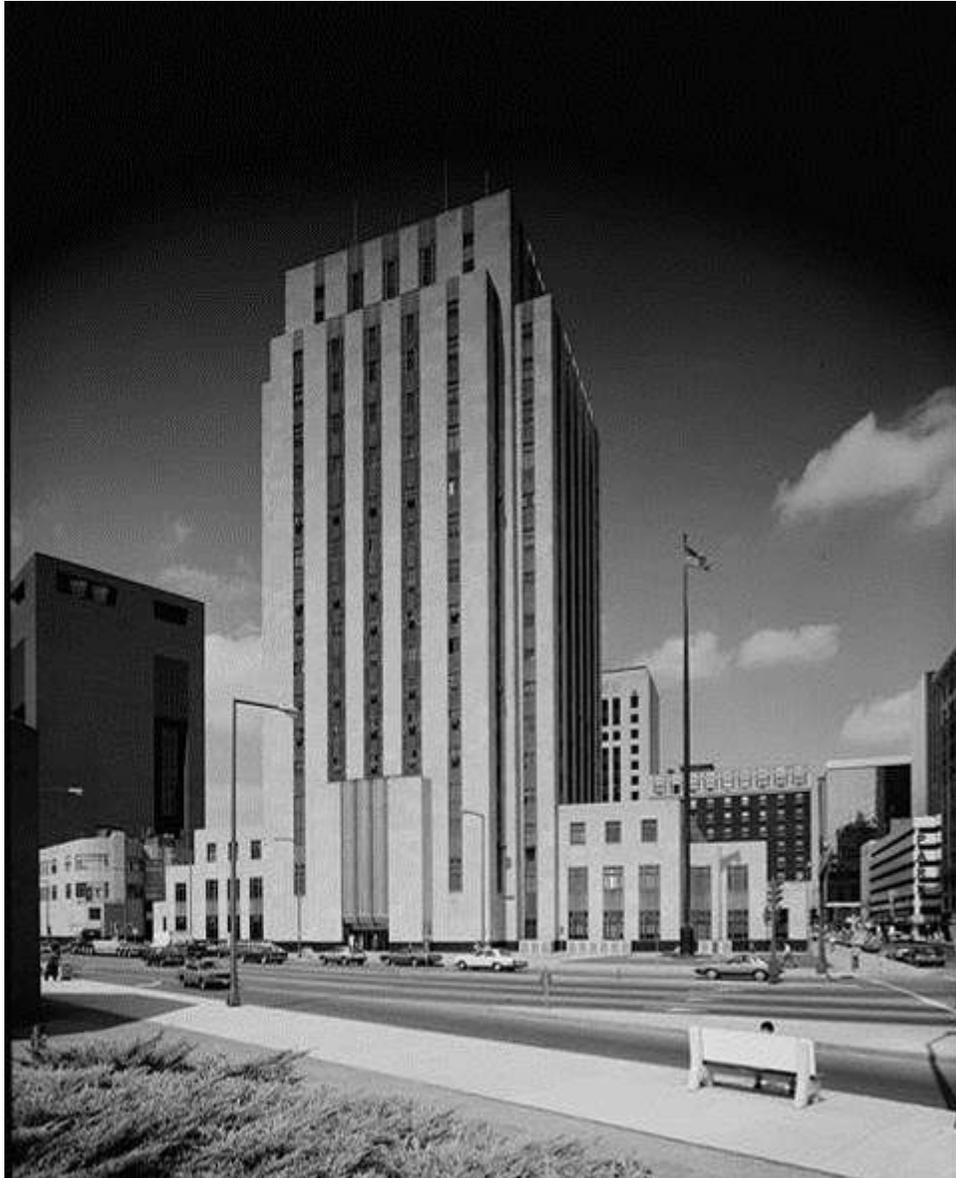
St. Paul City Hall & Ramsey County Courthouse (ca. 1905).
St. Paul, Minnesota.
Source: Library of Congress.



St. Paul City Hall & Ramsey County Courthouse
St. Paul, Minnesota.
Date of postcard: 1910s
Source: LakesnWoods.com.



Copy of a drawing of the St. Paul City Hall-Ramsey County Courthouse.
St. Paul, Minnesota.
Erected 1932.
Date of copy is unknown.
Source: Wright Studio; Library of Congress



St. Paul City Hall & Ramsey County Courthouse.
Erected 1932.
St. Paul, Minnesota

Source: Historic American Building Survey, Library of Congress



Winona County Courthouse
Winona, Minnesota
Date of photograph: unknown
Source: Library of Congress.



Winona County Court House
Winona, Minnesota
Date of postcard: 1910.
Source: LakesnWoods.com



Winona County Courthouse.

Winona, Minnesota.

It was constructed in 1888.

Date: October 31, 2009

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Winona County Courthouse.
Winona, Minnesota.
Constructed in 1888.
Year of photograph: January 1, 2009
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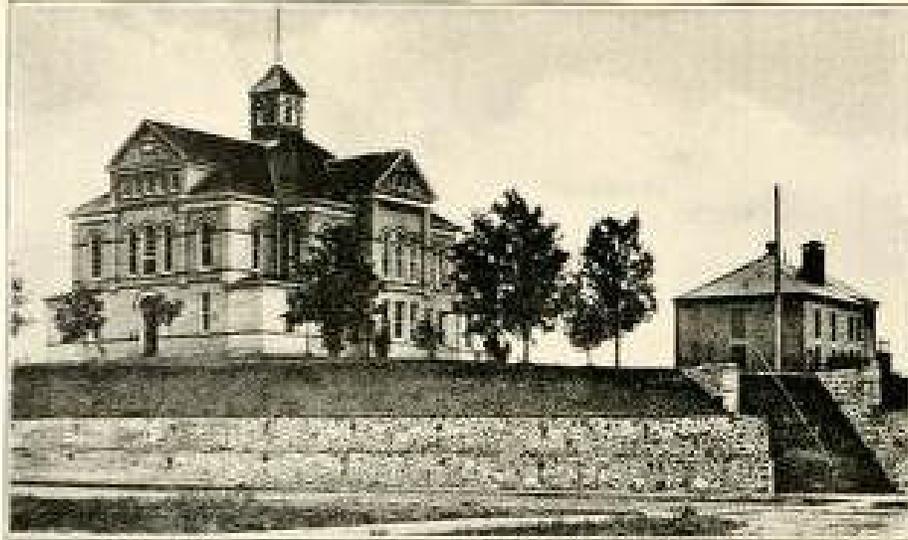
**Winona County Courthouse.
Winona, Minnesota.**

It is on the National Register of Historic Places.

Date of photograph: May 12, 2017.

Photographer: McGhiever.

Source: Creative Commons/Wikimedia.



TODD COUNTY COURT HOUSE, LONG PRAIRIE

**Todd County Court House.
Long Prairie, Minnesota.**

Clara K.Fuller, *History of Morrison and Todd Counties, Minnesota* (1915).



**Todd County Courthouse, Sheriff's Residence & Jail.
Long Prairie, Minnesota.
Constructed in 1883 and vacated in 2006.
Photograph taken: 2007.
Photographer: Tim Kiser.
Source: Wikimedia Commons.**



**Todd County Courthouse.
Long Prairie, Minnesota.
It is on the National Register of Historic Places.
Year of photograph: October 2, 2015.
Photographer: McGhiever.
Source: Creative Commons, Wikimedia.**



LAC QUI PARLE COUNTY COURT HOUSE, MADISON.

Lac qui Parle Court House
Madison, Minnesota
Date: 1916

Source: 1 History of Chippewa and Lac qui Parle Counties, Minnesota.



La qui Parle County Courthouse.
Madison, Minnesota.
Date of photograph: ca. 1990.
Source: Historic American Building Survey, Library of Congress



**La qui Parle County Courthouse.
Madison, Minnesota.
Date of photograph: 1990.
Photographer: Lowe, Jet.
Source: Library of Congress.**



**Sherburne County Courthouse
Elk River, Minnesota
Source: Historic American Building Survey, Library of Congress.**



Sherburne County Courthouse
Elk River, Minnesota
Source: Historic American Building Survey, Library of Congress.



**Pipestone County Courthouse
Pipestone, Minnesota**

Source: Historic American Building Survey, Library of Congress



St. Louis County Courthouse
Duluth Minnesota
Date of postcard: 1909.
Source: LakesnWoods.com



St. Louis County Courthouse
Duluth Minnesota
Date of postcard: 1920s.
Source: LakesnWoods.com



St. Louis County Courthouse (ca. 1909).
Duluth, Minnesota.
Source: Library of Congress.



**St. Louis County District Courthouse
Virginia, Minnesota.**

It is on the National Register of Historic Places.

Built: 1910.

There is another county courthouse in Duluth.

Date of photograph: May 24, 2014.

Photographer: McGhiever.

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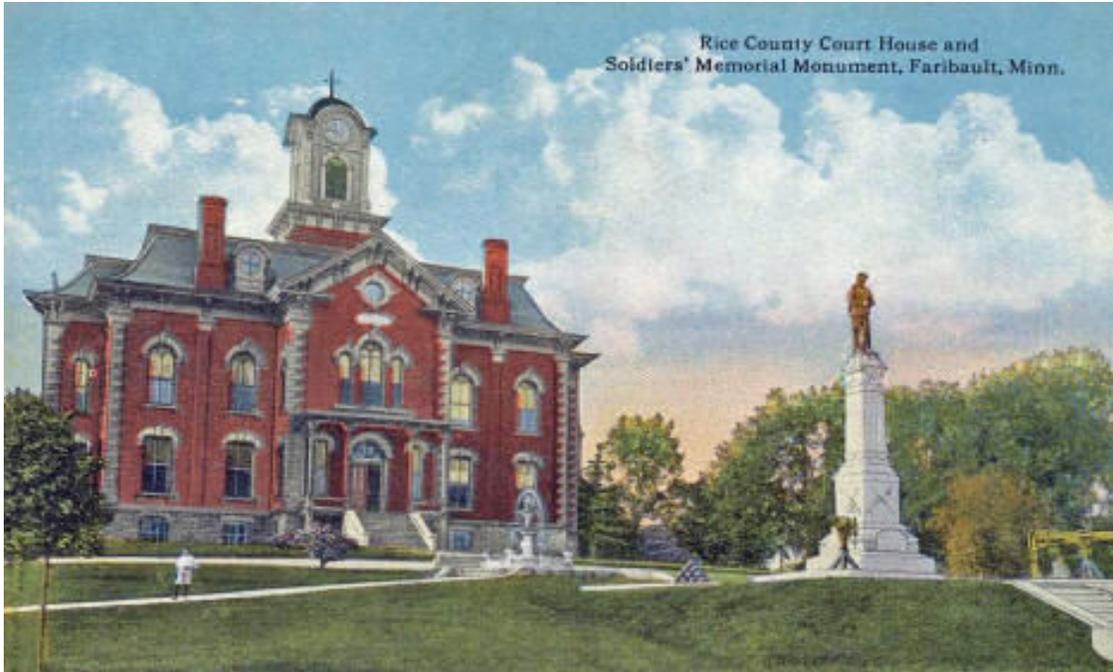


Rice County Courthouse (built 1874).
Faribault, Minnesota.
Source: Rice County Historical Society.



RICE COUNTY COURT HOUSE

**Rice County Court House,
Faribault, Minnesota
Source: History of Rice and Steele Counties (1910)**



Rice County Court House and
Soldiers' Memorial Monument
Faribault, Minnesota
Date of Postcard: 1910
Source: LakesnWoods.com



New Rice County Court House and
Soldiers' Memorial Monument
Faribault, Minnesota
Date of photograph: 1940
Source: LakesnWoods.com



Rice County Courthouse.
Faribault, Minnesota.
Southside of Courthouse, which was built in 1934.
It is on the National Register of Historic Places.
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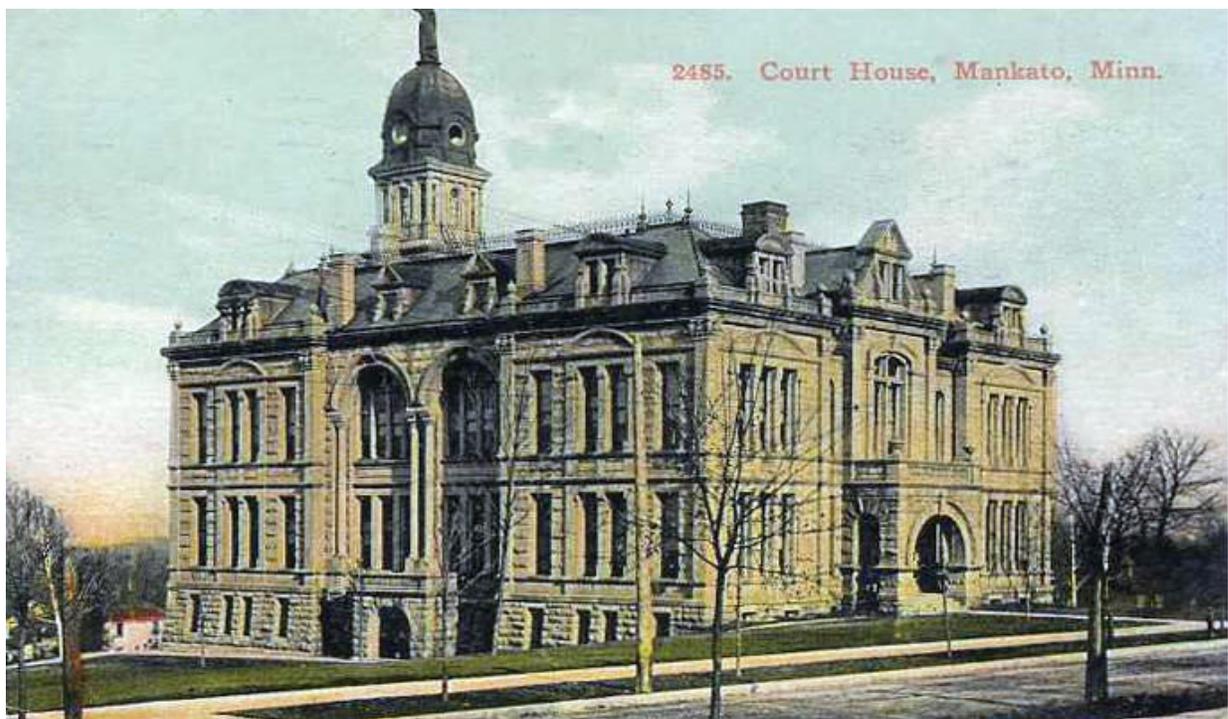
Rice County Courthouse.
Faribault, Minnesota.
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Blue Earth County Court House (ca. 1900s).
Mankato, Minnesota.
Source: FamilyOldPhotos.com.



Blue Earth County Court House



**Blue Earth County Court House
Mankato, Minnesota
Year of Postcards: 1910s.
Source: LakesnWoods.com**



**Blue Earth County Courthouse &
High School
Mankato, Minnesota.
Photographer: Krost J. Frederick
Date: 1908.
Source: Library of Congress**



**Blue Earth County Court House
Mankato, Minnesota
Year of Postcard: 1920s.
Source: LakesnWoods.com**



**Blue Earth County Court House
Mankato, Minnesota
Year of photograph: 2014.
Source: LakesnWoods.com**



**Blue Earth County Court House
Mankato, Minnesota.**

Building completed in 1886.

Date of photograph: 2006.

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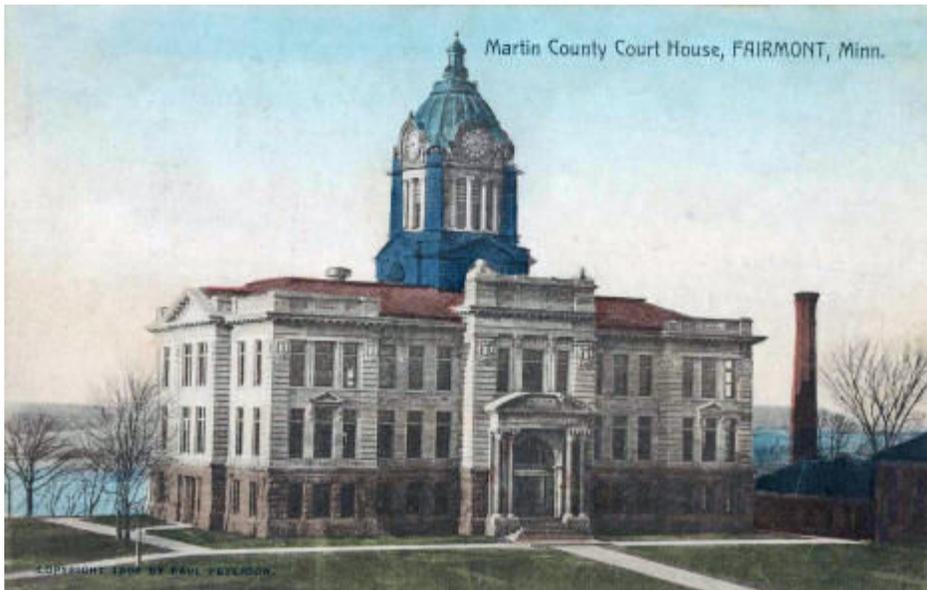
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**Blue Earth County Courthouse
Mankato, Minnesota.
Building completed in 1886.
Date: September 14, 2016.
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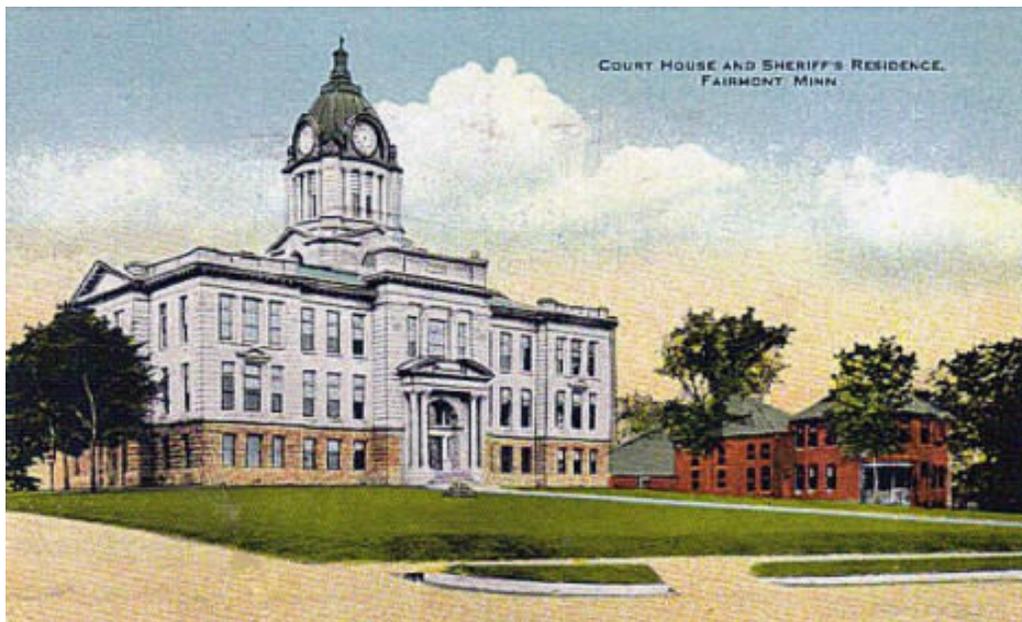
Martin County Court House
Fairmont, Minnesota.
Date of postcard: 1900s
Source: FamilyOldPhotos.com.



Martin County Courthouse
Fairmont, Minnesota
Date of Postcard: 1908
Source: LakesnWoods.com



Martin County Court House
Fairmont, Minnesota
Date of Postcard: 1920s
Source: LakesnWoods.com



Martin County Court House
Date of Postcard: 1920s
Source: LakesnWoods.com



**Martin County Court House
Fairmont, Minnesota
Date of Photograph: 2011
Source: United States Department of Agriculture,
LakesnWoods.com**



**Martin County Courthouse.
Fairmont, Minnesota.
Photograph taken: June 15, 2014.
Photographer: Robert Alescio.
Source: Creative Commons/Wikipedia.**



Waseca County Courthouse
Waseca, Minnesota
Date of photograph: 1900s
Source: FamilyOldPhotos.com.



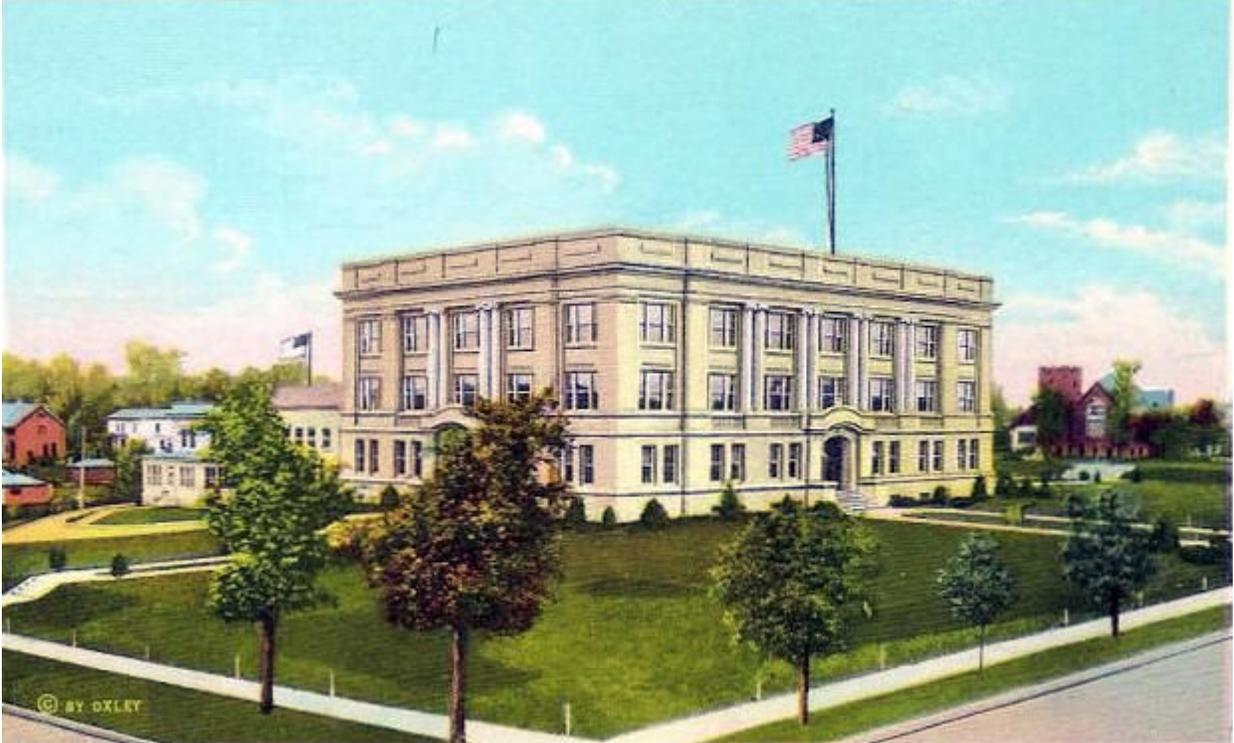
Waseca County Court House
Date of photograph: 1940s.
Source: FamilyOldPhotos.com.



Otter Tail County Court House
Fergus Falls, Minnesota
Date of postcard: 1910
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Otter Tail County Courthouse,
after it was destroyed by tornado on June 22, 1919.
Source: FamilyOldPhotos.com.



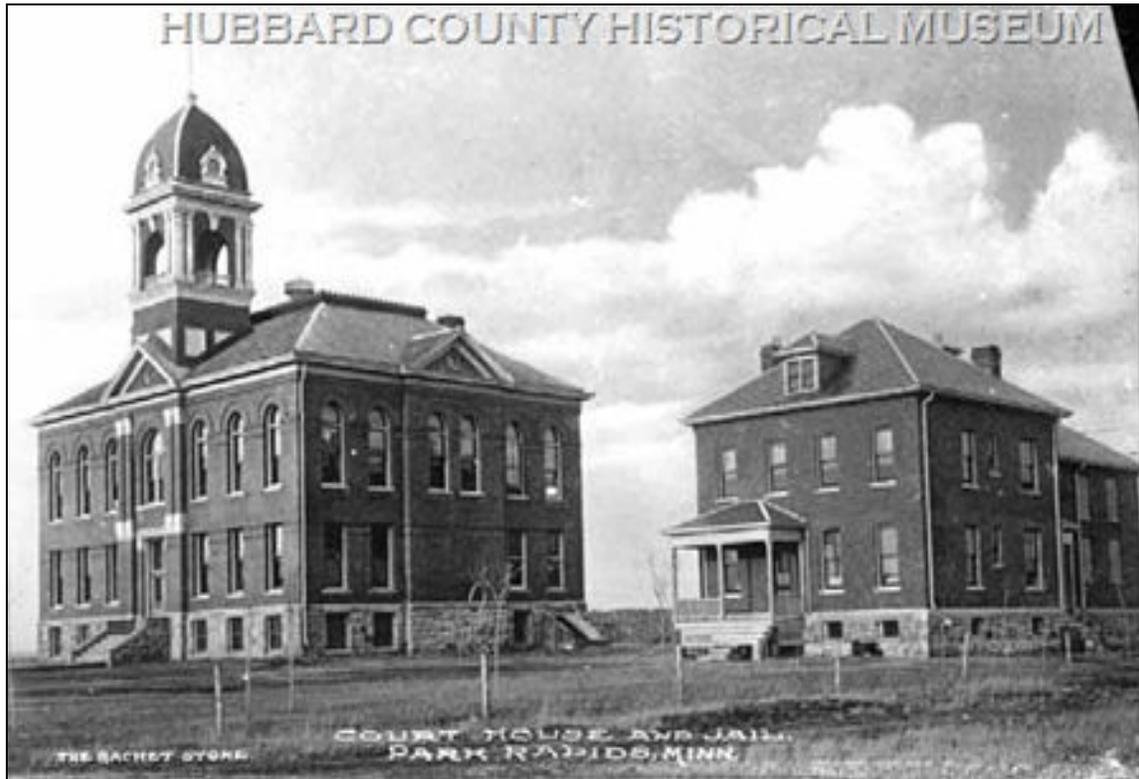
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Fergus Falls, Minnesota
It is on the National Register of Historic Places.
Date of postcard: 1920s
Source: LakesnWoods.com**



Otter Tail County Courthouse
Fergus Falls, Minnesota.
It is on the National Register of Historic Places.
Date of Photograph: 2008
Photographer; Unknown
Source: LakesnWoods.com



**Otter Tail County Courthouse
Fergus Falls, Minnesota.
It is on the National Register of Historic Places.
Date of Photograph: March 12, 2016.
Photographer: SH5544.
Source: Wikimedia/Creative Commons.**



Hubbard County Courthouse & Jail
Park Rapids, Minnesota.
The courthouse was completed in 1900.
Date of photograph: 1909
Source: Hubbard County Historical Society.



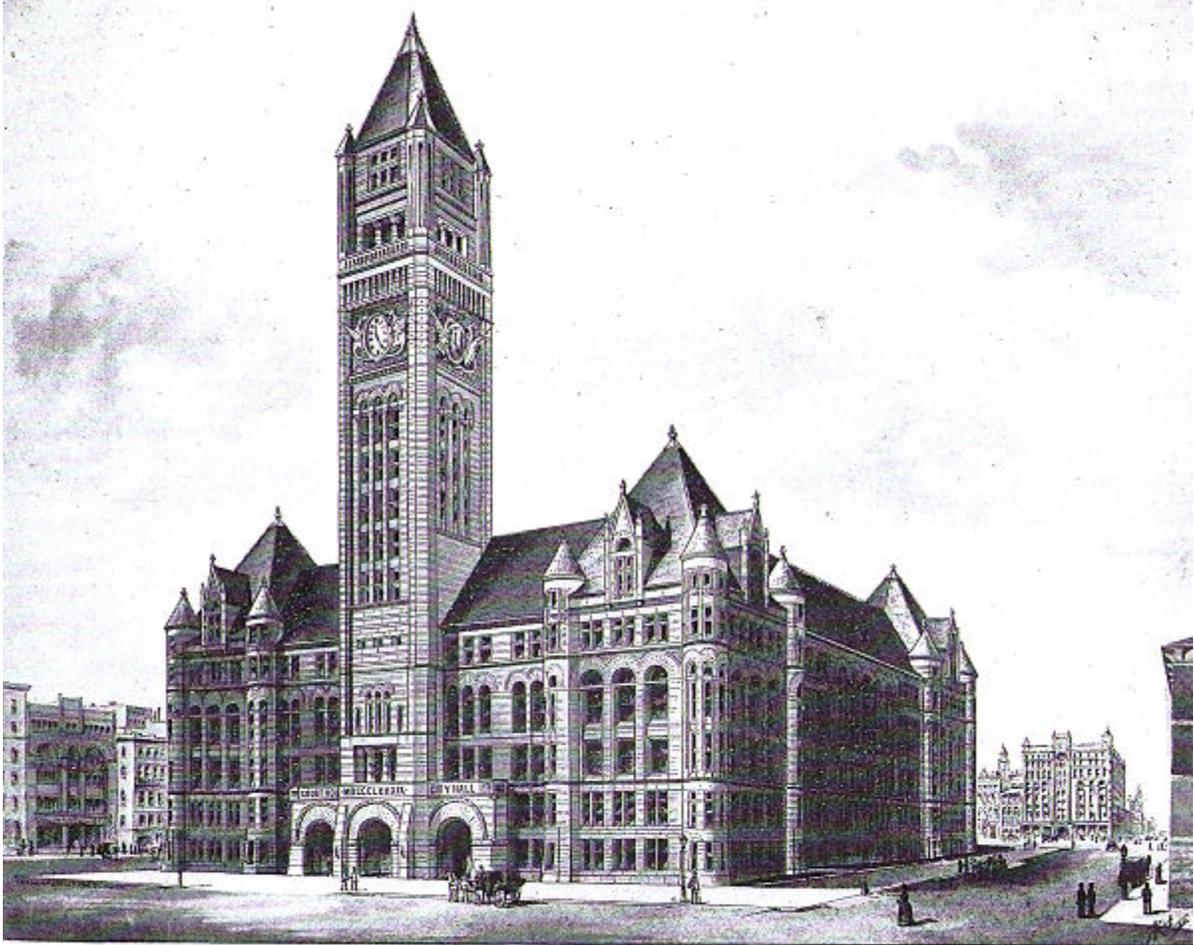
**Hubbard County Courthouse
Park Rapids, Minnesota
Date of photograph: September 24, 2013
Photographer: McGhievers.
Source: Creative Commons Wikimedia.**



Hubbard County Courthouse
Park Rapids, Minnesota
Date of photograph: September 24, 2016.
Photographer: McGhievers.
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**Renville County Courthouse
Olivia, Minnesota.
It was constructed in 1902.
Date of photograph: 2008.
Photographer: David Fischer.
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NEW CITY HALL AND COURT HOUSE.

LONG & KEES, Architects.

Minneapolis City Hall & Hennepin County Court House
Source: Illustrated Minneapolis: A Souvenir of the Minneapolis Journal
(1891)



**Minneapolis City Hall & Hennepin County Courthouse (ca. 1900).
Minneapolis, Minnesota.
Source: Historic American Building Survey.**



Minneapolis City Hall & Hennepin County Courthouse (ca. 1905).
Minneapolis, Minnesota.
Source: Library of Congress.



Hennepin County Courtroom Number One,
Minneapolis City Hall.
Date of photograph: 1906
Photographer: Sweet Studios.
Source: Minneapolis Newspaper Photograph Collection,
Hennepin County Library.



Hennepin County Courtroom Number One
Minneapolis City Hall.
Date of photograph: November 12, 1934
Source: Minneapolis Tribune,
Minneapolis Newspaper Photograph Collection,
Hennepin County Library.

Proposed Addition to City Hall



An idea of how the courthouse and city hall would look if the office building addition was to be built, as proposed by the Hennepin County Bar association, can be obtained from the photograph above. An artist had added an office structure to the present building to show how the proposed addition would appear when completed.

Hennepin County Courthouse & Minneapolis City Hall
Source: Minneapolis Star, December 18, 1930.



Minneapolis City Hall & Hennepin County Courthouse.
Minneapolis, Minnesota.
Completed in 1888.
Source: Carol M. Highsmith Archive,
Library of Congress.



Aerial view of Hennepin County Government Center, Minneapolis,
under construction.

Photograph taken: August 21, 1973.

Source: Minneapolis Newspaper Photograph Collection,
Hennepin County Library.



**Aerial view of Hennepin County Government Center
under construction.**

Photograph taken: August 21, 1973.

**Source: Minneapolis Newspaper Photograph Collection,
Hennepin County Library.**



Hennepin County Government Center
Minneapolis, Minnesota.
Date of photograph: May 2, 2010.
Photographer: AlexiusHoratius.
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Hennepin County Government Center
Minneapolis, Minnesota
Date of photograph: June 5, 2005.
Photographer: Mulad.
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Washington County Courthouse.
Stillwater, Minnesota.
Photograph taken: September 26, 2012.
Photographer: McGhiever.
Source: Wikimedia Commons.



**Washington County Courthouse
Stillwater, Minnesota.
Occupied in 1870.
Date of photograph: 2006.
Photographer: Todd Murray.
Source: Wikimedia Commons.**



Lake County Courthouse & Sheriff's Residence
Two Harbors, Minnesota.
Constructed in 1906.
Photograph taken: 2007.
Photographer: Elkman.
Source: Wikimedia /Commons.



**Crow Wing County Court House,
Sheriff's Residence & County Jail.
Brainerd, Minnesota
Photograph taken: 1882
Source: Crow Wing County Historical Society**



**Crow Wing County Court House
Brainerd, Minnesota.
Date of postcard: ca. 1912.**



Crow Wing County Court House
Brainerd, Minnesota
Photograph taken: 1950s
Source: LakesnWoods.com



**Crow Wing County Courthouse & Jail
Brainerd, Minnesota.
Completed in 1920.
Date of photograph: 2006
Photographer: Elkman.
Source: Wikimedia Commons.**



**Beltrami County Courthouse
Bemidji, Minnesota.**

**It is on the National Register of Historic Places.
Constructed 1902-1903.**

Date of photograph: August 29, 2006.

Photographer: Crash over ride at English Wikipedia.

Source: Wikimedia/Creative Commons.



Mille Lacs County Court House.
Princeton, Minnesota.
New courthouse later constructed in Milaca in 1923.
Source: greatriversnetwork.org



**Mille Lacs County Courthouse
Milaca, Minnesota.
Completed in 1923.
Date of photograph: 2007.
Photographer: Elkman.
Source: Wikimedia Commons.**



**Mille Lacs County Courthouse
Milaca, Minnesota.**

It is on the National Register of Historic Places.

Date of photograph: July 26, 2016.

Photographer: McGhiever.

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**Aitkin County Courthouse and Jail
Aitkin, Minnesota
Building completed 1929.
Date of photograph: 2007.
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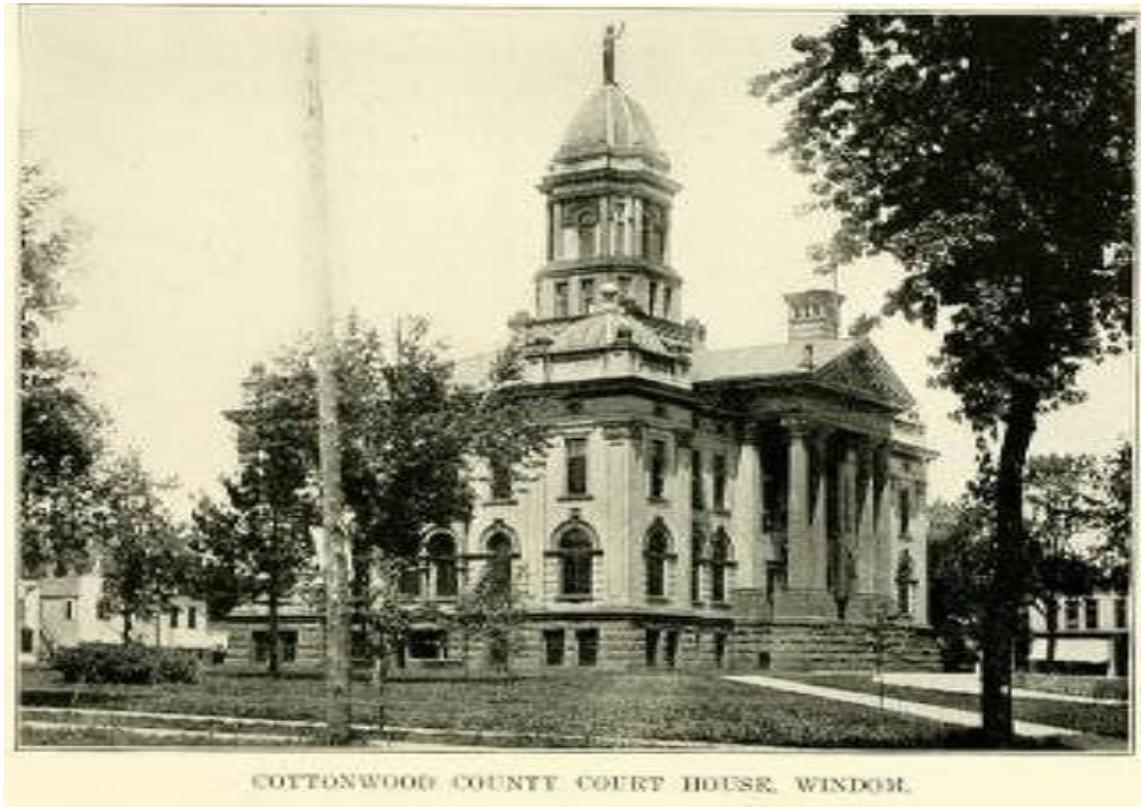
Carlton County Court House
Carlton, Minnesota
Date of photograph: 1940s
Source: LakesnWoods.com



Carlton County Court House
Date of photograph: 1972
Source: Minnesota Historical Society/LakesnWoods.com



Carleton County Court House
Carleton, Minnesota.
Completed in 1924,
Date of photograph: 2007.
Photographer: Elkman.
Source: Wikimedia Commons.



Cottonwood County Court House.
Windom, Minnesota.

John A. Brown, 1 *History of Cottonwood and Watonwan Counties, Minnesota*
(1916)



**Cottonwood County Court House
Windom, Minnesota.
Constructed in 1904.
Photograph taken: 2012.
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Source: Wikimedia Commons.**



**Isanti County Courthouse
Cambridge, Minnesota.
Built in 1888, now a private office building.
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Kanabec County Court House.
Mora, Minnesota.
Date of photograph: 1920s
Source: LakesnWoods.com



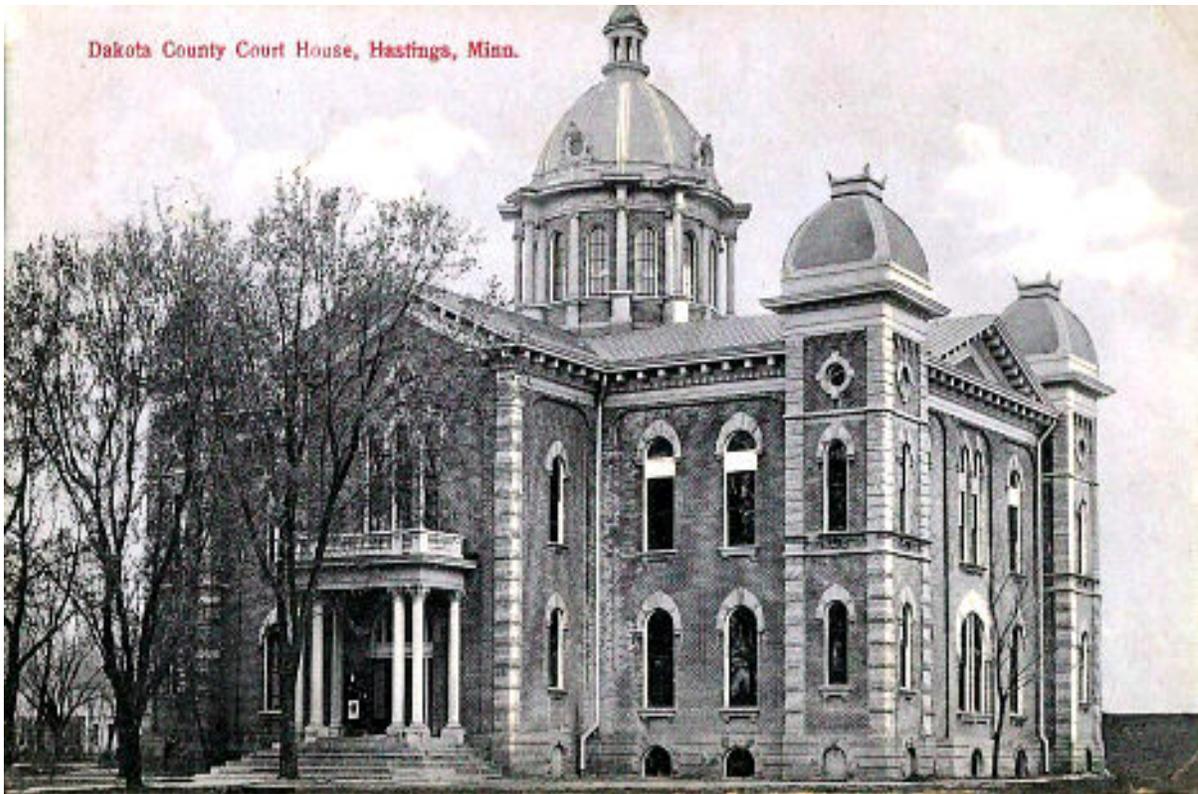
Kanabec County Court House
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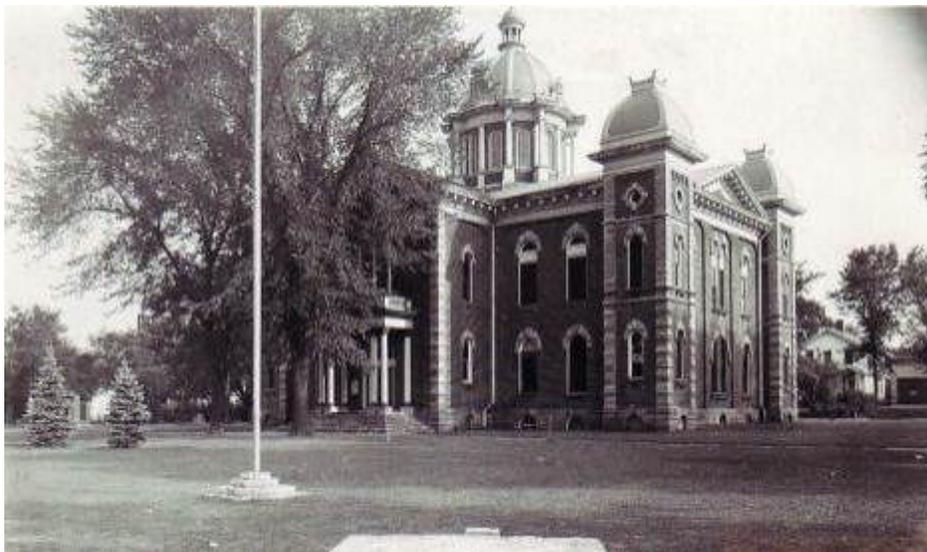
Kanabec County Court House
Date of photograph: 2007
Source: LakesnWoods.com



**Kanabec County Court House
Mora, Minnesota.
Built in 1894.
Photograph taken: 2009.
Photographer: Tim Kiser.
Source: Wikimedia Commons.**



Dakota County Court House
Hastings, Minnesota
Date of postcard: 1914
Source: LakesnWoods.com



Dakota County Court House
Date of photograph: 1920s
Source: LakesnWoods.com



Old Dakota County Courthouse.
Hastings, Minnesota.
Constructed in 1869, addition in 1955; now Hastings City Hall.
Date of photograph: March 22, 2015.
Photographer: McGhiever.
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Dakota County Courthouse (2007).
Hastings, Minnesota.
Constructed in 1869, addition in 1955.
It is now the Hastings City Hall.
Photographer: Todd Murray.
Source: Wikimedia Commons.



**Cook County Courthouse.
Grand Marais, Minnesota.
Built 1911-1912.
Date of photograph: October 11, 2014.
Photographer: McGhiever.
Source: Wikimedia/ Creative Commons.**



LeSueur County Courthouse.
Le Center, Minnesota.
Constructed 1896.
Photographer unknown
Source: everycounty.org



Le Sueur County Courthouse (top) and Jail (below).
Le Center, Minnesota.
Source: Bobak Ha'Eri, photographer; Wikimedia Commons.

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