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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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## 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

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Kasson Water Tower

AND/OR COMMON

Kasson Water Tower

### LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

4th Avenue Northwest

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Kasson

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Minnesota

CODE

27

COUNTY

Dodge

CODE

039

### CLASSIFICATION

#### CATEGORY

DISTRICT

BUILDING(S)

STRUCTURE

SITE

OBJECT

#### OWNERSHIP

PUBLIC

PRIVATE

BOTH

#### PUBLIC ACQUISITION

IN PROCESS

BEING CONSIDERED

#### STATUS

OCCUPIED

UNOCCUPIED

WORK IN PROGRESS

#### ACCESSIBLE

YES: RESTRICTED

YES: UNRESTRICTED exterior

NO interior

#### PRESENT USE

AGRICULTURE

COMMERCIAL

EDUCATIONAL

ENTERTAINMENT

GOVERNMENT

INDUSTRIAL

MILITARY

MUSEUM

PARK

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

RELIGIOUS

SCIENTIFIC

TRANSPORTATION

OTHER: municipal water system

### OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

City of Kasson

STREET & NUMBER

122 West Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Kasson

VICINITY OF

STATE

Minnesota

### LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Registry of Deeds - Dodge County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Mantorville

STATE

Minnesota

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Statewide Historic Sites Survey

DATE

1973

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Minnesota Historical Society - Building 25, Fort Snelling

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		

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## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Construction of the Kasson Water Tower along with 3600 feet of watermain and an 8-inch well was undertaken in 1895 by a local contractor, E.E. Huelster for the sum of \$6000.00. Plans and specifications were prepared by C.R. Elder for an additional \$100.00. The structure is comprised of a 50,000 gallon steel tank placed on an 86-foot high ornamental limestone tower. The tower itself has a platform at the base of the tank; this platform employs a gas-pipe railing and a bracketted cornice as decorative elements. The inside ladder is made completely of iron pipe nipples and elbows.

The original petition of 22 May 1895 varied from the above statement in that it called the tower to be eighty feet in height and support a tank of at least 2000 barrels capacity.

The most distinctive feature of the Kasson Water Tower is the ornamental use of limestone as a building material. The structure has not been modified in any way since the time of construction in 1895.

# 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 type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input checked="" 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		

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SPECIFIC DATES 1895

BUILDER/ARCHITECT E.E. Huelster

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## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Since the time of construction, the Kasson Water Tower has been a recognized local landmark. It is significant in its use of building materials, a feature which distinguishes it among early municipal water systems in South-central Minnesota. It is the only structure of its type in the region to remain in an unaltered state since the time of its construction in 1895, and is a significant example of nineteenth century engineering skill.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Minutes of Kasson City Council meetings, 1895.  
 Newspaper: Kasson Republican, 1895.

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than 1 acre

UTM REFERENCES

A	1, 5	5 1, 9 8, 0, 0	4, 8 7, 5 <sup>140</sup> 1, 8, 0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Water tower is situated on the northwest corner at the intersection of 4th Avenue and 2nd Street in Kasson

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 / TITLE

Shirley Wenz, Clerk Treasurer/Charles W. Nelson, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

City of Kasson/Minnesota Historical Society

DATE

23 February 1976

STREET & NUMBER

122 West Main Street/Building 25, Fort Snelling

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Kasson/St. Paul

STATE

Minnesota/Minnesota

# 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 National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

*Russell W. Fridley*

TITLE Russell W. Fridley  
 State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE 4-30-76

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Acting

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DATE 6/3/76

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE 6-2-76

ACTING KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

RBR for WJM 6-2-76