

<b>Historic Name:</b> Captain Charles Gellett House		<b>County:</b> Goodhue
<b>Common Name:</b> Donald Krause House		<b>Community:</b> Cannon Falls <i>City</i>
<b>Owner's Name and Address:</b> Donald E. and Margaret A. Krause 311 North Sixth Street Cannon Falls, MN 55009		<b>Address/<del>Legal Desc.</del>:</b> 311 N. Sixth St.
<b>Classification:</b> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure _____ Object _____ District _____		<b>Acreage:</b> Less than one acre
<b>Condition:</b> Excellent _____ Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair _____ Deteriorated _____		<b>Verbal Boundary Desc.:</b> The south $\frac{1}{2}$ of lot 2 and all of lot 3, block 22, original plat to the city of Cannon Falls.
<b>Open to the Public:</b> Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Visible from the road:</b> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____	
<b>Occupied:</b> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____	<b>Present Use:</b> Residential	
<b>History:</b> <b>Date Constructed:</b> 1860 <b>Architect/Builder:</b> Unknown		<b>UIM Reference:</b> 15/507350/4928250 Hastings Quadrangle
<b>Original Owner:</b> Captain Charles Gellett <b>Original Use:</b> Residential		
<b>Description:</b> The Captain Charles Gellett House is located near the Cannon River in the North section of Cannon Falls City, on Sixth Street just north of Hoffman Street. The house, built in 1860, is L-shaped, with a main section, 20 by 30 feet, facing the street and a wing, 12 by 18 feet, running south from its rear. The main section basically follows the Greek Revival style, with its gable end to the street and a 2½ story, side hall plan. Additional Greek Revival features include the transom and sidelights surrounding the front door and the wide cornice band underlining the gable. The main section is three bays wide, while the wing, also 2½ stories tall, has two bays (one a door on the first floor) facing the street. Both sections are sheathed in narrow wooden clapboards and all the windows are six-over-six and decorated with wooden molding hoods. (see continuation sheet)		<b>Level of Significance:</b> Local <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State _____ Nation _____
<b>Significance:</b> The Captain Charles Gellett House is significant because of its association with both the pioneer origins of Cannon Falls and the beginning of the teacher training system in the state of Minnesota. Cannon Falls was typical of many communities in southeastern Minnesota that grew up along the water-power potential of the many rivers and streams that flow through on their way to the Mississippi. Captain Charles Gellett was one of the men responsible for developing the falls of the Cannon and Little Cannon Rivers at Cannon Falls for manufacturing purposes. At the time that he built his house in 1860, he was a partner in the Cannon Falls Manufacturing Company, which operated one of the first sawmills in town. Captain Gellett's brother-in-law, Joseph Peckham, also occupied the house and gave it an additional measure of significance. As a member of the Minnesota Legislature in the 1850s, Peckham was responsible for introducing the bill that created the first State Normal School, at Winona. The house was thus the home of the founder of the teacher training system in the state of Minnesota.		<b>Status:</b> Survey _____ Date _____ Local _____ State _____ 4/78 Nat'l. Reg. _____ Nat'l. Land. _____ HABS/HAER _____
		<b>Theme/s:</b> Primary <u>Industry</u> Secondary <u>Education</u> Other _____
		<b>Local Contact/Org.:</b> Cannon Falls Bicentennial Heritage Committee
		<b>Prepared by and date:</b> B. Michael Zuckerman July 1978

**Description:**

Open porches decorated with scroll-sawn spandrels adorn the front door on the main section of the house and the whole street facade of the wing in back.

Painted mustard yellow with dark brown trim, the Captain Charles Gellett House is in a fine state of preservation.

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