

MINNESOTA HISTORIC PROPERTIES INVENTORY FORM

HISTORIC NAME: Wolverton Public School

COUNTY: Wilkin

APR 15 1980

CURRENT NAME: Wolverton School

CITY/TWP.: Wolverton

LEGAL DESC.: On unnumbered school block located just north of ADDRESS: North First Street of Block 1, Original Plat. Bounded on the east by First Street on the north and south by unnamed streets and on the west by an extension of the alley bisecting Block 1.

CLASSIFICATION:	CONDITION:	SIGNIFICANCE:	THEME/S:
Building <u>X</u>	Excellent _____	Local <u>X</u>	Primary <u>Education</u>
Structure _____	Good <u>X</u>	State _____	Secondary <u>Community</u>
Object _____	Fair _____	National _____	Others _____
District _____	Deteriorated _____		

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Yes _____ No X Restricted _____

PRESENT USE:

VISIBLE FROM THE ROAD: Yes X No _____

Vacant

OCCUPIED: Yes _____ No X

DATE CONSTRUCTED: 1906/1917

ORIGINAL USE: School

ORIGINAL OWNER: School District #31

ARCHITECT/BUILDER:

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: City of Wolverton
Wolverton, MNACREAGE: Less than one acre XLOCAL CONTACT/ORG.: Community Development Corp.
Leone Nelson, Wolverton, MN

UTM REFERENCE:

14 / 673583 / 5159140

FORM PREPARED BY: Tom Harvey

Wolverton, 7.5 quad.

DATE: September 1979

DESCRIPTION:

The Wolverton School is a two-story, buff-colored brick structure occupying a corner lot in town. Two rectangular plan wings are attached by a recessed central hall. The wings were built at different dates; the north wing in 1906 and the south wing added in 1917. Both wings have hipped roofs. The old wing has a medium hip roof; the new wing roof is a low pyramidal type. A gable roof section running crosswise in relation to the central hall connects the wing roofs.

The front entrance is a double doorway with an arched window above. New wing windows are double-sash. The old wing windows are double sash with transoms. Stone sills and brick lintels are found throughout the school. Foundations differ on the two wings. The old wing has a stone foundation. The more recent wing is poured concrete.

SIGNIFICANCE:

The Wolverton School, like many schools, was designed for an expansion when enrollment required it. Too often the expansions were incompatible. The south side, 1917 expansion varies only slightly from the original 1906 structure. No other additions have been made. The school operated until 1978 when it was closed. With such a recent closing, community interest in preservation is strong, and the city is active in exploring adaptive use possibilities.