

MINNESOTA HISTORIC PROPERTIES INVENTORY FORM

HISTORIC NAME: Quickstad Farm Implement Co. Buildings COUNTY: Fillmore <sup>18 15 1982</sup>  
 CURRENT NAME: CITY/TWP.: Peterson City  
 LEGAL DESC.: See continuation sheet ADDRESS: Mill Street

CLASSIFICATION:	CONDITION:	SIGNIFICANCE:	THEME/S:
Buildings <u>sX</u>	Excellent _____	Local <u>X</u>	Primary <u>Industry</u>
Structure _____	Good _____	State _____	Secondary <u>Agriculture</u>
Object _____	Fair <u>X</u>	National _____	Others <u>Building Technology</u>
District _____	Deteriorated _____		

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:	Yes ___ No <u>X</u> Restricted ___	PRESENT USE:
VISIBLE FROM THE ROAD:	Yes <u>X</u> No ___	Industry
OCCUPIED:	Yes <u>X</u> No ___	Storage

DATE CONSTRUCTED: 1875; 1901	ORIGINAL USE: Industry
ORIGINAL OWNER: Peter Evenson Quickstad	ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: 1875 building: Allan Malmin, Winter Green Estates D-10, Mission, Texas 87572. 1901 building: Curtis Malmin, Peterson, Minnesota	ACREAGE: Less than one acre <u>X</u>
LOCAL CONTACT/ORG.: Fillmore County Historical Society, Box 193, Preston, MN	UTM REFERENCE: Rushford West Quad. 15 / 593820 / 4848620
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DATE: February 1981	

**DESCRIPTION:**  
 Historically, the Quickstad Farm Implement Company owned and operated two buildings:  
1875 Building (wood frame): the 1875 Quickstad building is a simple two story wood frame rectangle, approximately 25 x 50 feet, with gable roof aligned on a north-south axis. Fenestration consists of regularly spaced six-over-six double-hung sash in rectangular openings; the entrance is a double doorway in the south end.

1901 Building (stone): The 1901 Quickstad building is a two story, square stone structure, approximately 50 x 50 feet, located along the C.M.St.P. & P. Railroad. It has a flat, sloping roof surrounded on three sides by a stepped parapet. Fenestration consists of four-over-four double-hung sash in segmental arch openings. There originally were large round arch double doors in round arch openings on the north, west, and south sides; the north doorway and one of the south doorways have been made rectangular. The timber-framed interior no longer contains wagon equipment although the pulley system exists for the original hand-operated wagon elevator.

**SIGNIFICANCE:**  
 The two buildings forming the Quickstad Farm Implement Company complex are significant as representatives of the agriculturally-oriented industrial base of Fillmore County and of this small rural community, as well as being representatives of the major stages of the development of the village of Peterson in general. In addition, the 1901 building is a good example of the type of stone industrial buildings found in many Fillmore County communities. The manufacturing company was founded by Norwegian immigrant Peter Evenson Quickstad, who first worked in the nearby Rushford Wagon Company works. Quickstad built his first building in 1875, only a few years after the arrival of the railroad and the year before formal survey and platting of Peterson. He primarily manufactured wagons, but also made cutters and sleighs and provided blacksmithing services. Business expanded with the growth of the village as a rural manufacturing center and in 1901, only a few years before Peterson's incorporation, he constructed the prominent stone building at the intersection of the community's main street and the railroad. By this time he was producing and selling other agricultural equipment. The Quickstad firm was discontinued in 1954 by the founder's son. Today the two buildings are in separate ownership but their owners are interested in their history and preservation.

Quickstad Farm Implement Company Buildings

Peterson, MN  
Fillmore County

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

Beginning at the southwest corner of Lot 1, Block 1, Original Plat of Peterson City; thence north 60 ft. along the west line of said lot; thence due east 95 ft.; thence due south 65 ft. to the south line of said lot; thence due west 95 ft. along said line to the point of beginning.

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