

Historic Name: Gimmetstad Land and Loan Office		County: Redwood												
Common Name:		Community: Belview												
Owner's Name and Address: Alfred M. Gimmetstad Belview, MN 56214		Address/Legal Desc.: Main Street												
Classification: Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure _____ Object _____ District _____		Acreage: Less than one acre												
Condition: Excellent _____ Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair _____ Deteriorated _____		Verbal Boundary Desc.: Belview Plat Lot 9 (exap ^{8 1/2'} Block 1 <i>tel. call 7/1/80 D.G.</i>												
Open to the Public: Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Visible from the road: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____													
Occupied: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____	Present Use: Newspaper Office													
History: Date Constructed: 1892 Architect/Builder: Unknown		UTM Reference: 15/315140/4941590 Belview Quad. 7.5												
Description: The diminutive Gimmetstad Land and Loan Office in Belview is one of the modular one-story false front frame structures used for a wide variety of commercial establishments in developing towns. The clap-board covered front facade is broken only by a large window with transom and a simple doorway. A small back room is attached to the main portion of the structure. Most of the interior features and furnishings of the building, including wainscoting, wall safe, rolltop desk, and miscellaneous office equipment remain intact. It is currently used on a part-time basis as a newspaper correspondent's office.		Level of Significance: Local <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State _____ Nation _____												
Significance: The office was established and constructed in 1892, concurrent with the incorporation of Belview as a village, by A.O. Gimmetstad, who was one of several area farmers to move to the new town to establish its various commercial components. The area government land office had been transferred from Redwood Falls to Marshall in 1889, but private offices continued to promote immigration of new farmers to the area well into the new century. The promotional activities of these offices was a prime component of the town boosterism often epidemic among first generation townsite settlers. Structural requirements for land offices (indeed for most offices) were minimal; most space so utilized was quickly adapted for new purposes as businesses changed hands or closed. The Gimmetstad office is significant for its near original condition, as a representative example of a common early town business and as a promoter of village commerce.		Status: <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Survey</th> <th>Date</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Local</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>State</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nat'l. Reg.</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nat'l. Land.</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HABS/HAER</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Survey	Date	Local	_____	State	_____	Nat'l. Reg.	_____	Nat'l. Land.	_____	HABS/HAER	_____
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		Theme/s: Primary <u>Commerce</u> Secondary _____ Other _____												
		Local Contact/Org.: Belview Preservation Commission												
		Prepared by and date: Dennis Gimmetstad September 1978 20010190000014												

