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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 District 13 School

and/or common Artichoke Town Hall

2. Location

street & number County Road 25 N/A not for publication

city, town Artichoke Township X vicinity of Correll, Minnesota

state Minnesota code 22 county Big Stone code 011

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	N/A in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Township of Artichoke
c/o Carl A. Olson, Township Clerk

street & number Route 1, Box 34

city, town Correll N/A vicinity of state Minnesota 56227

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Big Stone County Courthouse

street & number 20 East 2nd Street

city, town Ortonville state Minnesota 56278

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Minnesota Statewide Historic Sites Survey has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1983-84 federal state county local

depository for survey records State Historic Preservation Office, Fort Snelling History Center

city, town St. Paul state Minnesota 55111

7. Description

Condition excellent good fair deteriorated ruins unexposed**Check one** unaltered altered**Check one** original site moved

date

N/A

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The District 13 School, now known as the Artichoke Town Hall, is located 7½ miles north of Correll in eastern Big Stone County. The school stands on an approximately one acre site on the west side of a paved county road one half mile west of Artichoke Lake. It is surrounded by cultivated fields, and there is a small gabled roof outhouse on the property.

The District 13 School is the only octagonal school known to be standing in Minnesota. It was built in 1898 by contractor John Carlson and Company of Ortonville at a cost of \$800. The one story, woodframe building measures approximately sixteen feet by sixteen feet and is sheathed in clapboard siding. It stands on a concrete-covered fieldstone foundation. The school has an octagonal roof covered with wood shingles which supports an octagonal cupola with a flared cap. The building has a single leaf door protected by a gabled roof entrance porch on the east facade and four large rectangular 2/2 sash windows. The school is ornamented with cornerboards and a wide frieze with dentils. There is one interior brick chimney on the west side of the building. The school still contains one classroom, a cloak room/entrance area, and two closets, all with an unusual shape dictated by the building's octagonal design. The interior features a hardwood floor, walls covered with horizontal tongue and groove panelling above vertical tongue and groove wainscoting, woodwork with architrave moldings, two hanging ceiling lamps, blackboards, and a teacher's desk.

The District 13 School is basically intact. Exterior alterations have included replacing the door, constructing an enclosed gable roofed entrance porch on the east side and later replacing it with the present porch, and reshingling the cupola with asphalt shingles. The building is in good condition, but needs to be repainted.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1898 **Builder/Architect** John Carlson and Company, builder

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The District 13 School (now known as the Artichoke Town Hall), constructed in 1898 in Big Stone County, is architecturally significant as one of Minnesota's most unusual rural schools, and in fact the only octagonal school known to be standing in the state. Historically the building is important as the first building erected by the founders of Hasslen Construction Company, one of western Minnesota's largest contractors, and as a school which served one of the first settled portions of Big Stone County.

The area that is now known as Big Stone County was first visited by fur traders, government agents, missionaries, and other transients who travelled the Minnesota River and two early trails, the Benson and Lake Traverse Road and the Wadsworth Trail, in the 1840's-1860's. The Benson and Lake Traverse Road, which ran diagonally northwest through the county along the Minnesota River valley, crossed present day Artichoke Township just south of Artichoke Lake. In 1869 one of the county's first permanent settlers, Ole Bolsta, established a farm on the south shore of the lake two miles south of the present site of the District 13 School. Other settlers following Bolsta's lead homesteaded near Artichoke Lake, and in 1879 the District 13 school was organized. The first school building was constructed on this site in 1880. Among the district's first teachers were a Mrs. Allen and Ole Bolsta's daughter, Josie. In 1898 the present school was built at a cost of \$800 by John Carlson and Company of Ortonville, the firm which may also have designed the unusual building. The building served as a school until 1955 when rural schools in the area consolidated with the Appleton public schools and the building became the Artichoke Town Hall. Since 1955 the building has been used for town meetings, elections, and as the site of other township activities. Township officials have continued to maintain the building and have attempted to preserve its original character.

The District 13 School was the first building erected by John Carlson and Company, and Ortonville firm which employed about one dozen carpenters at the turn of the century. The company was known as Carlson and Hasslen from 1907, after Carl Hasslen became a full partner in the business, until 1938 when John Carlson died. Today the Hasslen Construction Company, still operated by the Hasslen family, employs 50-60 workers and has become one of western Minnesota's largest contractors. The firm's most important commissions have included schools in Luverne and Jackson, Minnesota, and Milbank, South Dakota, the Dawson Soy Bean Plant in Dawson, Minnesota, and armories, banks, houses, and commercial buildings in western Minnesota and eastern South Dakota.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Sparrow, Magdelene P. Big Stone County Minnesota 1881-1981. [Ortonville?]: ca. 1981.
Wulf, Lydia Sorenson. Big Stone County History. 1959.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property .956 acre

Quadrangle name Artichoke Lake Quad.

Quadrangle scale 7.5

UTM References

A

1	4	7	2	2	6	0	0	5	0	2	5	3	8	0
Zone		Easting				Northing								

B

Zone		Easting				Northing								

C

Zone		Easting				Northing								

D

Zone		Easting				Northing								

E

Zone		Easting				Northing								

F

Zone		Easting				Northing								

G

Zone		Easting				Northing								

H

Zone		Easting				Northing								

Verbal boundary description and justification. Beginning at the southeast corner of the Northeast Quarter, thence running due north nine (9) rods, thence due west seventeen (17) rods, thence due south nine (9) rods, thence due east seventeen (17) rods to place of beginning in Section 27, Township 122N, Range 44W.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	N/A	code	N/A	county	N/A	code	N/A
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state	N/A	code	N/A	county	N/A	code	N/A
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Susan Granger/Field Assistant

State Historic Preservation Office
organization Minnesota Historical Society

date May 1984

street & number Fort Snelling History Center

telephone (612) 726-1171

city or town St. Paul

state Minnesota 55111

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 6/27/85

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

for Helene Byrum
Keoper of the National Register

Entered in the
National Register

date 8-15-85

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

for Keeper Melvin Lynn
11/19/89

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Note: These changes apply to
District 13 School in Big Stone
County, Minnesota.

REFERENCE NUMBER: 85001772

STATE: MINNESOTA

COUNTY: Big Stone

RESOURCE NAME (HISTORIC): District School No. 13

CITY:

VICINITY OF: Correll

ADDRESS:

CERTIFICATION DATE:

REMOVED DATE:

COMMENTS:

Nina M. Archabal

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State Historic Preservation Officer

JUN 17 1988

Date