

Historic Name: Yale Hardware Building	County: Goodhue
Common Name: Wille's Clothing Store	Community: Cannon Falls City
Owner's Name and Address: John Wille 139 North Fourth Street Cannon Falls, Minnesota 55009	Address/Legal Desc.: 139 N. Fourth St.

Classification:	Acreage:
Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure _____ Object _____ District _____	Less than one acre

Condition:	Verbal Boundary Desc.:
Excellent _____ Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair _____ Deteriorated _____	The north 24 ft. of the west 1/2 of lot 4 and the north 24 ft. of lot 5, block 35, original plat to the city of Cannon Falls.

Open to the Public:	Visible from the road:
Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____

Occupied:	Present Use:
Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____	Commercial (clothing store)

History:	UTM Reference:
Date Constructed: 1887	15/507550/4928050
Architect/Builder: Unknown	Hastings Quadrangle
Original Owner: Darwin E. Yale	
Original Use: Commercial	

Description:	Level of Significance:
The Yale Hardware Building is located on the southeast corner of Fourth and Mill Streets in Cannon Falls City.	Local <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _____
The Yale Hardware Building is a brick commercial structure, measuring 24 by 85 feet and standing two stories tall. It is notable for its elaborate, Italianate false front, covered with ornately-decorated pressed metal. The name "Yale" appears in large letters in a central raised panel; beneath it, between brackets in the cornice, is the work "Hardware" in smaller letters. The front of the building is four bays wide, with a modern storefront on the first floor and four tall, narrow, flat-topped windows (currently filled in) on the second floor. The windows have stone sills and continuous band of stone for their lintels. Fancy brick detailing fills much of the space between the second floor windows and the metal false front. The	State _____
(continued)	Nation _____

	Status:
	Survey _____ Date _____
	Local _____
	State _____
	Nat'l. Reg. _____
	Nat'l. Land. _____
	HABS/HAER _____

Significance:	Theme/s:
The Yale Hardware Building is significant as a representative of one of the primary services provided by small commercial centers like Cannon Falls in the latter half of the 19th century.	Primary <u>Business</u> _____
Like many of the small manufacturing communities that grew up in southeastern Minnesota, Cannon Falls quickly expanded its functions to become a service center for the surrounding countryside. Farmers flocked to the wide variety of stores that emerged in the town. There were no more essential types of goods they were seeking than the metal utensils and agricultural implements sold in the early hardware stores.	Secondary _____
Darwin E. Yale was one of the first recorded hardware dealers in Cannon Falls, starting in this business in 1875. When his first store was destroyed by the fire of 1887, he immediately built the present Yale Hardware Building. In its prominent location and flamboyant design, this building well reflects its important role in the economy of the town and the surrounding countryside.	Other _____

	Local Contact/Org.:
	Cannon Falls Bicentennial Heritage Committee

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Description:

building has a shed-shaped roof.

Despite its modern storefront, the Yale Hardware Building retains much of its architectural integrity as a late-19th century commercial block.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

for Keeper Melvin Lyman
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**Note: These changes apply to
Yale Hardware Building in Goodhue
County, Minnesota.**

REFERENCE NUMBER: 80002045

STATE: MINNESOTA

COUNTY: Goodhue

RESOURCE NAME (HISTORIC): Yale Hardware Store

CITY:

VICINITY OF:

ADDRESS:

CERTIFICATION DATE:

REMOVED DATE:

COMMENTS:

Nina M. Archabal

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State Historic Preservation Officer**

JUN 17 1988

Date