

MINNESOTA HISTORIC PROPERTIES INVENTORY FORM

HISTORIC NAME: Eureka Hotel
 CURRENT NAME: Gordon Gosselin Apartment House
 LEGAL DESC.: Lots 3-4, Block 25,
 Original Plat, Kasson City

COUNTY: Dodge **MAR 15 1982**
 CITY/TWP.: Kasson ~~City~~
 ADDRESS: Third Ave. S.W. at
 First St. S.W.,
 southwest corner

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

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:	Yes _____ No <u>X</u> Restricted _____	PRESENT USE:
VISIBLE FROM THE ROAD:	Yes <u>X</u> No _____	Apartment house
OCCUPIED:	Yes <u>X</u> No _____	

DATE CONSTRUCTED:	1894	ORIGINAL USE:	Hotel
ORIGINAL OWNER:	William Geesie	ARCHITECT/BUILDER:	Unknown

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS:	Gordon R. Gosselin 1202½ Seventh St. N.W. Rochester, MN	ACREAGE: Less than one acre <u>X</u>
LOCAL CONTACT/CRG.:	N/A	UTM REFERENCE: Dodge Center, Minn. Quad. 15 / 519860 / 4874830
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DESCRIPTION:

The Eureka Hotel is located on the west side of First Street southwest, along the south edge of the railroad tracks passing east-west through Kasson. It is a two-story, rectangular, orange brick structure, approximately 45 x 35 feet, with cross gable roof. The hotel is built on an east-west axis and originally the north side was the primary facade, fronting on the rail line. There is ornamental fretwork in the north gable. Today the east end has the main entrance which is sheltered by a small wood frame porch. Fenestration is almost uniformly two-over-two double-hung sash in segmental arch openings, with small casement windows in the gables. There is a small one-story stuccoed addition on the southwest corner. The interior has been subdivided into apartments.

SIGNIFICANCE:

The Eureka Hotel is significant for its association with Kasson's railroad transportation era and for its association with the city's commerce. The first hotel on the site had been built in 1856 in the village of Sacramento and moved to Kasson during the winter of 1866-67, a year after the Winona and St. Peter Railroad (later the Chicago and North Western) was constructed through the city. This early wood frame hotel burned in 1893 and the following year was replaced by the present brick hotel building. It is located directly across the railroad tracks from the site of Walker's Hotel, now gone, which was virtually a twin building. When the new Eureka Hotel opened in 1894 it was hailed by the local newspaper as a "first-class \$1.00 per day hotel" which would be "very convenient and cheap as well as a good place for farmers and their families as well as transient customers," thus giving an indication of the nature of service rendered by the Kasson hotels.

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