

MINNESOTA HISTORIC PROPERTIES INVENTORY FORM

HISTORIC NAME: Tenney Fire Hall

COUNTY: Wilkin **APR 15 1980**

CURRENT NAME: Same

CITY/TWP.: Tenney

LEGAL DESC.: Lot 22, Block 1, Original Plat

ADDRESS: Concord Avenue

CLASSIFICATION:	CONDITION:	SIGNIFICANCE:	THEME/S:
Building <u>X</u>	Excellent _____	Local <u>X</u>	Primary <u>Politics/government</u>
Structure _____	Good <u>X</u>	State _____	Secondary _____
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 _____	Storage
OCCUPIED:	Yes <u>X</u> No _____	

DATE CONSTRUCTED: 1904/1918 ORIGINAL USE: Fire Hall and Jail

ORIGINAL OWNER: ARCHITECT/BUILDER: A.W. Haugen

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: City of Tenney Tenney, Minnesota	ACREAGE: Less than one acre <u>X</u>
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LOCAL CONTACT/ORG.:

FORM PREPARED BY: Tom Harvey
DATE: October 1979

UTM REFERENCE:
96° 27' 09" Longitude
46° 02' 21" Latitude
Campbell 7.5 quad.

DESCRIPTION:

The fire hall is a diminutive, detached structure located next to the Tenney town hall. The rectangular plan, single-story building has an oversized belltower above the front gable. The frame structure has been sided from its original construction with sheet metal showing a stamped brick pattern. The double front door is offset by a double-sash window to its right. There are two single sash windows toward the rear of the north side facade.

The fire hall was built in 1904 and in 1918 the town jail was moved and added to the rear of the hall. With the addition, the fire hall chimney was removed. The jail chimney was retained and is at the rear of the present structure. There is evidence of some original openings being covered.

The large belltower houses the original fire bell and an added siren. The tower has a pyramidal roof and louvered windows on three sides.

The associated town hall is located just north of the fire hall, but it is in poor condition.

SIGNIFICANCE:

The Tenney fire hall is significant as an example of village provided municipal services. As originally constructed, the fire hall was half its present size - just large enough to house the towns hand drawn pumpers. The hall was enlarged in 1918 to make room for a larger pumper. (All three pieces of equipment are still owned by the village, which is interested in developing the hall as a local historic site). The Tenney fire hall never grew beyond the immediate needs of the town, which is only two square blocks, and in recent years fire service is from a nearby town. The adjacent large town hall, a near duplicate of the fire hall in design, emphasizes the small size of the fire hall. (The town hall is in extremely poor structural condition). The fire hall stands as a well-preserved representative of small village municipal service functions.