

Historic Name: Firemen's Hall	County: Goodhue
Common Name: Firemen's Hall	Community: Cannon Falls City
Owner's Name and Address: City of Cannon Falls Cannon Falls, MN 55009	Address/Legal Desc.: 206 W. Mill St.

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

Condition:	Verbal Boundary Desc.:
Excellent _____ Good _____ Fair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated _____	The west 1/2 of lot 9, block 31, original plat to the city of Cannon Falls.

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

Occupied:	Present Use: unoccupied; is talk of conversion into historical museum
Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

History:	UTM Reference:
Date Constructed: 1888	15/507700/4928100
Architect/Builder: A. Doner	Hastings Quadrangle
Original Owner: Village of Cannon Falls	
Original Use: fire dept. hall	

Description:	Level of Significance:												
<p>Firemen's Hall is located on the north side of Mill Street, just west of Second Street in Cannon Falls.</p> <p>It is a small limestone building, measuring 24 by 35 feet and two stories tall. Its facade is three bays wide, with three tall, narrow, segmental-arched windows on the second floor. On the first floor, there is a segmental-arched window in the east-side bay and a wooden door with a segmental-arched transom over it in the west-side bay. Each of these segmental arches has a projecting stone hood. In the central bay of the first floor was once a large segmental-arched entry, wide enough to accommodate horse-drawn fire equipment. It has since been filled in, with two panels of glass brick framing a door surmounted by a flat transom. The roof of the Hall is nearly flat, sloping up to a short false front, with a decorative raised pediment and a recessed panel in the center.</p>	Local <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State _____ Nation _____												
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Significance:	Theme/s:
<p>Firemen's Hall is a well-preserved example of community response to one of the gravest threats facing a town, that of fire.</p> <p>Like most of the towns in southeastern Minnesota, early Cannon Falls was periodically ravaged by fires. In 1884 and especially in 1887, the town's business district was almost completely devastated. As a result of this last disaster, the village council moved to buy more sophisticated fire fighting equipment. To house this apparatus and to provide a meeting place for the volunteer hose companies, the council, in 1888, spent \$1350 in erecting Firemen's Hall.</p> <p>Firemen's Hall served its original purpose until 1946, when the Fire Department moved to larger quarters. After several years use as a body shop, the hall was taken over, in 1953, by the Cannon Falls Library. It has lain vacant since 1976, when the Library also moved to larger and more modern quarters. There is now some talk in the community of converting Firemen's Hall into an historical museum.</p>	Primary <u>Public Utilities</u> Secondary <u>Education</u> Other _____
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