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| Historic Name: Bank of Redwood Falls Building | | County: Redwood |
| Common Name: | | Community: Redwood Falls |
| Owner's Name and Address: William E. Wetmore 103 E. Second Redwood Falls, MN 56283 | | Address/Legal Desc.: Second Street |
| Classification: | | Acreage: Less than one acre |
| Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure _____ Object _____ District _____ | | |
| Condition: | | Verbal Boundary Desc.: |
| Excellent _____ Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair _____ Deteriorated _____ | | Redwood Falls Plat E 1/3 of Lot 7 (ex.1'9") W 5' Lot 8 Block 16 |
| Open to the Public: | Visible from the road: | |
| Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____ | |
| Occupied: | Present Use: | |
| Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____ | Photography Studio Darkroom | |
| History: | | UTM Reference: |
| Date Constructed: ca.1885 | Original Owner: Bank of Redwood Falls | Redwood Falls Quad., 15 Min |
| Architect/Builder: Unknown | Original Use: Bank | Lat. Long. 44° 32' 26" 95° 07' 07" |
| Description: | | Level of Significance: |
| <p>The Bank of Redwood Falls Building is a one-story brick and stone commercial structure in downtown Redwood Falls. The dominant feature of the Richardsonian Romanesque building is a Syrian arch which extends across the facade between two short piers of rusticated and carved stone. The entranceway and windows are contained within the opening of the arch, which displays dentillated detailing. Two stone panels of a foliate design are located in the spandrel spaces. A modillioned cornice is supported at either end by vertical brick projections.</p> <p>The interior of the building is used as darkroom space for an adjoining photography studio. Except for the removal of a section of ornamentation above the cornice, the exterior retains its original characteristics.</p> | | Local <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State _____ Nation _____ |
| Significance: | | Status: |
| <p>The Bank of Redwood Falls Building was constructed c.1885 on a site which, according to an 1881 view of the city, was previously occupied by a frame structure. As such, it is one of the early second-generation masonry structures that replaced Redwood Falls' original frame commercial district. The integrity of its street facade is exceptional among the mostly remodeled storefronts in today's downtown Redwood Falls.</p> <p>Early bank buildings in the county typically display a greater amount of attention to architectural detailing than most other structures. The Bank of Redwood Falls is the earliest of several such surviving buildings, and the scale of its Romanesque features is unusual for its size. Its significance is based on the street level integrity of its vigorous Romanesque styling.</p> | | Survey _____ Date _____ Local _____ State _____ Nat'l. Reg. _____ Nat'l. Land. _____ HABS/HAER _____ |
| | | Theme/s: |
| | | Primary <u>Architecture</u> |
| | | Secondary <u>Commerce</u> |
| | | Other _____ |
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