

MINNESOTA HISTORIC PROPERTIES INVENTORY FORM

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HISTORIC NAME: Leuthold, Jacob Jr., House COUNTY: Dodge
 CURRENT NAME: Gentling, Gregory & Barbara, Residence CITY/TWP.: Kasson City
 LEGAL DESC.: Lot 3-4, block 10, ADDRESS: 108 Second Ave. N.W.
 Original Plat, Kasson City

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

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Yes ___ No X Restricted ___ PRESENT USE:
 VISIBLE FROM THE ROAD: Yes X No ___ Residence
 OCCUPIED: Yes X No ___

DATE CONSTRUCTED: 1905 ORIGINAL USE: Residence
 ORIGINAL OWNER: Jacob Leuthold Jr. ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Kees and Colburn, Mpls.

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Gregory & Barbara Gentling 108 Second Ave. N.W. Kasson, MN	ACREAGE: Less than one acre <u>X</u>
LOCAL CONTACT/ORG.: N/A	UTM REFERENCE: Dodge Center, Minn. Quad.
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DESCRIPTION:
 The Leuthold House is located on a corner lot in a residential neighborhood a short distance northwest of the Kasson business district. It is a large, three-story, wood-frame house, with hip roof and cross gables in Queen Anne style with Colonial Revival details. A tall, red brick chimney ornaments the south facade while a one-story stone porch extends across the west (front) facade, terminating in a round corner projection. The paired Tuscan columns and balustraded railing which once decorated the porch have been removed. The large gabled dormer in front has a balustraded balcony. Fenestration generally consists of one-over-one double-hung sash, although a Palladian window is located in a south gable and a large round-arch window lights the stairway on the north side. The house has been resided in aluminum. Much of the interior woodwork is intact.

SIGNIFICANCE:
 The Leuthold House is significant for the important commercial activities undertaken by its original builder and owner, Jacob Leuthold Jr., and for its architectural design by the noted Minneapolis firm of Frederick G. Kees and Serenus Milo Colburn (associated 1899-1927). Between 1878 and the 1890s, Leuthold established a chain store system in southern Minnesota and Iowa which is an extremely early example of such a system in Minnesota and, perhaps, one of the earliest clothing chains in the United States. Using Chicago suppliers, he opened his first store in Kasson in 1878. Subsequent stores were opened in 1883 (Spring Valley, MN), 1885 (Kenyon, MN), 1888 (Waseca, MN), 1891 (Osage, Iowa), and 1892 (Owatonna, MN). By the time he built his house in 1905, Leuthold had formed the "Leuthold 'Ten Store System' Clothiers," and eventually operated stores in 42 cities in Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Iowa, Wisconsin, and Arizona. Descendants of Jacob Leuthold remain in the retail clothing business today. He also was active in finance, becoming president of several banks in Minnesota and North Dakota.

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