

Historic Name: Church of the Redeemer		County: Goodhue
Common Name: Church of the Redeemer		Community: Cannon Falls City
Owner's Name and Address: Episcopal Church 123 North Third Street Cannon Falls, MN 55009		Address/Legal Desc.: 123 N. Third St.
Classification:		Acreage:
Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure _____ Object _____ District _____		Less than one acre
Condition:		Verbal Boundary Desc.: Lots 4 and 5, block 34, original plat to city of Cannon Falls.
Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good _____ Fair _____ Deteriorated _____		
Open to the Public:	Visible from the road:	
Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____ Church services only	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____	
Occupied:	Present Use:	
Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____	Religious	
History:		UTM Reference:
Date Constructed: 1867	Original Owner: Church of the Redeemer	15/507650/4928050 Hastings Quadrangle
Architect/Builder: Christopher Doner	Original Use: Religious	
Description:		Level of Significance:
The Church of the Redeemer (Episcopal) is located on the south-east corner of Mill and Third Streets in Cannon Falls City, one block east of the central business district.		Local <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _____
The Church is a simple one-story building, constructed of buff-colored Platteville limestone quarried from a nearby farm. It has a steeply-pitched gable roof, covered with brown composition shingles. Its main hall measures 25 by 47 feet and has two projections - an entry or narthex, 7½ by 11 feet, on its west end; and a 7 by 9 feet addition on its east end which provides access to the basement. All of the Church's decorative elements are in the Gothic style, including its gothic-arched front door, the four tall gothic-arched windows on each side of the sanctuary and the large gothic-arched window behind the altar (all containing leaded stained glass), the trefoil design in the oculus in the west-end (see continuation sheet)		State _____
		Nation _____
		Status:
		Survey _____ Date _____
		Local _____
		State _____
		Nat'l. Reg. <u>4/77, 4/78</u>
		Nat'l. Land. _____
		HABS/HAER _____
Significance:		Theme/s:
Begun in 1866 and consecrated by Bishop Benjamin Whipple on May 1, 1867, the Church of the Redeemer represents one of the best-preserved examples of the first generation of churches built in south-eastern Minnesota. Its modest scale and use of local building materials are typical of the first efforts of the settlers, once-removed from the log cabin stage of development. So too is the applied nature of the Gothic detailing on this basically simple, utilitarian structure.		Primary <u>Religious</u>
The Church of the Redeemer is also a significant indication of the prominent role that settlers of American Protestant origin played in the history of southeastern Minnesota. They were particularly important in founding such towns as Cannon Falls were, as storekeepers, millers, tradesmen, and professional men, they provided a full array of services to the agricultural countryside. With founding families with such names as "Parks," "Tanner," "Wheat," and "Weed," the Church of the Redeemer testifies to the important part that American Protestants played in the formative decades of Cannon Falls.		Secondary <u>Ethnic</u>
		Other _____
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Description:

gable,,and the louvered wooden belfry (with its own steeply-gabled roof) that sits on the western edge of the roof ridge. All of the exterior wooden trim around the doors, windows, oculus and belfry is painted a dark brown.

The Church of the Redeemer is in an excellent state of preservation, maintained and occupied by the same Episcopal Congregation that built it.

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