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Historic Name: Cannon Falls Eler	nentary School see contsheet	County: Goodhue
Common Name: Cannon Falls Community Schools		Community: Cannon Falls
Owner's Name and Address: Cannon Falls Community Schools		Address/Legal Desc. :
115 West Minnesota Street		115 W. Minnesota Street
Cannon Falls, Minnesota 55009 Classification:		
Classification:		Acreage:
Building X Structure	Object District	Less than one acre
Condition:		Verbal Boundary Desc.: Block 18, original plat to
Excellent Good X Fair Deteriorated		city of Cannon Falls.
Open to the Public:	Visible from the road:	
Yes X No	Yes X No	
Occupied:	Present Use:	
Yes X No	Educational	
History:	Cannon Falls	UIM Reference:
Date Constructed: 1893; 1912	Original Owner: School District	
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Architect/Builder: Unknown	Original Use: Educational	Hastings Quadrangle
Description:		Level of Significance:
The historic section of the Cannon Falls Elementary School consists		) 5100-1 V
between		
First and Second Streets in Cannon Falls City. The building to the west dates from 1893, that to the east from 1912.		State
Both the 1893 and 1912 buildings are massive stone structures in		Nation
a style derived from the Richardsonian Romanesque. The 1893 building		Status:
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		Survey Date
foods is three home in width. When independent 11 1		State 4/78
those on the first floor being semi-circular and those on the second		Nat'l. Reg.
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		Theme/s:
The Cannon Falls Elementary School buildings are significant		Primary Education
examples of the type of educational facilities that were appearing in		
century.		Secondary
The early schools in Cannon Falls, as elsewhere, differed little		Other
from the small district schools that dotted the countryside. Thus,		Total Contact/Org
meabard a		Local Contact/Org.: Cannon Falls Bicentennial
tatanaman bassanaman page and an analysis of the same and		Heritage Committee
measures - adding additions to this structure and building a one-room		
		Prepared by and date:
		B. Michael Zuckerman
Cannon Falls jumped to 942, and reached 1239 by 1900. There occurred		July 19 <b>7</b> 8
a similar leap in the number of schoolchildren in the town, from 181		
pupils inrolled in 1877 to 305 1	by 1893. Conditions in the schools	
were so crowded by this date that it was necessary to divide the (continued)		

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### Description:

decorative element in the gable of the central bay. Entry to the building is through a massive Romanesque arch that dominates the central bay.

The 1912 building measures 86 by 84 feet and is also two stories tall with a raised basement. It sits about 10 feet to the east of the 1893 building and is connected to it through a passageway cut through its side. Its facade is perfectly aligned to that of the 1893 building, and in massing, building material, and style, the two buildings are totally compatible. The 1912 building's facade also has a tri-partite division, with a projecting central bay (although one that lacks a gable end and that is less pronounced than that of the 1894 building). Its central section is one bay wide, while the two on either side are each five bays wide. Entry to the 1912 building is through a large, recessed Romanesque arch in the central bay, which is surmounted by one large arched window on the second floor. The first floor windows on each side are semi-circular, with their stone arches linked together in an arcade effect. Both the basement and second floor windows are flat-topped, with the basement ones having stone lintels while those on the second floor rise flush to the cornice line. All of the windows in the 1912 building are noticeably wider than those of the 1893 building. The 1912 building has a medium hip roof and is 10 bays deep.

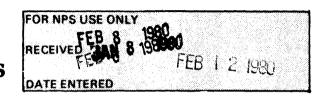
### Significance:

students and have half come in the morning and half in the afternoon.

It was in response to this growth crisis that the Cannon Falls School Board purchased land for \$750 and sold bonds for \$15,000 to build the 1893 buildings. In its size and scale, this building dwarfed everything that preceded it. Its massive stone construction and fine Romanesque detailing reflected the tremendous civic pride of this generation of townspeople, as well as their commitment to quality education for thier children.

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### Addendum Sheet

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Change NAME

from: Cannon Falls Elementary School

to: CANNON FALLS SCHOOL

Add to DESCRIPTION:

The School also includes two recent additions, constructed in 1954 and 1957. Both of these sections are of brick and are attached to the back and side of the earlier structures.

