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STRUCTURE INVENTORY

Historic Name: Canisteo District General Office Building

Bldg. #

County: Itasca

Current Name:

City/Twp.: Coleraine City

Legal Desc.:

Address:

See attached

200 Cole Avenue

Date Constructed: 1907-8

Original Use: District Headquarters Building

Original Owner: Oliver Iron Mining Company

Architect/Builder: Unknown

Owner's Name and Address:

Independent School District #316  
Coleraine, MN 55722

Acreage: less than 1 acre  
2.2 acres  
UTM Reference:  
Bovey Quad. 7.5  
15 / 467950 / 5236855

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The General Office Building was constructed south of Coleraine's central business district on the shore of Trout Lake in 1907-8. It replaced an earlier tar-papered shack as district headquarters. The rectangular two story flat-roofed structure is constructed of red pressed brick embellished with gray stone. Stone is utilized for the raised basement walls, prominent lintels above the first floor windows, and sills beneath the second level windows. An inscription stone situated in the parapet above the central entrance reads "Oliver Iron Mining Company". The front facade consists of three central bays flanked on either side by three additional bays defined by engaged pilasters. Alterations include removal of the original bracketed cornice, replacement of the original window sash, removal of the classicized central entrance portico, and construction of a rear garage addition.

The structure housed the Canisteo District's general offices until c. 1960 when the district was consolidated with other districts into Minnesota Ore Operations. The building initially housed the offices of the district's general superintendent, the superintendent of the local mining operation, and the district's engineering department. Independent School District #316 currently uses the building for office and classroom space. The prominently sited structure has been a recognized local landmark since its construction shortly after the founding of Coleraine.

Bibliography:

Itasca Iron News (Bovey, MN), February 22, 1908.

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LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

That part of Gov't. Lot 4 in Sec. 32, T56N, R24W, that lies south of the south line of the plat of Coleraine of and between the following described 2 lines:

- 1) A straight line perpendicular to and intersecting said south line of the plat of Coleraine at a pt. 648.93' east of the SW corner of said plat;
- 2) A straight line parallel to and 46' westerly of the extended east line of Morrison Avenue in said plat of Coleraine containing 2.2 acres.