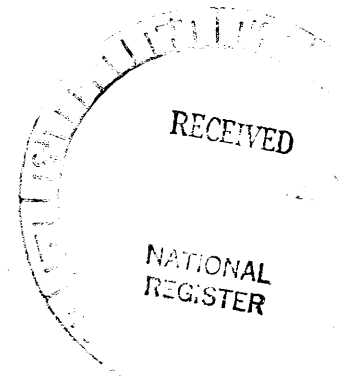


Historic Name: Scenic City Cooperative Oil Company Building		County: Redwood 80002140
Common Name:		Community: Redwood Falls
Owner's Name and Address: Albert C. Revier c/o Michael W. & Cheryl L. Prescott 205 S. Mill; Redwood Falls, MN 56283		Address/Legal Desc.: Second and Mill Streets (S.E. corner)
Classification: Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure _____ Object _____ District _____		Acreage: Less than one acre
Condition: Excellent _____ Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair _____ Deteriorated _____		Verbal Boundary Desc.: Redwood Falls Plat N½ of W 1/3 Lot 5 60' of Lot 6 Block 15
Open to the Public: Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Visible from the road: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____	
Occupied: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____	Present Use: Printing Shop	
History: Date Constructed: ca1925 Architect/Builder: Artstone Company (?)		UIM Reference: Redwood Falls Quad., 15 Min Lat. Long. 44° 32' 24" 95° 07' 09"
Original Owner: Scenic City Cooperative Oil Company Original Use: Service Station		
Description: The Scenic City Cooperative Oil Company is located in downtown Redwood Falls on the corner of Mill (Highway 71) and Second Streets. The one and one-half story tile-roofed structure is of rainbow-colored Artstone block, with decorative stone courses on the front facade. Arched recesses with stone inlays are utilized on the posts supporting a drive-through filling area. The gable ends and a large shed dormer projecting over the canopy area are of stucco. A walk-through arch extends from the southwest corner of the front facade, and behind this a one-bay service area, also of Artstone materials, was added in 1940. The three pumps of the station have been removed. The station was originally constructed for gasoline and oil sales only, with station operations on the ground floor, and office space for the company, which has branches in other villages of the county, on the second. (see continuation sheet)		Level of Significance: Local <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State _____ Nation _____
Significance: The Scenic City Cooperative Oil Company Building was completed ca. 1925 during the period in which service station architecture was freely adapting elements from a wide variety of architectural styles to create buildings with a strong visual impact. The initial construction of the central area as a dispensary for gasoline and oil follows the limited functions for most stations of the period; the garage area was added as the offered services expanded. Materials for the building were produced by the Artstone Company in nearby New Ulm, and their rainbow-colored block appears on a number of buildings, both commercial and domestic, in the area. The Scenic City Cooperative Oil Company built the station shortly after its founding as the first cooperative oil company in the county. The development of the widespread use of the automobile in the rural county marked the beginnings of greater consolidation and changing functions for a county's community network, which had been created on a railroad-based system. The Scenic City Building remains a well-preserved structure of a service business, more imposing than others in the area of similar time and function, related to the automobile's years of expanding use.		Status: Survey _____ Date _____ Local _____ State _____ Nat'l. Reg. _____ Nat'l. Land. _____ HABS/HAER _____
		Theme/s: Primary <u>Commerce</u> Secondary _____ Other _____
		Local Contact/Org.:
		Prepared by and date: Dennis A. Gimmetad September 1978 35011556000028

Description:

Although now occupied by a printing establishment and no longer used as a service station, the structural features clearly convey the building's original intended function.



Significance:

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**Note: These changes apply to
Scenic City Cooperative Oil Company
Building in Redwood County,
Minnesota.**

REFERENCE NUMBER: 80002140

STATE: MINNESOTA

COUNTY: Redwood

RESOURCE NAME (HISTORIC): Scenic City Cooperative Oil Company

CITY: Redwood Falls

VICINITY OF:

ADDRESS:

CERTIFICATION DATE:

REMOVED DATE:

COMMENTS: Property is located in Redwood Falls, not
in Ramsey Park.

Nina M. Archabal

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State Historic Preservation Officer**

JUN 17 1988
Date