

MINNESOTA HISTORIC PROPERTIES INVENTORY FORM

HISTORIC NAME: Partridge Township Hall

COUNTY: Pine 80002110

CURRENT NAME:

CITY/TWP.: Askov

LEGAL DESC.: Original Townsite of Partridge
Block 6
Lots 10 and 11

ADDRESS: Kobmagergade

CLASSIFICATION:	CONDITION:	SIGNIFICANCE:	THEME/S:
Building <u>X</u>	Excellent <u>X</u>	Local <u>X</u>	Primary <u>Settlement</u>
Structure _____	Good _____	State _____	Secondary <u>Politics/govern-</u>
Object _____	Fair _____	National _____	Others _____ <u>ment</u>
District _____	Deteriorated _____		

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Yes X No _____ Restricted X
 VISIBLE FROM THE ROAD: Yes X No _____
 OCCUPIED: Yes X No _____

PRESENT USE:
Township Hall

DATE CONSTRUCTED: 1901

ORIGINAL USE: Township Hall

ORIGINAL OWNER: Partridge Township

ARCHITECT/BUILDER:

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Partridge Township
Askov, MN 55704

ACREAGE: Less than one acre X

LOCAL CONTACT/ORG.: Pine County Historical Society
Askov, MN 55704

UTM REFERENCE:
Sandstone Quad. 15
15 / 516940 / 5114920

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DESCRIPTION:

The Partridge Township Hall is a one story rectangular building situated on a double lot on Askov's Main Street. The structure originally stood several hundred feet to the east but was moved to its present location in 1908, shortly after Askov was platted.

The structure is of frame construction, sheathed in clapboard. Brick chimneys pierce its gable roof at both ends. The three-stepped false front features diagonal sheathing and a prominent cornice. Fenestration consists of evenly spaced two-over-two double hung windows on sides and front and a double leaf entrance. The flagpole, window boxes, and loudspeakers are more recent additions to the hall.

The interior, though somewhat altered, features original window framing, wainscoting, light fixtures, and a diamond-patterned wood floor.

The Township Hall, recently restored by the township, is in an excellent state of preservation.

SIGNIFICANCE:

Partridge Township Hall is representative of the simple one room public structures -- schools and town halls -- erected to meet the needs of Pine County's early settlers. Built by the township at Partridge Station, it is also associated with the village's transition from a station point on the Eastern Minnesota Railroad to the thriving Danish-American community of Askov. The structure, one of the first to be built in the settlement, was erected in 1901, shortly after the township's organization and four years before the Danish People's Society selected the site for Danish colonization. The hall met various political, social, religious, and educational needs of the early settlers. Following Askov's incorporation in 1918, both the township and the village used the building until the village erected a government center in the early 1970s.

Bibliography:

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