

Historic Name: District #20 School Common Name: Hay Creek Community Hall Owner's Name and Address: Town of Hay Creek Route 4 Red Wing, MN 55066		County: Goodhue <i>Red Wing vic.</i> Community: Hay Creek Township Address/Legal Desc.: Highway 58, Hay Creek												
Classification: Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure _____ Object _____ District _____		Acreage: Less than one acre												
Condition: Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good _____ Fair _____ Deteriorated _____		Verbal Boundary Desc.: Begin at a point 147 ft. east and 147 ft. north of the southwest corner of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of sec. 19, T112N, R14W, thence run north 33 feet, thence north 47 $\frac{1}{2}$ ' east 93.72 ft. thence north 72 $\frac{1}{2}$ ' east 52.8ft. thence south 26' east 46.86 ft. thence south 64' west 157.08 ft. to point of beginning.												
Open to the Public: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____ when open for town functions	Visible from the road: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____													
Occupied: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____	Present Use: township meeting hall													
History: Date Constructed: 1889 Architect/Builder: Unknown		UIM Reference: 15/535840/4926060 Goodhue East Quadrangle												
Description: The District #20 School is located on the north side of Minnesota Highway 58, in Section 19 along the western border of Hay Creek Township. The District #20 School is a small, one-story brick building, two bays wide and four bays deep. It has a high-hipped roof, sheathed in tin, with a large gable forming a pediment over the front end. The front of the school is graced by two wooden doors with transoms; a canopy above them, sheathed in tin and supported by stick-style brackets; a date stone further above; a spoked-glass oculus in the gable end; and a louvered belfry sitting at the end of the gable ridge. The four four-over-four windows in the sides of the building have stone sills and keystones. All of the wood trim in the building - in the doors, windows, canopy, cornice and belfry - is painted white.		Level of Significance: Local <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State _____ Nation _____												
Significance: The District #20 School is significant as an outstanding example of the type of one-room schoolhouse that provided the setting for education in rural Minnesota in the latter half of the 19th century. Once southeastern Minnesota emerged from the pioneer stage, in which education was provided haphazardly in log cabins, a comprehensive system of elementary schooling was set up. It was based on local districts (numbering some 155 in Goodhue County, alone), which covered areas ranging from two to ten sections of land each. Each district had local autonomy, hiring its own teachers, setting its own standards, and building its own schools. In the years between 1860 and 1890, the schools built in the rural districts were typically one-room structures, with doors at one end and a row of windows providing illumination from the sides. District #20 School, built in 1889, is one of the finest remaining examples of this generation of schoolhouses. It continued as the educational center for its district until the 1950s, when the consolidation movement concentrated schooling in the towns. It has remained in public service, however, in its current incarnation as the Hay Creek Township Hall.		Status: <table style="width:100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width:70%;">Survey</td> <td style="width:30%;">Date</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Local</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>State</td> <td>5/78</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nat'l. Reg.</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nat'l. Land.</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HABS/HAER</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> </table>	Survey	Date	Local	_____	State	5/78	Nat'l. Reg.	_____	Nat'l. Land.	_____	HABS/HAER	_____
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