

MINNESOTA HISTORIC PROPERTIES INVENTORY FORM

HISTORIC NAME: Cloverton School

COUNTY: Pine

80002104.
Bruno vic.

CURRENT NAME:

GIFT/TWP.: New Dosey

LEGAL DESC.: See continuation sheet

ADDRESS: Unincorporated railroad
village of Cloverton

CLASSIFICATION:	CONDITION:	SIGNIFICANCE:	THEME/S:
Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Excellent _____	Local <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Primary <u>Settlement</u>
Structure _____	Good <input type="checkbox"/> X	State _____	Secondary <u>Education</u>
Object _____	Fair _____	National _____	Others _____
District _____	Deteriorated _____		

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

PRESENT USE:
Residence

DATE CONSTRUCTED: 1920

ORIGINAL USE: School

ORIGINAL OWNER: Pine County School District #100

ARCHITECT/BUILDER: E.S. Broomhall/A.C.
Willcuts & SonOWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Mr. and Mrs. Leland Magnuson
Route 1, Box 15
Markville, MN 55048ACREAGE: Less than one acre
2LOCAL CONTACT/ORG.: Pine County Historical Society
Askov, MN 55704UTM REFERENCE:
Danbury Quad. 15
15 / 552300 / 5112640

FORM PREPARED BY: Mark Haidet

DATE: March 1980

DESCRIPTION:

Cloverton School is a two story rectangular polychromed brick structure in the small community of Cloverton in eastern Pine County. It is a highly visible landmark in a region where small frame structures predominate.

The building, designed by E.S. Broomhall of Duluth, Minnesota, was erected in 1920 to replace an earlier frame structure destroyed by fire. It is covered by a flat roof and rests upon an elevated concrete foundation. The structure is highlighted by several stylistic characteristics of the Jacobean mode including parapet, cast stone ornamentation, multiple-pane windows often in groupings of three, a tudor arched central entrance with transom lights, and stone surrounds on three second story central bay arched windows and entrance giving the appearance of quoining. The building is symmetrical. Three central bays of the principal facade are recessed; the outer two bays feature decorative brickwork on the second level. Bays on the east and west are separated by pilaster strips. A single story storage area adjoins the rear of the structure.

Alterations to the structure's exterior include the addition of an enclosed entrance on the west side and the replacement of several windows on the ground floor of the front facade. Several other windows have been boarded over. Much of the interior remains unaltered with the exception of those rooms converted into living quarters by the present owners.

SIGNIFICANCE:

Cloverton School stands as a reminder of the optimism held by early settlers in the cut-over regions of Minnesota and, in particular, eastern Pine County. In the years following construction of the Soo Line Railroad (1911) through the region the community of Cloverton prospered. Settlers, attracted by the liberal terms offered by the Red Clover Land Company and the profits to be made from the sale of pulpwood, flocked to the area. Anticipating continued rapid growth, area residents elected to build this large brick school after a frame schoolhouse burned in 1919. Cloverton's boom period, however, ended abruptly in the mid-1920s as a result of falling pulpwood prices and poor crop conditions. Declining enrollment and financial difficulties led to a curtailment of activities and eventual consolidation of the school. In 1946 the high school program was discontinued, and in the 1960s the grade school program was phased out as well. Today, the large school building is the most impressive structure in the large, sparsely populated eastern portion of Pine County and reflects the changing fortune of the region.

Legal Description:

That part of T43N, R16W, Section 35 described as follows: Beginning at a point 420 feet west of the NE corner of the SE quarter of the NE quarter, thence south 16 rods, thence west 20 rods, thence north 16 rods, thence east 20 rods to point of beginning.

Bibliography:

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Note: These changes apply to
Cloverton School in Pine County,
Minnesota.

REFERENCE NUMBER: 80002104

STATE: MINNESOTA

COUNTY: Pine

RESOURCE NAME (HISTORIC):

CITY:

VICINITY OF: Askov

ADDRESS: Co. Rd. 32

CERTIFICATION DATE:

REMOVED DATE:

COMMENTS:

Nina M. Archabal

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State Historic Preservation Officer

JUN 17 1988

Date