

HISTORIC NAME: Ogilvie Watertower

COUNTY: Kanabec

CURRENT NAME:

CITY/TWP.: Ogilvie

LEGAL DESC.: Wall's Addition to Ogilvie
Block 9
Lot 3

ADDRESS: Anderson Street

CLASSIFICATION:	CONDITION:	SIGNIFICANCE:	THEME/S:
Building _____	Excellent <u>X</u>	Local <u>X</u>	Primary <u>Engineering</u>
Structure <u>X</u>	Good _____	State <u>X</u>	Secondary <u>Social/Humani-</u>
Object _____	Fair _____	National _____	Others _____ <u>tarian</u>
District _____	Deteriorated _____		

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

PRESENT USE:
Watertower

DATE CONSTRUCTED: 1918

ORIGINAL USE: Watertower

ORIGINAL OWNER: Village of Ogilvie

ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Circular Concrete Co.
of MinneapolisOWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Village of Ogilvie
Ogilvie, MN 56358ACREAGE: Less than one acre LOCAL CONTACT/ORG.: Kanabec County Historical Society
Mora, MN 55051

UTM REFERENCE: Ogilvie Quad. 7.5

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DESCRIPTION:

The Ogilvie Watertower, constructed entirely of reinforced poured-in-place concrete, is located in the village park near the railroad tracks. The tower's 24'2" high 50,000 gallon concrete tank is mounted on an 80' cylindrical stand. Both the tank and its supporting column measure 21'6" in diameter, with nine inch thick walls. The tank is topped by a two foot crenelated parapet, giving the appearance of a medieval roundtower. Seven 32 light windows - three on ground level and four at the level of the interior wooden platform - pierce the bottom portion of the tower. An access doorway and platform is situated on the structure's southwest quadrant about 72' above ground level. The tower is accessible through a double steel door at the eastern base of the structure. The village has recently restored and painted the tower.

A frame village garage is attached to the east base of the tower.

SIGNIFICANCE:

The Ogilvie Watertower, constructed in 1918 by the Circular Concrete Company of Minneapolis, is significant as one of the first reinforced concrete watertowers erected in Minnesota. With its simple lines and crenelated parapet, the tower presents a dramatic contrast to the metal tank towers erected by most other communities during this period. The tower's construction accompanied installation of an improved village water system which provided the impetus for organization of the Ogilvie Volunteer Fire Department. Because many of the early concrete tanks had a tendency to leak at the junction of the tank and tower, many others of this type have been razed. The tank is significant, therefore, not only as one of the earliest examples but also as one of the few surviving examples of this method of construction.

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