

MINNESOTA HISTORIC PROPERTIES INVENTORY FORM

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HISTORIC NAME: Bauman Hall COUNTY: Pipestone
 CURRENT NAME: Bauman Hall CITY/TWP.: Jasper 80002/116
 LEGAL DESC.: Lots 1 & 2, Block 3, ADDRESS: 201 W. Wall Street
 N. 80' of Original Plat

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

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

DATE CONSTRUCTED: 1891/c.1893 ORIGINAL USE: hotel/general store
 ORIGINAL OWNER: ARCHITECT/BUILDER:

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Jasper Area Historical Society c/o Les Kallsen Jasper, MN	ACREAGE: Less than one acre <u>X</u>
LOCAL CONTACT/ORG.:	UTM REFERENCE: 14 / 709110 / 4858240 Jasper Quad.
FORM PREPARED BY: Thomas Harvey DATE: March 1979	

DESCRIPTION:
 This building is a two-story, rectangular, rock-faced Sioux quartzite structure that occupies two commercial lots on a corner on Jasper's main street. The structure is simple in design. There are no windows on the first floor except the display areas that flank entrances in the front and at the rear, side of the building. These street facades have been modernized and do not retain their original integrity. The second floor front facade is pierced by six double-hung windows placed at regular intervals. There are six unevenly spaced windows down the side facade. A belt coursing of raised stone runs below the windows. Both facades have a corbeled cornice of contrasting quartzite.

SIGNIFICANCE:
 Bauman Hall is significant as the westernmost stone building on Jasper's main street. It serves as a simple, yet important, edge to an interesting series of quartzite buildings. The building is also a reminder of one of Pipestone County's ghost towns. The building was originally a hotel at North Sioux Falls. It was moved stone-by-stone to its present location.
 North Sioux Falls was established as a post office in 1891, located three miles north-east of Jasper at some small quarries. In late 1891 a spur rail line was built to North Sioux Falls from Trosky. The erection of a hotel added to the importance of the town, but it was unable to compete with rival Jasper. A few years after construction, the hotel was dismantled and re-erected in its present location. This moving of townsites was common with prairie towns, but seldom were masonry buildings involved.
 For many years after being reconstructed in Jasper, the former hotel was known as Bauman's Hall. It served as a community meeting hall and was used for plays and dances. The building has also functioned as commercial store space.
 The pressed-metal ceiling is still in place and in excellent condition. Interior steel supports are original. The old drop curtain from Bauman Hall, which displays the names of early 1900s Jasper businesses, is owned by the Jasper Area Historical Society.