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HISTORIC NAME: Carlson, Ole, House
 CURRENT NAME: Dahle, Clarence, Residence
 LEGAL DESC.: See below

COUNTY: Dodge
 CITY/TWP.: Canisteo Township
 ADDRESS: County Highway 15,
 west side
 Kasson, MN

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

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

PRESENT USE:
 Residence

DATE CONSTRUCTED: 1880

ORIGINAL USE: Residence

ORIGINAL OWNER: Ole Carlson

ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Ole Anderson Aasved

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Clarence Dahle
 Rural Rt. 2, Box 80
 Kasson, MN

ACREAGE: Less than one acre

LOCAL CONTACT/ORG.: N/A

UTM REFERENCE:
 Rock Dell Quad.

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DESCRIPTION:

The Ole Carlson House is situated along a county highway south of Kasson, MN, on a low rise which makes the house very visible. The house is a large, two-story, almost square brick structure, symmetrical in arrangement, with hip roof and roof deck (balustrade missing), and projecting central gabled pavilion. A small one-story brick addition on the west (rear) houses the summer kitchen. Elements reminiscent of the Italianate style as often found in rural Minnesota farmhouses include the two-over-two double-hung sash in tall rectangular openings with keystone segmental-arch hoods, and the hooded double front entrance, all contributing to a sense of verticality. The conventional eave brackets found in similar houses were never applied to the Carlson House. An unusual detail is the datestone found in the south foundation wall which includes, along with the date, the mason's name in script: "O. A. Aasved." A comparison with a circa 1900 photograph indicates that the Carlson House retains virtually total exterior integrity.

SIGNIFICANCE:

The Ole Carlson House is an architecturally significant example of a prosperous Dodge County farmer's residence. The combination of owner and builder represent the rural Norwegian heritage of the area. The house was built in 1880 by Ole Anderson Aasved for Ole Carlson, both Norwegian immigrants living in the same township and both successful farmers; two years later Aasved reportedly built a large brick house for himself. A county history in 1905 declared that the "large brick dwelling" of Ole Carlson was "the best farm house in the county." It is owned and occupied today by Carlson's grandson and great-grandson (Clarence and Clarence Jr.) who continue to farm the same land.

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

History of Dodge County. 1884. P. 1104.
Plat Book of Dodge County. 1905. Pp. 88, 110.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

Beginning in the southwest quarter of section 25, Township 106, Range 16, at a point on the east right-of-way line of County State Aid Highway 15, 1500 ft. north of the north right-of-way line of County State Aid Highway 6; thence due east 200 ft.; thence due north 200 ft.; thence due west 200 ft. to said right-of-way line of CSAH 15; thence due south along said line to point of beginning.