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Kasson Public School

LOCATION: 101 3rd Ave NW, Kasson, MN 55944

STATUS: Public

TYPE: Education, Social History

HISTORY: The Kasson Public School served the community of Kasson, Minnesota, as its only educational institution for forty years, and is locally significant under National Register Criterion A for its association with the broad patterns of our history in the areas of education and social history. The Kasson Public School stood at the center of community life, providing space for instruction to children, grades kindergarten through high school, teaching the fundamentals that enabled them to take a productive place in the community as they grew into adulthood. The school also hosted an array of social services, such as public health programs and agricultural extension training, fulfilling changing public policy objectives on the state and federal level. As a social institution, it became part of the town's daily rhythm of life — classes, sporting events, parent-teacher conferences, school plays and concerts, and adult education programs. The school is associated with the historic context entitled "Railroads and Agricultural Development, 1870- 1940," one of the statewide historic contexts developed by the State Historic Preservation Office. The period of significance begins in 1918, the construction date of the school, and ends in 1954, when the local school district consolidated with the nearby Mantorville school district.

OTHER RESOURCES:

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PROPERTY PICTURES:

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Old Kasson Public School, 2021

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Kasson Public School, 2007



Kasson Public School, 2007



Kasson Public School, 1965

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