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Oslo (Ghost Town)

LOCATION: State HWY 30 and CR13, Hayfield, MN 55940

STATUS: Private

TYPE: Historic, District

HISTORY: Oslo had its beginnings in 1875-76 when Mads J. Ellingson, a book salesman from Norway erected a building stocked with merchandise. In 1879, a post office was established and named Oslo after Oslo, Norway. At one time, there was a feed mill which was destroyed by fire. The town hall and a garage were destroyed by the cyclone on 1930. After the retirement of Mads from the store it continued under the management of his son F. H. Ellingson. When Ellingson and Greggorson decided to build a store in Hayfield, the Oslo store was purchased and operated by Carl Wilson with the assistance of Olau Bakka. They operated the store until the spring of 1939 when J. D. Cutting of Byron rented the building and hired Glenn Tiegen and Blen to manage the store. It is still in operation today.

OTHER RESOURCES:

<https://www.dodgecountyhistorical.org/>

PROPERTY PICTURES: