

Historic Name: Darwin E. Yale House Common Name: Dennis T. Leibold House Owner's Name and Address: Dennis T. and Barbara K. Leibold 421 N. Sixth Street Cannon Falls, MN 55009	County: Goodhue Community: Cannon Falls City Address/Legal Desc.: 421 N. Sixth Street
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Classification: Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure _____ Object _____ District _____	Acreage: Less than one acre
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Condition: Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good _____ Fair _____ Deteriorated _____	Verbal Boundary Desc.: The north half of block 14, original plat to city of Cannon Falls, a parcel measuring 142 ft. by 300 ft.
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Open to the Public: Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Visible from the road: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____	
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Occupied: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____	Present Use: Private residence	
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History: Date Constructed: 1879 Architect/Builder: Unknown	Original Owner: Darwin E. Yale Original Use: Residential
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UTM Reference: 15/507400/4928400 Hastings Quadrangle

Description: The Darwin E. Yale House is located in a spacious park in the North Side of Cannon Falls City, on the east side of Sixth Street to the north of State Street. The Darwin E. Yale House consists of a main section, measuring 22 by 32 feet, and four sections attached to its rear, stretching back an additional 54 feet, and varying in width from 20 to 37 feet. It is the main section in front that is of primary architectural importance. It is two stories tall, has a three-bay facade, and is sheathed in narrow wooden clapboards. It is basically Italianate in style with its cubiform shape, bracketing under the eaves, side-hall plan, and low-hipped roof. It has a very ornate porch running the length of its facade, with turned posts, elaborate spindle-work, and a small pediment over the doorway. The front door has glass panels and a transom above it. All five windows on the facade have <u>louvered shutters.</u> (see continuation sheet)	Level of Significance: Local <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State _____ Nation _____
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Status: Survey _____ Date _____ Local _____ State _____ 4/78 Nat'l. Reg. _____ Nat'l. Land. _____ HABS/HAER _____
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Significance: The Darwin E. Yale House is significant for its association with the hardware business - one of the primary services provided by small commercial centers like Cannon Falls in the latter half of the 19th century. Like many of the small manufacturing communities that grew up in southeastern Minnesota, Cannon Falls quickly expanded its functions to become a service center for the surrounding countryside. Farmers flocked to the wide variety of stores that emerged in the town. There were no more essential types of goods they were seeking than the metal utensils and agricultural implements sold in the early hardware stores. Darwin E. Yale was one of the first recorded hardware dealers in Cannon Falls, starting in this business in 1875. It was four years later, in 1879, that he built the main section of the Darwin E. Yale House. In its stylish elegance and substantial proportions (particularly with the additions he added on in later years), the Darwin E. Yale House well reflects the importance of the hardware merchant in the economy of the town and the surrounding countryside.	Theme/s: Primary <u>Business</u> Secondary <u>Architecture</u> Other _____
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Local Contact/Org.: Cannon Falls Bicentennial Heritage Committee
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Description:

Painted blue-gray with white trim, the Darwin E. Yale House is in an excellent state of preservation.

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