

Rabideau Civilian Conservation Corps Camp,
Fire Tool Equipment Shed (Building No. 13A)
County Road 39
Blackduck Vicinity
Beltrami County
Minnesota

HABS No. MN-147-K

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Location: One-half mile west of Beltrami County Highway 39, six miles south of Blackduck, Beltrami County, Minnesota.

Significance: It is not known whether the Fire Tool Equipment Shed was constructed as part of the Rabideau Civilian Conservation Corps Camp, which operated on the Chippewa National Forest until 1941. However, the structure appears on a site plan by the University of Illinois, dated August 1947. The university used the camp from 1946 to 1972 as a summer field school.

Description: Located immediately to the northwest of the Army Officer's Quarters (Building No. 13, HABS No. MN-147-L), the Fire Tool Equipment Shed is a small frame structure, 3' square and approximately 6' tall. The structure is painted red and is capped with a hip roof covered with red asphalt. It rests on four concrete blocks. Access is gained through a small door on the west facade. The structure presently contains a fire extinguisher.

History: It is not known whether the Fire Tool Equipment Shed was at the camp while the CCC occupied the site. It first appears on a site plan by the University of Illinois, dated August 1947. However, the plan locates the structure immediately to the north of the Army Officer's Quarters (Building No. 13, HABS No. MN-147-L), several feet east of its present location. The relocation may have occurred when the Officer's Quarters was restored in 1986.

Sources: The oldest known site plan of the camp while still occupied by the CCC, entitled "Rabideau Camp F-50" (ca. 1936), and a site plan by the University of Illinois, entitled "Camp Rabideau," dated August 1947, both located at the University Archives, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, in the Civil Engineering Subject File Record Series 11/5/1. See also HABS No. MN-147.

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