

Rabideau Civilian Conservation Corps Camp,
Oil House (Building No. 22)
County Road 39
Blackduck Vicinity
Beltrami County
Minnesota

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

Significance: The Oil House was constructed about 1938 as part of the Rabideau Civilian Conservation Corps Camp, which operated on the Chippewa National Forest until 1941. The camp was later used by the University of Illinois as a summer field school from 1946 to 1972.

Description: Only a concrete remnant from the Oil House remains extant. It is a U-shaped structure with poured concrete walls about 3.5' high. The side walls are about 6' long and the end wall about 3.5' wide.

History: The Rabideau CCC Camp apparently had two "oil houses" for the storage of flammable materials. One was concrete; the other wood frame. In 1946, the wood frame structure was "married" to a barracks building to form a new Mess Hall (Building No. 8, HABS No. MN-147-G) for the University of Illinois' summer field school at the camp. The concrete oil house was demolished at an unknown date. Only foundation remnants mark its site.

Sources: A site plan of the camp entitled "Camp Rabideau," dated August 1947, 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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