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Vivianna, here you go:

On December 28, 1867, the Bastrop Casino Association began building a brick building 60 feet by 32 feet. This building was to used for entertainment, balls, banquets, concerts and other social events.

In 1891, the property was sold for the establishment of the Bastrop German American School. Joseph D. Sayers was a director of the school. When Bastrop opened a public school in 1894, the German American school was absorbed into the public system.

During the 1890's the Casion was the host venue for an annual "Grand Masque Ball", one of Bastrp's social season highlights. There were several Easter Balls, Christmas Balls, impromptu dances, business events, Lodge celebrations, and a regular monthly dance held in the building. Events continued at the Casino through the early 1900"s. The opening of the Opera House appears to have lessened by not eliminated the need for a second entertainment venue in Bastrop.

Since then, the building has been sold to multiple owners and been used for automobile storage, cotton storage and vegetable storage.

Based on the 1867 date of the construction of the building and its use for Bastrop social gatherings, it is worthy of being salvaged.

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