

<b>Historic Name:</b> Hawkins, Dr. E.P. Clinic, Hospital and House		<b>County:</b> Wright
<b>Common Name:</b>		<b>Community:</b> Montrose, MN.
<b>Owner's Name and Address:</b> Multiple - see attached sheet		<b>Address/Legal Desc.:</b> Buffalo Street
<b>Classification:</b>		<b>Acreage:</b>
Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure _____ Object _____ District _____		One acre
<b>Condition:</b>		<b>Verbal Boundary Desc.:</b>
Excellent _____ Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair _____ Deteriorated _____		Montrose Plat Lot 1 except N. 81 feet Lot 2 Block 7
<b>Open to the Public:</b>	<b>Visible from the road:</b>	
Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____	
<b>Occupied:</b>	<b>Present Use:</b>	
Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____	Residence	
<b>History:</b>		<b>UTM Reference:</b>
<b>Date Constructed:</b> c. 1890, 1903, and c. 1885	<b>Original Owner:</b> Dr. E.P. Hawkins	15 Buffalo Quad. 428325 4990625
<b>Architect/Builder:</b> Unknown	<b>Original Use:</b> Residents & Hospital	
<b>Description:</b> Dr. Hawkins' House, Hospital and Clinic comprise three buildings on the eastern fringe of the central business district of Montrose, Minnesota. The southermost of the three buildings is also the earliest, dating from ca. 1885. It is a two story brick residence constructed on an "L" plan. Although the brick has been painted, many integral brick design features are visible on the facades. These include two corbelled banks of brick which encircle the building and rise slightly at the window openings to form hoods. A third brick hand is three bricks in height, with the central bricks in an alternating raised and recessed pattern. A polygonal one story bay juts out from the south facade. This building originally functioned as Dr. Hawkins' residence. A two room office clinic occupied a portion of the ground floor.		<b>Level of Significance:</b>
		Local <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State _____ Nation _____
		<b>Status:</b>
		Survey _____ Date _____ Local _____ State _____ 1/78 Nat'l. Reg. _____ Nat'l. Land. _____ HABS/HAER _____
<b>Significance:</b>		<b>Theme/s:</b>
Dr. Hawkins' Clinic, Hospital, and house is significant as an example of the medical facilities that existed in Wright County communities at the turn of the century. Dr. Hawkins was born in Carthage, Illinois, in 1863. He received his medical training at the University of Michigan. In October of 1897 he established his practice in the railroad village of Montrose. For the first several years of his practice, his office was the front two rooms of his residence. In 1903 he constructed the hospital building. He opened it formally in 1904. The hospital consisted of ten beds for patients and the rooms necessary for general care and surgery. Dr. Hawkins acquired the house north of the hospital building in 1913 and used the first floor of it for his office. The second floor rooms were used as classrooms for nurses training. The Montrose Training School for Nurses was incorporated in 1914. It taught a full three year course.		Primary <u>Commercial/Medical</u> Secondary _____ Other _____
		<b>Local Contact/Org.:</b> Wright County Historical Society Buffalo, Minnesota
		<b>Prepared by and date:</b> John J. Hackett April, 1978

**Description:** A screened porch with balustrade, doric columns, and brick piers was added to the northwest corner of the building at a later date.

The central building was constructed by Dr. Hawkins in 1903 to serve as a hospital. It is two stories in height with a dormered roof which slopes to the first story level on the west (front) facade. This roof shields a full-front doric colonnaded porch (now enclosed); the columns are clustered and set upon stone piers. A two story tower with conical roof projects slightly from the southwest corner. Shingles in the gable areas are arranged in a diamond pattern. The upper sashes of each window are usually multipaned. The building retains its original cut-cedar shingle roof.

The third, and northernmost, building in the complex was constructed ca. 1890. Originally a residence, it was acquired by Dr. Hawkins in 1913 to provide space for his office on the first floor and rooms for training nurses on the second. It is a simple frame structure with a gable roof.

A one story, wood frame garage is located behind Dr. Hawkins House and is origin all to the property. The doors have been altered to accommodate the larger automobiles. The garage situated behind the hospital was constructed in 1974.

Presently, the clinic, hospital and house are all utilized as residences. These buildings are located within a residential setting in the City of Montrose. All three of the buildings in the complex are in a good state of maintenance.

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**Significance:**

Although the hospital was a private institution other physicians were able to use its facilities. Together with these other physicians, Dr. Hawkins served the southeastern section of the county. "His general practice, his hospital and his training school have done much to alleviate suffering, lengthen life and promote sanitation," the author of the History of Wright County wrote in 1915. (p.927).

The clinic, hospital, and residence are an excellent example of a medical complex that served the communities and rural areas of Wright County at the turn of the century.

MINNESOTA HISTORIC PROPERTIES INVENTORY FORM - Dr. Hawkins Clinic, Hospital and Residence

Owner's Name and Address: Clinic office is owned by Elanor M. Wright, Montrose, Mn. 55363; legal description is Lot 1, Block 7, Exc. No. 33 ft. Original Plat.

Hospital building is owned by Arthur and G. Bjornvich, Montrose, Mn. 55363; legal description is Lot 2, Block 7, Exc. S. 81 ft. Original Plat.

Dr. Hawkins residence is owned by James and Mary Lou Larson, P.O. Box 5, Montrose, Mn. 55363; legal description is S. 81 ft of Lot 2, Block 7. Original Plat.

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