

Historic Name: Common Name: "Walnut Street Historic District" Owner's Name and Address: Multiple - list attached		County: Carver Community: Chaska Address/Legal Desc.:												
Classification: Building _____ Structure _____ Object _____ District <u>X</u>		Acreage: Approximately 17 acres												
Condition: Excellent _____ Good <u>X</u> Fair _____ Deteriorated _____		Verbal Boundary Desc.: See Attached.												
Open to the Public: Yes _____ No <u>X</u>	Visible from the road: Yes <u>X</u> No _____													
Occupied: Yes <u>X</u> No _____	Present Use: Varied													
History: N/A - see significance statement Date Constructed: _____ Original Owner: _____ Architect/Builder: _____ Original Use: _____		UTM Reference: Shakopee Quad A. 15 / 452460 / 4959420 B. 15 / 452680 / 4959420 C. 15 / 452680 / 4958980 D. 15 / 452460 / 4958980												
Description: <p>The "Walnut Street Historic District" is composed of twenty-eight buildings and a prehistoric archaeological component located within an irregular rectangle. This rectangle is roughly bounded on the north by Fifth Street; on the east by the alley between Walnut and Oak Streets; on the south by lots one and ten of Block 44 and on the east by Chestnut Street. The district is bounded on the south and west by Chaska's commercial district and on the east by one of Chaska's residential areas.</p> <p>There are 17 residences (this number includes the Chaska City Hall and Public Library, residences that have been adapted to new uses), 8 commercial buildings, one church, one industrial structure, city garage and American Indian burial mounds (located in the Public Square) within this district. Sixteen of the residences are located along Walnut Street. These residences, built (cont.)</p>		Level of Significance: Local <u>X</u> State _____ Nation _____												
Significance: <p>The "Walnut Street Historic District" encompasses a significant concentration of well-preserved buildings, structures and burial mounds associated with Chaska's history from prehistoric American Indian settlement to 1920. The elements within the district represent Chaska's commercial, industrial, religious and residential development.</p> <p>Included with the district are an archaeological district (26), Chaska's two oldest remaining stores (11 and 12), its oldest bank (14), residences associated with Chaska's major industry -- brick manufacturing (3 and 5), a Greek Revival residence associated with one of Chaska's first settlers and merchants (18), one of the town's earliest harness shops (19), Chaska's version of an 1880s "tenement house" (1), a church associated with Chaska's oldest religious congregation (27), a foundry and residences associated with Chaska's longest operating industry (8, 23, 24), two of Chaska's earliest automotive garages and dealerships (15 and 20), and numerous 1870s commercial buildings that have retained a significant degree of original design integrity (11-21).</p>		Status: <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Survey</td> <td>Date</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Local</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>State</td> <td><u>9/77</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nat'l. Reg.</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nat'l. Land.</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HAAS/HAER</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> </table>	Survey	Date	Local	_____	State	<u>9/77</u>	Nat'l. Reg.	_____	Nat'l. Land.	_____	HAAS/HAER	_____
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Theme/s: Primary <u>Industry</u> Secondary <u>Commerce</u> Other <u>Religion</u>		Local Contact/Org.: Heritage Committee, Carver County Historical Society												
Prepared by and date: Lynne VanBrocklin Spaeth January 1978														

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from 1860 to 1954, are 2 to 2½ stories in height, constructed of buff-colored Chaska brick and located on large wooded lots. Although "pure" architectural styles are not represented in the architecture of these residences, Greek Revival, Queen Anne, Neo-Classic and Georgian styles influenced the design of ten residences. The balance of Walnut Street is composed of the Moravian Church of Chaska (corner of Walnut and Fourth Streets), the Ess Brothers Foundry and Machine Shop (218 Walnut Street), city garage (corner of Walnut and Third Streets), and the Public Square. All commercial buildings within the district are located along Second Street. Historically, this street was the location of Chaska's commercial growth during the decade of the 1870s. The commercial buildings along Second Street abut the sidewalk, are predominantly brick, and two stories in height. Decorative detailing is limited to the cornice line, decorative brick banding and window hoods.

Following are descriptions of the most architecturally/historically significant buildings within the "Walnut Street Historic District." (Numbers correspond to the attached sketch map.)

1. Tenement Houses -- 414-422 Walnut Street: ca. 1880, 2 stories, painted Chaska brick, 6 bay principal facade, decorative brick banding over the first story, decorative brick window hoods, corbelled cornice, flat roof.
2. Dienslake Residence -- 412 Walnut Street: 1888, 2 stories, wood frame with asbestos siding, gable roof, 2 tiered porch on the south facade.
3. Chris Klein House/Chaska City Hall -- 205 East Fourth Street: ca. 1900, Neo-Classic/Georgian, 2½ stories, Chaska brick, hipped tile roof with dormers, full front porch with doric columns and second story balustrade.
5. Charles Klein House/Chaska Public Library -- 314 Walnut Street: ca. 1900, Neo-Classic/Georgian, 2½ stories, Chaska brick, hipped tile roof with dormers, full front porch.
6. Gibson Residence -- 308 Walnut Street: ca. 1896, wood frame, duplex, 2 tiered front porch.
7. K. K. Klammer House -- 302 Walnut Street: ca. 1896, Queen Anne, 2½ stories, Chaska brick, polygonal tower, full front enclosed porch.
8. Ess Brothers Foundry and Machine Shop -- 218 Walnut Street: 1866-1903, 2 stories, stuccoed brick, segmentally arched window hoods, corbelled cornice.
10. Frank Miessler House -- 206 Walnut Street: ca. 1865, 2 stories, Chaska brick, rectangular plan, 3 bay symmetrical facade with central front entry, gable roof, arched window hoods, brick decorative sills.
11. Second Faber and Linenfelser Store -- 200 Walnut Street: ca. 1863, Chaska brick, false front stepped gable, L-plan, fan window in front gable, 3 bay front facade, 2 tiered side porch.
12. First Faber and Linenfelser Store -- 123 Walnut Street: 1858, 2½ stories, painted Chaska brick, rectangular plan, stone lintels and sills, 2 tiered side porch, decorative cast iron columns in first story bricked-in store front.
14. George DuToit Bank -- Second Street: 1876, one story, false front, stuccoed brick, corbelled cornice.
15. Philip Henk Hardware Store -- East Second Street: 1876, 2 buildings joined by a common wall, 2 stories, Chaska brick, common cornice line, round arched window hoods.

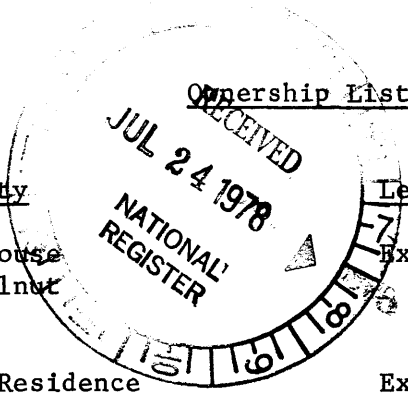
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17. Diedrick Building -- East Second Street: ca. 1880, 2 stories, Chaska brick, 3 bay front facade, blind arcade of semi-circular decorative windows on first story, decorative brick cornice.
18. ✓ Henry Young House -- 109 East Second Street: ca. 1860, 2 stories, Chaska brick, 3 bay symmetrical front facade, stone sills, gable roof.
19. "Pete and Barb's"-- Second Street: 1877, 2 stories, painted Chaska brick, 3 bay facade, blind arcade of semi-circular decorative windows on first story, decorative brick cornice.
21. K. Hammer Building -- 123 East Second Street: 1891, 2 stories, Chaska brick, bevelled corner entry, cornice composed of decorative frieze and corbelled brick, decorative stone banding separates stories, segmentally arched window hoods, stone sills.
22. ✓ Wolff House -- 207 Walnut Street: ca. 1880, 2 stories, wood frame with wood lapped siding, 3 bay front facade, side entry, full front porch, gable roof.
23. ✓ Ess House -- 211 Walnut Street: ca. 1865, Greek Revival, 2 stories, wood frame, broken pedimented gable, belly windows under eaves, side entry.
24. ✓ Ess House -- 217 Walnut Street: ca. 1870, 2 stories, stuccoed Chaska brick, L-plan, entry and porch in ell, 3 bay arrangement in projecting gable end, front entry retains transom and sidelights.
26. ✓ Public Square: Chaska's Public Square contains three prehistoric American Indian burial mounds, which are listed in the University of Minnesota site files as site #21-CR-2. Three additional mounds comprising the balance of this group were destroyed in the late 1800s by the development of the town of Chaska. A wood frame gazebo is located in the center of the square.
27. Moravian Church of Chaska: 1889, rectangular plan with corner towers, brick and wood, Romanesque arches, round stained glass window in south gable end, shingle decoration in gable ends.
28. ✓ Schmidt Residence -- 415 Walnut Street: ca. 1860, 2 stories, Chaska brick, entry on longitudinal access, full front porch, gabled roof, segmentally arched window hoods, one story shed addition on rear.
29. Nord Residence -- 423 Walnut Street: ca. 1875, 2 stories, wood frame with wood lapped siding, L-plan, turned posts and spindle work portiers on front porch, entries in projecting gable end and ell.

Verbal Boundary Description

Beginning at the center point of the intersection of Chestnut Street and Second Street; thence easterly along the centerline of Chestnut Street to the eastern extension of Lot 1 and 10, Block 44 of the Original Town of Chaska; thence northerly to the centerline of Walnut Street; thence westerly along this line to the centerline of Second Street; thence northerly along this line to the centerline of the alley between Walnut Street and Oak Street; thence westerly along this line to the centerline of Fifth Street; thence southerly along this line to the centerline of the alley between Chestnut Street and Walnut Street; thence easterly along this line to the centerline of Fourth Street; thence southerly along this line to the centerline of Chestnut Street; thence easterly along this line to the centerline of Third Street; thence northerly along this line to the centerline of the alley between Chestnut Street and Walnut Street; thence easterly along this line approximately 175'; thence southerly approximately 75' along this line; thence easterly to the centerline of Second Street; thence southerly along this line to the point of beginning.

Ownership List -- 'Walnut Street Historic District



<u>Name of Property</u>	<u>Legal Description</u>	<u>Owner -- Name and Address</u>
1. Tenement House 414-422 Walnut	Exc. R.R., Lots 9 and 10, Blk. 20	James A. and L. Worm 311 Maple Street Chaska, MN 55318
2. Dienslake Residence 412 Walnut	Exc. 20'x20' of Lot 8, Blk. 20	John and I. Dienslake 412 Walnut Street Chaska, MN 55318
3. Chris Klein House/City Hall 205 E. 4th Street	Lots 6 and 7, Blk. 20	City of Chaska 205 E. 4th Street Chaska, MN 55318
3a. Vacant Lot	20'x20' of Lot 8, Blk. 20	Minnegasco 733 Marquette Avenue Minneapolis, MN 55402
4. Steinberger Residence 320 Walnut	Lot 10, Blk. 29	Duane L. and R. Steinberger 320 Walnut Street Chaska, MN 55318
5. Charles Klein House/Library 314 Walnut	N. 50' of Lot 8, Blk. 29	City of Chaska 205 E. 4th Street Chaska, MN 55318
6. Gibson Residence 308 Walnut	N $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lot 7; S. 10' of Lot 8, Blk. 29	Grace Gibson 308 Walnut Street Chaska, MN 55318
7. K.K. Klammer House 302 Walnut	S. $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lot 7; Lot 6, Blk. 29	Allen and J. Brakemeier 302 Walnut Street Chaska, MN 55318
8. Ess Bros. Foundry 218 Walnut	Lots 9 and 10, Blk. 36	Ess Bros. and Sons, Inc. 218 Walnut Street Chaska, MN 55318

9. Edmund Ess Residence 212 Walnut	Lot 8, Blk. 36	Edmund Ess 212 Walnut Street Chaska, MN 55318
10. Miesslerer/Schutz House 206 Walnut	Lot 7, Blk. 36	John and M.M. Boegeman 206 Walnut Street Chaska, MN 55318
11. Second Faber and Linenfelser Store 200 Walnut	Lot 6, Blk. 36	Ruben E. Pearson 202½ Walnut Street Chaska, MN 55318
12. First Faber and Linenfelser Store 123 Walnut	E. 91' of Lot 1; Lot 2, Blk. 44	Clemence L. Fenske Construction Co. 7120 Third Ave. So. Richfield, MN 55423
13. Werner Store E. Second Street	E. 32' of W. 51' of Lot 1, Blk. 44	Lawrence A. and B. Werner Rte. 2, Box 93A Chaska, MN 55318
14. DuToit Bank E. Second Street	W. 19' of Lot 1, Blk. 44	Glenn F. and M. Priebe 602 W. First Street Chaska, MN 55318
15. Philip Henk Store/ Frontier Dodge E. Second Street	E. ½ of Lot 9; Lot 10, Blk. 44	Alfred and Edna Mittelstad 217 Pine Street Chaska, MN 55318
16. Anne Marne Decorating 224 Chestnut Street	E. 41' of W ½ of Lot 9; Lot 10, Blk. 44	Dale and S. Diedrick 203 Oak Street Chaska, MN 55318
17. Butch's Tavern 100 E. Second Street	W. 30' of Lot 9; Lot 10, Blk. 44	Diedrick Liquors, Inc. 100 E. Second Street Chaska, MN 55318
18. Henry Young House 109 E. Second Street	W. 120' of Lot 6, Blk. 37	Kenneth and L. Meuwissen 105 Locust Drive Chaska, MN 55318

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19. Hammer & Bierstettel Store 107 E. Second Street	E. 22' of Lot 6, Blk. 37	Peter and B. Shewchuk 507 Pine Street Chaska, MN 55318
20. Chaska Auto Body 115 E. Second Street	W. $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lot 5, Blk. 37	Neil J. Harrington 16211 Temple Dr. Hopkins, MN 55343
21. K. Hammer Bldg. 123 E. Second Street	E. $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lot 5, Blk. 37	Dennis A. Schramm 1520 Charlton #306 West St. Paul, MN 55118
22. 207 Walnut	Lot 4, Blk. 37	Clara Wolff 207 Walnut Street Chaska, MN 55318
23. Ess House 211 Walnut	Lot 3, Blk. 37	Laura Born 199 Elm Street Chaska, MN 55318
24. Ess House 217 Walnut Street	S. 4' of E. 94' of Lot 1, exc. Lot 6 by 48' of Lot 2, Blk. 37	Wallace and Lillian Ess 217 Walnut Street Chaska, MN 55318
25. Garage	Part of Lot 1, Blk. 37	City of Chaska 205 E. 4th Street Chaska, MN 55318
26. Public Square	Blk. 28	City of Chaska
27. Moravian Church Fourth and Walnut	S. 44' of Lot 3; Lots 4 and 5, Blk. 21	Moravian Church of Chaska 115 E. Fourth Street Chaska, MN 55318
28. Schmidt Residence 415 Walnut	N. 16' of Lot 4; Lot 2, Blk. 21	Estella Schmidt 415 Walnut Street Chaska, MN 55318
29. Nord Residence 423 Walnut Street	E. $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lot 1, Blk. 21	Norma and M. Nord 423 Walnut Street Chaska, MN 55318

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30. Vacant Lot

E. 55' of N. 56' of Lot 1, Blk. 37

Ess Bros. and Sons
218 Walnut Street
Chaska, MN 55318

31. Vacant Lot

W. 39' of N. 56' of E. 94' of Lot 1, Blk. 37

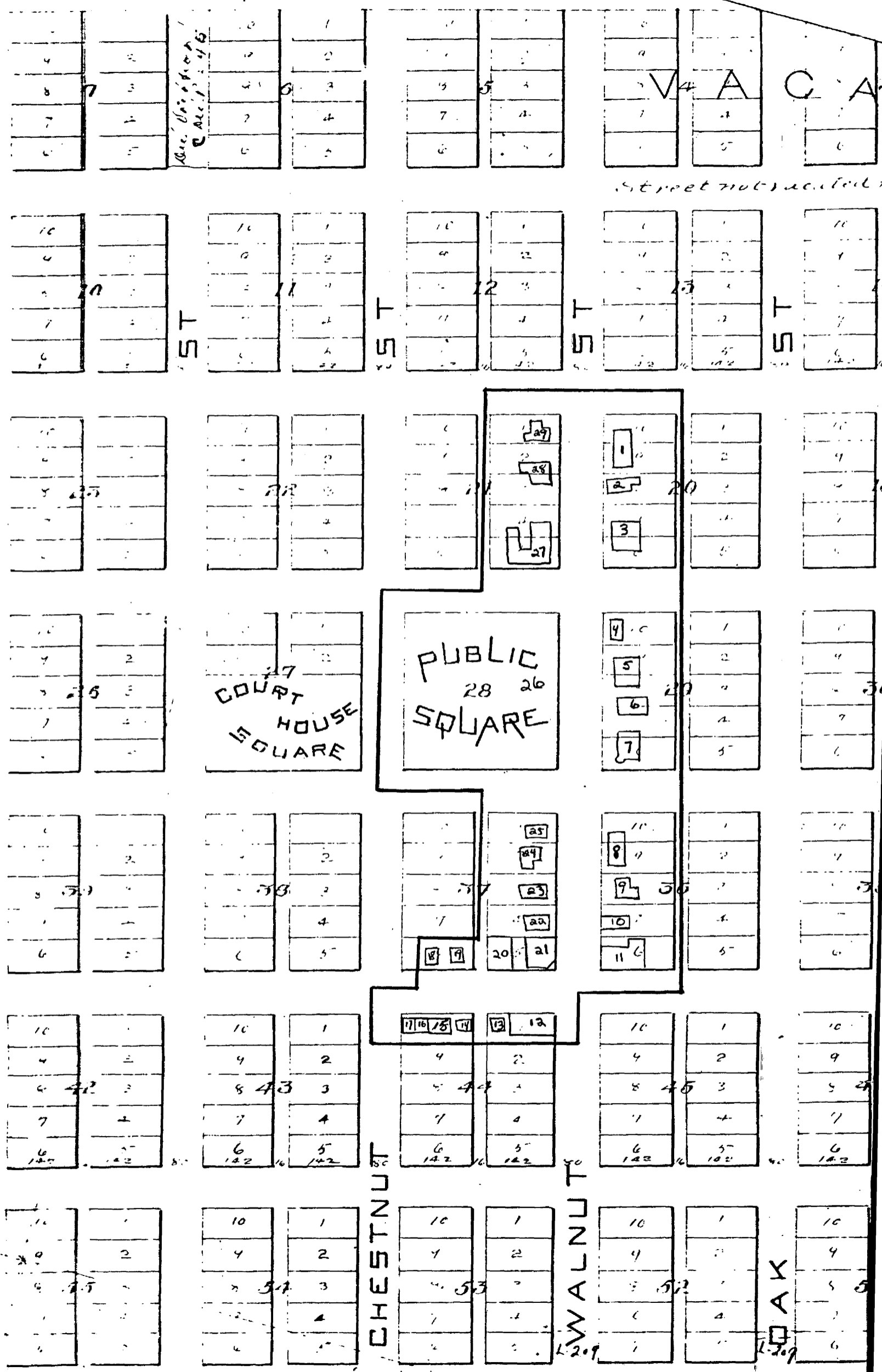
Norman A. and K. Monroe
P.O. Box 115
Chaska, MN 55318

"Walnut Street Historic District"

Area District
Call 1-46

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Street not included



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