

Historic Name: DuToit, Frederick E., House		County: Carver										
Common Name: Frederick E. DuToit House		Community: Chaska										
Owner's Name and Address: Mrs. Julianne DuToit Smith 121 Hickory Street Chaska, Minnesota 55318		Address/Legal Desc.: 121 Hickory Street										
Classification: Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure _____ Object _____ District _____		Acreage: Less than one acre.										
Condition: Excellent _____ Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair _____ Deteriorated _____		Verbal Boundary Desc.: Chaska Plat Lot 1 N. 5' Lot 2 Block 66										
Open to the Public: Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Visible from the road: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____											
Occupied: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____	Present Use: Residence											
History: Date Constructed: ca. 1870		UTM Reference: 15/452060/4958900 Shakopee Quad										
Architect/Builder: Unknown												
Description: <p>The Frederick E. DuToit House is located on a wooded lot at the southeastern edge of Chaska. This two story house is constructed of buff-colored Chaska brick (painted white) and wood. The irregular plan of the house is accentuated by porch projections, multi-gabled roof, two story bay window on the front facade, and a portico at the intersection of its two main axes. Decorative features that have been retained since its construction include segmentally arched window hoods and decorative brick panels.</p> <p>The house has been well preserved by the DuToit family for over one hundred years.</p>		Level of Significance: Local <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State _____ Nation _____										
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Significance: <p>The Frederick E. DuToit House is significant due to its association with the second generation of one of Chaska's leading families. Since 1855 the DuToit family has been involved with, and to a significant degree responsible for, Chaska's commercial growth.</p> <p>In 1866 Frederick E. DuToit purchased the <u>Chaska Herald</u> from Charles A. Warner. Warner first published this newspaper in 1862. At the time of its sale to DuToit, Warner noted that the paper had been published a greater length of time without interruption than any other paper issued in the county. The <u>Chaska Herald</u> was published by the DuToit family for over one hundred years.</p> <p>In addition to publishing the county's oldest continuously operating newspaper, Frederick E. DuToit was active in state and local politics. He was a representative in the legislature in 1872-3, and a state senator, 1899-1909.</p> <p>This well-preserved house has continuously been occupied by the DuToit family. Julianne DuToit Smith, granddaughter of Frederick E. DuToit, has preserved the house and a number of significant personal effects once owned by her grandfather.</p>		Theme/s: Primary <u>Communication</u> Secondary <u>Politics/Gov't</u> Other _____										
		Local Contact/Org.: Heritage Committee Carver County Historical Society										
		Prepared by and date: Lynne VanBrocklin Spaeth January, 1978										