

Historic Name: Maiser, Charles, House		County: Carver
Common Name:		Community: Waconia
Owner's Name and Address: Ms. Anna Schmitz 16 West Main Street Waconia, Minnesota 55387		Address/Legal Desc.: 16 West Main Street
Classification: Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure _____ Object _____ District _____		Acreage: Less than 1 acre
Condition: Excellent _____ Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair _____ Deteriorated _____		Verbal Boundary Desc.: Waconia Plat Lots 5, 6 Block 39
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. 1875 Architect/Builder: Unknown		UTM Reference: 15 / 437900 / 4966450 Waconia Quad
Original Owner: Charles Maiser Original Use: Residence		
Description: The Charles Maiser House is located on the eastern fringe of Waconia's major commercial street. It is a two story wood frame building with wood lapped siding. The truncated hipped roof is capped by a tall brick chimney. The front facade consists of three symmetrical bays, each formed by a window or door opening. Window and door surrounds are segmentally arched with scroll sawn decorative hoods. The first and second story doors contain Italianate styled doors. Scroll sawn brackets grace the cornice. As originally constructed, the house was polychrome and contained a one story full front porch with a second story balustraded deck. The balustrade was constructed of turned posts and urn shaped balusters. The porch posts were square with bevelled corners and scroll sawn quatrafoil spandræls These posts were (cont.)		Level of Significance: Local <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State _____ Nation _____
Significance: The Charles Maiser House is a significant architectural element on Waconia's main commercial street. In addition, it is significant due to its association with one of Waconia's most important industries -- the milling industry. This house is a well preserved two story, wood frame Italianate style building. It stands out as one of a few architecturally significant buildings in Waconia. The Maiser family, of German origin, was among the first families to settle in Waconia in 1859. In 1884, Benedict Maiser, Charles' father, began operating a grist mill, which he had secured under a mortgage sale. He operated the mill during the next sixteen years, rebuilding it three times and enlarging its capacity to 75 barrels a day, and installing the roller process of manufacture, which he was among the first to introduce in Minnesota. When the railroad was constructed through Waconia, he converted the mill into a merchant mill. In 1900 Benedict sold the mill to his son, Charles. Charles and later his three sons operated the mill until 1967.		Status: Survey _____ Date _____ Local _____ State <u>10/77</u> Nat'l. Reg. _____ Nat'l. Land. _____ HABS/HAER _____
		Theme/s: Primary <u>Industry</u> Secondary <u>Architecture</u> Other _____
		Local Contact/Org.: Heritage Committee, Carver County Historical Society
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set on plinths with recessed panels. The porch was removed at the turn-of-the-century and replaced with a Neo-Classic style full front porch composed of three ionic columns set on locally manufactured cast concrete plinths. A one story addition was added soon after and the entire house was painted white, in keeping with the Neo-Classic porch.

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