

Historic Name: "Courthouse Saloon"		County: Carver
Common Name: Simons Block and Livery Barn		Community: Chaska
Owner's Name and Address: Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Simons 123 West Third Street Chaska, Minnesota 55318		Address/ Legal Desc. : 123 West Third Street
Classification: Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Object _____ District _____		Acreage: Less than one acre.
Condition: Excellent _____ Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair _____ Deteriorated _____		Verbal Boundary Desc.: Chaska Plat N. $\frac{1}{2}$ of W. $\frac{1}{2}$ Lot 9 W. $\frac{1}{2}$ Lot 10 Block 38
Open to the Public: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____ Attorney's office only	Visible from the road: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____	
Occupied: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____	Present Use: Residence and Attorney's office	
History: Date Constructed: 1888-1890s Original Owner: Anton Simons Architect/Builder: Unknown Original Use: Saloon, Residence, Hotel & Livery		
Description: The Simons Block and Livery Barn are located at the eastern end of Chaska's business district at the intersection of West Third Street and Pine Street. The east section of the block is two stories in height and constructed of Chaska brick on a stone foundation. It has a three bay symmetrical facade. A corbelled cornice runs the length of the Pine and Third Street facades. A decorative semi-circular decorative comb is centrally located on the cornice. The original second story porch has been removed. The second story porch door has been altered to a window. The west section of the block is a two story, Chaska brick building constructed on a stone foundation. A balustraded porch runs the full length of the first story. A pediment is centrally located over the front entry. A corbelled cornice (Cont.)		Level of Significance: Local <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State _____ Nation _____
Significance: The Simons Block and Livery Barn are two of Chaska's best preserved commercial/residential buildings to survive from the decade of the 1880s. These buildings are the only historic buildings remaining on an intersection that once formed a significant corner in Chaska. The Italianate styled courthouse, since demolished, occupied the "Courthouse Square" directly across from the Simons Block. Anton Simons built the east portion of this building and the livery barn in 1888. He operated a saloon, the "Courthouse Saloon," and a hotel in the second story for a number of years. The livery barn was used to quarter the livestock of saloon and hotel patrons. The west section, or residence, was built in the 1890s for the Simons family. A number of significant architectural features remain on the exterior facade of the block. The well preserved brick work, the brick corbelled cornice, the segmentally arched window hoods, and the semi-circular roof comb represent some of the best preserved commercial architecture in Chaska.		Status: Survey _____ Date _____ Local _____ State <u>9/77</u> Nat'l. Reg. _____ Nat'l. Land. _____ HABS/HAER _____
		Theme/s: Primary <u>Commerce</u> Secondary <u>Architecture</u> Other _____
		Local Contact/Org.: Heritage Committee, Carver County Historical Society
		Prepared by and date: January 1978 Lynne VanBrocklin Spaeth

Description: Continuation

and segmentally arched window hoods reflect the architectural elements of the east section.

The livery barn, to the rear of the Simons Block and facing Pine Street, is a simple rectangular brick structure.