

MINNESOTA HISTORIC PROPERTIES INVENTORY FORM

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HISTORIC NAME: Kremer, Peter, House COUNTY: Faribault
 CURRENT NAME: Same CITY/TWP.: Minnesota Lake
 LEGAL DESC.: See continuation sheet ADDRESS: Main and Fourth Street
 Minnesota Lake, MN 56068

CLASSIFICATION:	CONDITION:	SIGNIFICANCE:	THEME/S:
Building <u> X </u>	Excellent <u> X </u>	Local <u> X </u>	Primary <u> Commerce </u>
Structure <u> </u>	Good <u> </u>	State <u> </u>	Secondary <u> Architecture </u>
Object <u> </u>	Fair <u> </u>	National <u> </u>	Others <u> </u>
District <u> </u>	Deteriorated <u> </u>		

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Yes No X Restricted PRESENT USE:
 VISIBLE FROM THE ROAD: Yes X No Residence
 OCCUPIED: Yes X No

DATE CONSTRUCTED: 1906 ORIGINAL USE: Residence
 ORIGINAL OWNER: Peter Kremer ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Peter Kremer

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Farmers National Bank Minnesota Lake, MN 56068	ACREAGE: Less than one acre <u> X </u>
LOCAL CONTACT/ORG.: Faribault County Historical Society 405 E. 6th Street, Blue Earth, MN 56013	UTM REFERENCE: Minnesota Lake Quad. 7.5
FORM PREPARED BY: Susan Roth	UTM References 15 / 433080 / 4854500
DATE: November 1979	

DESCRIPTION:

The Peter Kremer House is located on a large lot on Main Street in Minnesota Lake. The house, built in 1906, is constructed of red brick on a limestone foundation. Stone is also used in the window lintels, sills and water table. The 2½ story building is of irregular plan with a complex hip/gable roof and a three story circular tower capped by a conical roof with finial. The full front porch retains the pedimented projecting portico, although square posts have replaced the original paired porch columns and the porch balustrade has been removed. The front gable is embellished by a tri-partite, multi-paned window. There is an enclosed entry addition in the rear. The conversion of the house to a duplex has resulted in no significant alterations to the exterior.

SIGNIFICANCE:

The Peter Kremer House is significant for its association with Peter Kremer, Minnesota Lake's most enthusiastic promoter and commercial developer, and as one of the most prominent residential structures in the city. Kremer was born in Lorraine France in 1839 and emigrated to the United States in 1850. After residing in New York and Wisconsin he moved to Minnesota Lake in 1874. Immediately he became commercially active in the community, and is noted for establishing a local flour mill, stockyards, bank, and creamery in addition to dealing in the grain and cattle trade. Kremer's political activity included numerous terms as president of the village board, county commissioner, township board supervisor, marshall and accessor. The house, built in 1906, incorporates features of the late Queen Anne style: irregular massing, intersecting roof line and rounded turret. Although Kremer's house, located in the center of Minnesota Lake's main business street, was built near the end of his life, it stands as a reminder of his position in the community and the impact he had in its commercial development.

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Peter Kremer House - cont.

Legal Description

To A Tract commencing 50 feet west of the North West corner of Lot Seven (7) Corrected Plat of the Village of Minnesota Lake, Faribault County, Minnesota, on file and of record in the office of the Register of Deeds of said County, thence West on the North line of Lot Two (2) Corrected Plat to the East line of an established Alley running North and South through said Lot Two (2) aforesaid, thence South along the east line of said Alley to a point $30\frac{1}{2}$ feet North of the South line of said Lot Two (2) aforesaid, thence East to the West line of Main Street in said Village of Minnesota Lake, thence Northerly along west line of Main Street to a point 21 feet North of the Southeast corner of Lot Seven (7) aforesaid, thence West 200 feet thence North to North line of said Lot Two (2) aforesaid being point of beginning. Excepting therefrom the South 15 feet 3 inches of the East 198 feet thereof, and excepting therefrom the West 200 feet thereof.

The above described land is located on Government Lot Two (2) in Section Four (4) Township One Hundred Four (104) North of Range Twenty-five (25) West of the Fifth Principal Meridian in the County of Faribault, State of Minnesota.