

Historic Name: Harms Bar		County: Carver
Common Name: Harms Bar		Community: Norwood
Owner's Name and Address: Mr. and Mrs. George Harms Norwood, Minnesota		Address/ Legal Desc. : Elm and Hazel Streets
Classification: Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure _____ Object _____ District _____		Acres: Less than one acre.
Condition: Excellent _____ Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair _____ Deteriorated _____		Verbal Boundary Desc.: Norwood Plat W. 15' Lot 3 Lot 4 Block 3
Open to the Public: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____ Business hours only	Visible from the road: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____	
Occupied: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____	Present Use: Bar and Residence	
History: Date Constructed: ca.1890 Architect/Builder: Unknown		UTM Reference: 15/426600 / 4957300 Waconia Quad
Original Owner: Winter Brothers Original Use: Saloon and meeting hall		
Description: Harms Bar is located at the corner of Elm and Hazel Streets in the central business district of Norwood. It is a two story frame building executed on an "L" plan. The orientation of this plan allows for the commercial section of the building to front directly on the street, whereas the residential section of the building is set back to allow space for a front porch and small lawn. The entire building is sheathed in clapboard and capped by a gable roof. The gable end of the commercial section forms the street facade. Original fenestration has been retained, including such features as arrangement of the store-front, four-over-four double hung windows with peaked cornices, and a semi-circular fan-light in the gable. The second floor of this section served originally as a meeting hall and is accessible via an (see continuation sheet)		Level of Significance: Local <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State _____ Nation _____
Significance: Harms Bar is the best preserved and oldest "thirst parlor establishment" in Norwood. It is a significant and dominant architectural feature in Norwood's small business district. The first liquor license in Norwood was issued to the original owners of this building - the Winter Brothers - in 1891. The "thirst parlor" was located in the first floor of the "commercial" ell of the building. The second floor was reserved as a meeting hall for such fraternal organizations as the Degree of Honor and Modern Woodmen. The two story rear section of the building served as the proprietor's living quarters. Harms Bar building continues to serve its original function as a combination commercial/residential building. It is excellently maintained and has retained a significant degree of original design integrity. The Harms family has operated the saloon and lived in the residential section since 1934.		Status: Survey _____ Date _____ Local _____ State <u>10/77</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
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exterior enclosed staircase.

The residential section of the building is divided into three bays which front on the street. A one story porch runs the length of this facade; the porch is a simple configuration and is supported by three square posts with beveled corners. Windows are of the two-over-two double hung variety and are capped with simple flat cornices.

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**Note: These changes apply to
Harms Bar in Carver County,
Minnesota.**

REFERENCE NUMBER: 80001979

STATE: MINNESOTA

COUNTY: Carver

RESOURCE NAME (HISTORIC): Winter Saloon

CITY:

VICINITY OF:

ADDRESS:

CERTIFICATION DATE:

REMOVED DATE:

COMMENTS:

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State Historic Preservation Officer

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