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INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1 NAME**

\* \* HISTORIC

Tower View

AND/OR COMMON

Tower View

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

W of Red Wing on US 61  
NE 1/4, Section 29, T112N, R15W

CITY, TOWN

 VICINITY OF Red Wing

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Minnesota

CODE

27

COUNTY

Goodhue

CODE

049

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

 DISTRICT BUILDING(S) STRUCTURE SITE OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

 PUBLIC PRIVATE BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

 IN PROCESS BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

 OCCUPIED UNOCCUPIED WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

 YES: RESTRICTED YES: UNRESTRICTED NO

## PRESENT USE

 AGRICULTURE COMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL ENTERTAINMENT GOVERNMENT INDUSTRIAL MILITARY MUSEUM PARK PRIVATE RESIDENCE RELIGIOUS SCIENTIFIC TRANSPORTATION OTHER: unoccupied**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Chesley

STREET &amp; NUMBER

300 Hill Street

CITY, TOWN

Red Wing

VICINITY OF

STATE

Minnesota

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Goodhue County Courthouse

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Red Wing

STATE

Minnesota

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Statewide Historic Sites Survey

DATE

1973

 FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Building 25, Fort Snelling -- Minnesota Historical Society

CITY, TOWN

Saint Paul

STATE

Minnesota

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Tower View is situated within the city limits of Red Wing in Goodhue County, approximately fifty miles from the Twin Cities metropolitan area. It is located on the north side of U.S. Highway 61 at its intersection with County Highway 19 and overlooks the Cannon River Valley. Buildings consist of a twelve room house, a laboratory building connected to a building of industrial type construction, greenhouse, a barn, granary, several farm related structures, and a machine shed.

The Georgian Revival styled house was built in 1916 of reinforced concrete faced with red brick. Georgian Revival characteristics include the rectangular plan, hipped roof, symmetrical facade, Roman-Doric colonnaded full front porch with paired columns at the corners, doric pilasters, and rectangular double hung sash windows. Cut stone forms window surrounds and quoins. The red tile roof is characteristic of Spanish Colonial Revival architecture.

The laboratory complex, built in 1916, is constructed of reinforced concrete with red tile roof. The main portion of the laboratory is executed in the Georgian Revival style. The front facade is divided into a symmetrical three bay facade. A semicircular coffered awning supported by brackets projects over the main entry. The double hung sash windows are bordered with cut stone. The cut stone is repeated at the corners by forming decorative quoins.

The laboratory complex is divided into three interconnected units, which in recent years have been used for office space, small executive offices, conference rooms, drafting, laboratory, and shop areas, with a central assembly, crane bay, and loading area. Total length of the buildings is 144 feet; the total width varies from 40 to 47 feet.

The water tower is constructed of reinforced concrete with red brick facing and a red tile roof.

The buildings are presently unoccupied. It is the desire of the owners to rent them to a suitable industry, business firm, or research facility which could make use of the unique characteristics of the buildings.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1916 - present

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Tower View is significant both as a unique complex of buildings including a residence, laboratory, greenhouse, barn, granary, farm related structures, and a machine shed and as the location where significant research activities were undertaken.

The group of buildings was built in 1916 by Professor Alexander P. Anderson, botanist specializing in starch research and originator of puffed cereals. During his lifetime, the laboratory buildings were used for research and development of cereal products on a pilot plant scale for the Quaker Oats Company of Chicago, Illinois. Upon retirement of Professor Anderson, a non-profit organization, and Anderson Institute for Biological Research was established. Biological and medical research was carried out in the laboratory for a number of years prior to World War II. In the fall of 1945, Central Research Laboratories, Inc., a Minnesota corporation, was founded by three men from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. This company, now a principal manufacturer of remote control handling devices, moved into the laboratory buildings and remained in them from 1945-1961. The Interstate Rehabilitation Center, Inc., occupied the laboratory buildings from 1961 until 1975.

The residence and farm related structures were occupied by the Anderson family until 1975. Family descendants are presently seeking an adaptive use for the complex. It is the desire of the family to encourage the use of the buildings for an environmental education center. In many ways, this use of the property would be consistent with the views of their father, who himself was a teacher, both in Minnesota pioneer schools and as a professor of botany at the University of Minnesota and Clemson College in South Carolina.

