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Historic Name: Herald Block

County: Carver

Common Name: Herald Block

Community: Chaska

Owner's Name and Address: McGarry Printing and Office Supply
123 West Second Street
Chaska, Minnesota 55318Address/Legal Desc.:
123 West Second Street

Classification:

Acreage:

Building Structure _____ Object _____ District _____

Less than 1 acre

Condition:

Verbal Boundary Desc.:

Excellent _____ Good Fair _____ Deteriorated _____Chaska Plat
W. 47' Lot 9
Lot 10
Block 43

Open to the Public:

Visible from the road:

Yes No _____
Office hours onlyYes No _____

Occupied:

Present Use:

Yes No _____Newspaper Office and Office Supply
Store

History:

UTM Reference:

Date Constructed: 1871

Original Owner: Frederick E.
Du Toit

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Architect/Builder: Unknown

Original Use: Newspaper
Office

Shakopee Quad

Description:

Level of Significance:

The Herald Block is located at the southeast corner of Pine and Second Streets at the western end of Chaska's major commercial street. The Herald Block is composed of two buildings each two stories in height and joined by a common wall.

Local _____

The front facade of the corner building is composed of a symmetrical three bay facade. The first story contains a triple arched arcade. The semi-circular keystone arches are set on cast iron columns. A corbelled cornice runs the length of the two street facades. A datestone is located in the frieze. Alterations to the exterior of the building include a rear one story addition and removal of a two story staircase.

State _____

The western section of the block was added in the 1880s. This building originally housed a furniture store. At the turn-of-the-century the newspaper enlarged and moved its offices and some - cont.

Nation _____

Status:

Survey _____ Date _____

Local _____

State _____

Nat'l. Reg. _____

Nat'l. Land. _____

HABS/HAER _____

Significance:

Theme/s:

This block is significant as the Chaska Herald's place of publication for 107 years. Since 1871, the Chaska Herald has been written, edited and printed in this block. Of added significance is the fact that one of Chaska's historically significant families -- the Du Toit family -- published the Chaska Herald from 1866 to 1969.

Primary Communications _____

Secondary _____

Other _____

In 1862, when Charles Warner first published this paper, it was the fourth one to be established in Carver County. When he sold the paper to Frederick E. Du Toit in 1866, Warner noted that it had been published a greater length of time without interruption than any other paper issued in the county. A turn-of-the-century Minnesota Historical Society report noted that of 151 newspapers begun between 1858 and 1862, only twelve were being published. The Chaska Herald was one of those twelve.

Local Contact/Org.:
Heritage Committee,
Carver County Historical
Society

Prepared by and date:

This block retains its original design integrity, a significant amount of original furnishings and provides adequate space to fulfill its original purpose.

Lynne VanBrocklin Spaeth
January 1978

Description -- continued

printing equipment into this building. This building is two stories in height and constructed of buff-colored Chaska brick. Brick corbelling runs the length of the cornice. A decorative brick band separates the two stories of the building.

The Herald Block is in a good state of preservation and continues to serve its original function.