

MINNESOTA HISTORIC PROPERTIES INVENTORY FORM

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HISTORIC NAME: Minneapolis Trust-Company Commercial Building COUNTY: Pine

CURRENT NAME: TV Radio Service Center

CITY/TWP.: Sandstone

LEGAL DESC.: That part of Lot 7, Block 19, Original Plat of Sandstone Quarries described as follows: A strip of land 23½ feet wide commencing at Main Street and running southeast along Fourth Street 63½ feet in the westerly half of Lot 7.

ADDRESS: NE corner of Main and Fourth Street

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

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Yes X No _____ Restricted X

VISIBLE FROM THE ROAD: Yes X No _____

OCCUPIED: Yes X No _____

PRESENT USE:
TV Radio Service Center

DATE CONSTRUCTED: 1894

ORIGINAL USE: Commercial building

ORIGINAL OWNER: Minneapolis Trust Company

ARCHITECT/BUILDER:

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Raymond Stockamp
Sandstone, MN 55072

ACREAGE: Less than one acre X

LOCAL CONTACT/ORG.: Pine County Historical Society
Askov, MN 55704

UTM REFERENCE:
Sandstone Quad. 15

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DATE: March 1980

DESCRIPTION:

The Minneapolis Trust Company commercial building occupies a single commercial lot on the northeast corner of Main Avenue and Fourth Street in the heart of Sandstone's business district.

The two story rectangular structure, measuring 20' by 60', is constructed of locally quarried Kettle River sandstone. The rock faced ashlar stone is coursed on the first story and broken on the second story. A narrow band of slightly projecting stones forms a belt course between the two layers of stone on the west (front) and south sides. The building is topped by a simple stone parapet and cornice. Two stone chimneys penetrate the structure's flat roof on the south side, one in a central location and the other to the building's rear.

The front facade second floor is pierced by a palladian window with a one-over-one double hung sash window in the center flanked by two two-over-two double hung windows. The arched lintel above the center window consists of stone laid in a radiating voussoir pattern. Five evenly spaced two-over-two double hung windows and a door are located on the south side of the second story. (All second floor windows have been boarded over to prevent vandalism.) Four fixed single light windows and a front and rear entrance are situated directly below the second story openings at the first level. The original storefront infill, which once included a corner entrance from either street, has been replaced; currently, the building is accessible only from Fourth Street. The stone fabric of the building remains intact.

SIGNIFICANCE:

The Minneapolis Trust Company commercial building is significant primarily for its association with the rapid rebuilding of Sandstone after the noted Hinckley Fire of September 1, 1894. Railroad magnate James J. Hill and son-in-law Samuel Hill, president of the Eastern Minnesota Railroad, entertained grandiose plans for Sandstone after its destruction in the fire. The Hills decided to move the divisional headquarters of the railroad from Hinckley to Sandstone and took an active role in increasing production at the local Sandstone Quarries previously operated on a limited scale. The Minneapolis Trust Company, of which Samuel was president and James a prominent board member, purchased 225 acres of land north of the old townsite and platted the new community of Sandstone Quarries. The plat was filed October 30. In encouraging rapid development of the new town, the company built several buildings, including this two story sandstone structure. The building, erected within three months of the fire, housed commercial establishments for several years before becoming the Sandstone State Bank in 1906.

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Sandstone, MN
Pine County

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