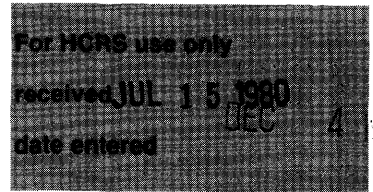


**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**



See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Emmett Butler House

and/or common Salsich House

2. Location

street & number 2530 3rd Ave. West ___ not for publication

city, town Hibbing ___ vicinity of congressional district 8th District

state Minnesota code 22 county St. Louis code 137

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Jack Fena

street & number 2530 3rd Ave. West

city, town Hibbing ___ vicinity of state Minnesota

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.

street & number St. Louis County Court House

city, town Duluth state Minnesota

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Condition excellent good fair deteriorated ruins unexposed**Check one** unaltered altered**Check one** original site moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Emmett Butler House represents an extremely simplified variant on the Colonial/Georgian Revival style residences constructed in Minnesota during the first decades of the 20th century. Evidence for stylistic influences are found in the symmetrical front facade comprised of an odd number of bays, three. Emphasis is placed on the central entry, flanked by sidelight windows and shielded by a gabled portico. A dominant element in the design is a two story sun and sleeping porch attached to the south facade of the building. The building is situated on a well-landscaped corner lot. It is three stories high and has stucco facades. The 2½ car garage is connected to the main house by a tunnel. The tunnel is still there but has had heating pipes installed in them.

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
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<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1916 **Builder/Architect** Butler Bros.

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Emmett Butler House is significant both for its architecture and for its association with Emmett Butler, its original owner and builder. Butler was a dominant figure in the Butler Brothers Construction Company, a firm which constructed numerous well-known buildings in Minnesota, including the State Capital, and many mining structures on the Iron Range. Butler Brothers were deeply involved in the move of North Hibbing to Hibbing, particularly as contractors but also politically. This latter activity frequently took place in this house.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Lorraine DeMillo, The Moving of North Hibbing (1977)

10. Geographical Data

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Acreeage of nominated property less than 1

UTM NOT VERIFIED

Quadrangle name Hibbing

Quadrangle scale 7.5

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

The building is located on Lots 13 through 16, Block 2, Hibbing Heights Addition, Hibbing, Minnesota

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Charles Skrief, Director, State Historic Preservation Office

organization Minnesota Historical Society

date September 10, 1979

street & number 240 Summit Avenue,

telephone 612-296-9070

city or town St. Paul

state Minnesota

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Russell W. Fridley
Russell W. Fridley

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date 6/28/80

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

W. Ray Luce
Keeper of the National Register

date 12/9/80

Attest:

[Signature]
Chief of Registration

date 1/2/81

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

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Add to Description:

The Emmett Butler House occupies the site on which it was originally constructed, and, therefore, was not affected by relocation activities as were many buildings moved from North to South Hibbing during the second decade of the twentieth century. The exterior remains virtually unaltered with the exception of the original clapboard siding which has been sheathed with stucco. The interior (with the exception of the kitchen) has remained in its original state.

Add to Significance:

The Butler Brothers began their careers in the construction trades, each being accomplished in engineering, masonry, and mechanics. Their work ranged in scale and distinction from ore docks, railway buildings, bridges and roads to tall office buildings and the Minnesota State Capitol. Emmett Butler was the youngest of the six Butler brothers; of these five were directly involved in the development of the iron mining industry on the Mesaba Range. By 1913, the Butler Brothers had eighteen mines under contract and began to take out leases on others. The Butlers are credited with the development of innovations in strip-mining, the giant steam shovel, the underground conveyor, and the heavy media process (for increased recovery of iron ore). Of the six Butler brothers, Emmett was most involved in managing and promoting iron range properties, continuing to supervise Butler Brothers' operations through the 1930's and 1940's. The Butler Brothers' properties were sold to the Hanna Mining Company in 1948. The Emmett Butler House in Hibbing was later sold to LeRoy Salsich, a former president of the Oliver Mining Company. Salsich was extremely influential in the North Hibbing Purchase Committee responsible for the move of North Hibbing to South Hibbing which encouraged mining development.