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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**  
Advance Thresher Building/Emerson-Newton ~~Plow~~ Company *Bldgs*  
AND/OR COMMON  
Advance Thresher Building/Emerson-Newton Plow Company

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER: 700-704 South Third Street  
CITY, TOWN: Minneapolis  
STATE: Minnesota  
VICINITY OF: 5th  
CODE: 27  
COUNTY: Hennepin  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 5th  
CODE: 053

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME: Donald E. Litin  
STREET & NUMBER: 302 Bridle Lane  
CITY, TOWN: Hopkins  
STATE: Minnesota  
VICINITY OF: \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Hennepin County Government Center - Registry of Deeds  
STREET & NUMBER: Fifth Street South at Third Avenue  
CITY, TOWN: Minneapolis  
STATE: Minnesota

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE: Statewide Historic Sites Survey  
DATE: 1974  
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Minnesota Historical Society, Building 25, Fort Snelling  
CITY, TOWN: St. Paul  
STATE: Minnesota

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" 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

The Advance Thresher Building and the Emerson-Newton Plow Company building are actually two structures erected four years apart on adjoining lots at the northeast corner of the intersection of South Third Street and Park Avenue in the central business district of Minneapolis. These post-and-beam-within-bearing-wall structures were designed as two manufacturing-assembly plants for farm machinery. The interiors, therefore, are simple and unadorned; however, the exterior facades comprise a lavish combination of terra-cotta and yellow brick.

Ground floors on both structures consist of five bays, the central three of which form the entrance portal. Terra-cotta ornament in a stylized combination of the organic and the geometric defines the entry in psuedo-Neo-classic pilasters, architrave, and cornice. Flanking the entry are two elaborate terra-cotta cartouches; that of the Advance Thresher Building boasts two "A"'s whereas that of the Emerson-Newton Plow Company boasts an "E" and an "N".

A projecting brick string course separates the ground floors from the upper storeys. This area in each building is divided into three central bays flanked by massive brick corner piers. At the mid-point of each pier is a large terra-cotta cartouche which again bear the names and symbols of the appropriate companys. Unobvious at first glance is the difference in storiation of the two buildings. The Advance Thresher Building is divided into five storeys above the ground floor, whereas the Emerson-Newton Building is divided into six storeys. This is accomplished subtly in the similar vertical division of the facades and in the similar placement of ornamental terra-cotta panels between windows. Brick pilasters flanking the windows are capped with terra-cotta capitals in the Neo-Classic mode.

The cornice area above is defined by a secondary brick string course. Directly above the window bays is a space allotted for the company names; this space is also enframed with terra-cotta. The projecting cornices of both structures are metal and are of equal height and proportion as to creat the effect of a single sight-line.

Both structures are presently under-utilized and no longer serve their original functions. Architectural integrity, however, has been preserved and the exteriors of both buildings are unaltered.

# 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 type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1900, 1904

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Kees and Colburn

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Advance Thresher Building and the Emerson-Newton Plow Company building designed by the Minneapolis architectural firm of Kees and Colburn in 1900 and 1904 respectively are excellent examples of the Sullivanesque influence on the design of large-scale commercial/industrial in Minneapolis at the turn of the century. This influence is shown in the combination of brick and terracotta in an integral facade design, as in the broad projecting cornice. These two buildings are "... unique among Minneapolis buildings on adjoining lots in that the architects recognized the architectural character of the earlier building in designing that erected later. Further, they skillfully diverted attention from the fact that the two structures, while equal in height, do not have the same number of storeys."

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These buildings have been recognized as architecturally significant in a study compiled by the Minneapolis Planning Commission in 1969 and are presently on a "candidate" list for preservation by the Minneapolis Heritage Preservation Commission.



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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

for Keeper Helene Lynn  
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**Note: These changes apply to  
Advance Thresher/Emerson-Newton  
Company Buildings in Hennepin  
County, Minnesota.**

**REFERENCE NUMBER:** 77000736

**STATE:** MINNESOTA

**COUNTY:** Hennepin

**RESOURCE NAME (HISTORIC):** Advance Thresher/Emerson-Newton  
Implement Company

**CITY:**

**VICINITY OF:**

**ADDRESS:**

**CERTIFICATION DATE:**

**REMOVED DATE:**

**COMMENTS:**

*Nina M. Archabal*  
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**Nina M. Archabal**  
**State Historic Preservation Officer**

**JUN 17 1988**  
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**Date**