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Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

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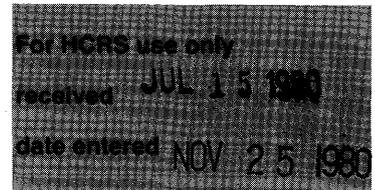
1. Name

historic   Park Hotel

and/or common

2. Location

street & number   222 Adams Avenue   ___ not for publication

city, town   Eveleth   ___ vicinity of   congressional district   8th

state   Minnesota   code 22   county   St. Louis   code 137

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	_X_ occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
_X_ building(s)	_X_ private	___ unoccupied	_X_ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	___ private residence
___ site	**Public Acquisition**	**Accessible**	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	___ yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	_X_ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
		___ no	___ military	___ other:

4. Owner of Property

name   Geno Marcaccini

street & number   227 Chandler

city, town   Eveleth   ___ vicinity of   state   Minnesota

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.   St. Louis County Courthouse

street & number

city, town   Duluth   state   Minnesota

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title   has this property been determined elegible?   ___ yes _X_ no

date   ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records

city, town   state

7. Description

Condition

___ excellent   ___ deteriorated

_X_ good   ___ ruins

___ fair   ___ unexposed

Check one

___ unaltered

_X_ altered

Check one

_X_ original site

___ moved   date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Located on a sloping site at the northeast corner of Adams Avenue and Pierce Street in Eveleth, the Park Hotel is a three story brick structure on a rubble stone foundation. It is executed on an "L" plan, the interior of the "L" facing the alley to the rear. Aside from the simple corbelled cornice, the yellow brick structure is nearly without architectural embellishment. A one-story wrap around porch with square columns and turned spindlework balustrade leads to the principal entrance to the combination lobby and former Interurban Railway Depot.

The Park Hotel continues to function as a hotel, although more residential than transient. Original windows have been replaced with modern sash.

8. Significance

Period

___ prehistoric
___ 1400–1499
___ 1500–1599
___ 1600–1699
___ 1700–1799
___ 1800–1899
_X_ 1900–

Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

___ archeology-prehistoric
___ archeology-historic
___ agriculture
___ architecture
___ art
_X_ commerce
___ communications

___ community planning
___ conservation
___ economics
___ education
___ engineering
___ exploration/settlement
___ industry
___ invention

___ landscape architecture
___ law
___ literature
___ military
___ music
___ philosophy
___ politics/government

___ religion
___ science
___ sculpture
___ social/
    humanitarian
___ theater
_X_ transportation
___ other (specify)

Specific dates ca. 1900/1904   **Builder/Architect**

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Park Hotel, a substantial hotel structure in Eveleth, was chosen as one of the major depots in the early Interurban Railway System. This system was a part of the Mesaba Railway Company that operated on the Iron Range from 1912 to 1927. Its tracks extended from Hibbing on the west to Gilbert on the east. It was the first and last mass transit system in the iron mining region. Although unrelated to the actual mining operation, the railway was developed in response to the needs of merchants in the large Range communities of Hibbing, Virginia, Eveleth, and Gilbert to provide an inexpensive means of transportation. Of the many systems resulting from great speculation in rail transit in the United States during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, the Iron Range system was one of the larger experiments. The development of the automobile along with diminishing economic returns brought about the demise of the Interurban Railway System.

The hotel is significant, therefore, both as a historically important hotel and as a depot in an important early transit system.

9. Major Bibliographical References

None

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property __less than 1__   **ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED**

Quadrangle name __Eveleth__   Quadrangle scale __7.5__

UTM NOT VERIFIED

UMT References

A |1,5| |5|3,4|8,4,0| |5,2|5,6|7,0,0| B |__| |__,__,__| |__,__,__|
  Zone Easting   Northing   Zone Easting   Northing

C |__| |__,__,__| |__,__,__| D |__| |__,__,__| |__,__,__|

E |__| |__,__,__| |__,__,__| F |__| |__,__,__| |__,__,__|

G |__| |__,__,__| |__,__,__| H |__| |__,__,__| |__,__,__|

Verbal boundary description and justification

The Park Hotel is encompassed within a square parcel of land 100 feet by 100 feet
bordering on the northeast corner of Adams Avenue and Pierce Street in Eveleth.

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

state	code	county	code
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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   _X_ 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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Add to Description:

In addition to window replacement, the principal alterations to
the exterior of the Park Hotel have been to the porch structure.
These include replacement of the stone supporting piers and turned
columns with square wooden posts, the removal of the second story
balustrade, and the relocation of the central entry staircase to
a corner position.

Add to Significance:

Change date from c. 1900 to 1904.

The Park Hotel, originally known as the Hotel Glode (for its
proprietor, John Glode) was considered in its first years of
operation the leading hostelry on the Mesaba Iron Range. For its
period, the hotel was modern in its appointments, providing
parlors, reading and writing rooms, sample rooms, seventy guest
rooms, and large dining room, all with steam heat and electricity.
It was the scene of major meetings and conferences and gained a reputation
as a prominent resort hotel for tourists. It played a critical
role in the early commercial life of the Mesaba Range by serving
as a hotel for salesmen and a base from which they could promote
and sell their products. Its location on one of the highest points
of the city made it a prominent architectural feature in the
community.

Add to Bibliography:

Virginia Enterprise, 1909