

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Requested Action: Removal  
Property Name: Albertville Roller Mill  
Multiple Name: Wright County MRA  
State & County: MINNESOTA, Wright

Date Received: 9/25/2018      Date of Pending List: 10/17/2018      Date of 16th Day: 11/1/2018      Date of 45th Day: 11/9/2018      Date of Weekly List:

Reference number: OT79001258  
Nominator: State  
Reason For Review:

Accept       Return       Reject      11/1/2018 Date

Abstract/Summary Building was demolished in 2006  
Comments:  
Recommendation/  
Criteria

Reviewer Alexis Abernathy Control Unit      Discipline \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_      Date 11/1/2018

DOCUMENTATION: see attached comments : No      see attached SLR : No

If a nomination is returned to the nomination authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the National Park Service.

Minnesota Historic Preservation Office



Request for Removal from the National Register of Historic Places

**Name of Property:** Albertville Roller Mill (NR 79001258)

**Address:** 5790 Main Avenue N.E.

**City/Township:** Albertville

**County:** Wright

**Reason for Removal:** The property has ceased to meet the criteria for listing because the qualities which caused it to be listed have been lost or destroyed (36 CFR 60.15 (a)).

**Dates and Nature of Change:** Razed, May 2006

**Comments:**

Nominated to the National Register of Historic Places in 1979, the Albertville Roller Mill was considered significant as "a surviving example of the steam powered mills that were established in railroad villages of Wright County."<sup>1</sup> Built circa 1909 as a steam-powered flour mill with the words "ALBERTVILLE ROLLER MILL, J.H. Dick, Prop" painted on its cream brick facade, the mill was converted to grinding feed in about 1948 and was still in use when the nomination was written in 1979.

The mill was owned by Curt Gentile in 2006 when he applied for and received a demolition permit for the property on May 16, 2006, at a cost of \$425.50. The "demolition and site clearance of [the] feed store"<sup>2</sup> was to be completed the following week.

When it was nominated to the National Register, the Albertville Roller Mill retained the seven aspects of integrity (location, setting, design, workmanship, materials, feeling, and association) needed to be nominated. The integrity of the *setting* remains; the property is still part of the Albertville commercial district. But the *location, design, workmanship, materials, feeling, and association* with the mills established in the county's railroad villages was lost when the mill was demolished.

**References:**

<sup>1</sup>Hackett, John H. "Albertville Roller Mill," National Register of Historic Places Registration Form, 1979. Minnesota State Historic Preservation Office, Minnesota Historical Society, Saint Paul.

<sup>2</sup>Albertville Building Permit Application, completed 16 May 2006. Inventory files. Minnesota State Historic Preservation Office, Minnesota Historical Society, Saint Paul.

**Field Check By:** Emily Ganzel, 26 June 2016.

**Legal Description:**

Section 01, Township 120, Range 24

Albertville Railway Exchange

Lot 4

Block 1



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**Amy Spong**

**Date**

**Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, MN Department of Admin**





ALBERTVILLE ROLLER MILL WRIGHT COUNTY MN 28 JUNE 2016 CAMERA FACING E

MAR 5 1979

Historic Name: Albertville Roller Mill

Common Name: Albertville Milling Company

Owner's Name and Address: Sylvester and Alroy Barthel  
Albertville, Minnesota 55301

County: Wright

Community: Albertville, Mn.

Address/Legal Desc.:  
5790 Main Avenue N.E.

Classification:

Building  Structure  Object  District

Acreage:

Less than 1 acre

Condition:

Excellent  Good  Fair  Deteriorated

Verbal Boundary Desc.:

T120,R24, Sec. 1  
N. 64 ft. of S. 138 ft. of  
N $\frac{1}{2}$

Open to the Public:

Yes  No

Visible from the road:

Yes  No

Occupied:

Yes  No

Present Use:

Feed Mill

History:

Date Constructed:

Original Owner: J. H. Dick

Architect/Builder: J. H. Dick

Original Use: Flour Mill

UTM Reference:

15 Rockford Quad.  
448725  
5009100

Description:

The Albertville Roller Mill is a two storey brick structure fronting on Main Street in Albertville, Minnesota. It is constructed of cream brick bearing walls with an interior framing of structural timbers. The plan is essentially rectangular. The gable end faces the street. Access is gained through a narrow door on the street facade. A lean-to addition has been constructed on the north facade to accommodate truck loading and weighing. This addition is enclosed and is accessible via an overhead door.

The mill was constructed ca. 1909 as a steam-powered flour mill; flour production ceased in c.1948 after which the mill was utilized for grinding feed. It continues to operate in this function. Noteworthy is the original lettered sign on the Main Street facade "ALBERTVILLE ROLLER MILL, J. H. Dick, Prop." The building is in a sound structural condition.

Level of Significance:

Local   
State   
Nation

Status:

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Local	
State	1/78
Nat'l. Reg.	
Nat'l. Land.	
HABS/HAER	

Significance:

The Albertville Roller Mill is a two story brick building significant as an example of commercial flour mills that were established in villages served by railroads. The mill building is also a significant commercial element in Albertville's streetscape.

Prior to the construction of the railroads in Wright County, milling was confined to rivers and streams because they were the only sources of power and transportation. Mill manufacturers were faced with unpredictable flows of water and were confined to local markets. These limitations were lifted, however, with the expansion of railroads across the county. (This expansion began in 1868) Manufacturers could then erect steam powered mills in the interior of the county and reach distant suppliers and markets. They were, therefore, insured a year round operation.

The Albertville Roller Mill was constructed by John H. Dick in 1909 as a commercial steam powered roller mill. The mill is situated on Main Street just south of the present Burlington Northern Railroad tracks. Ownership of the roller mill passed from Mr. Dick to Mr. Vollbrecht, a well-known Wright county miller, in

Theme/s:

Primary Industry  
Secondary \_\_\_\_\_  
Other \_\_\_\_\_

Local Contact/Org.:

Wright County Historical Society  
Buffalo, Minnesota

Prepared by and date:

John H. Hackett  
April 1978

Typed by: J Rook

Description:

MAY 2 1952

Significance:

1919. The present owners purchased the mill in 1952 and continue to use the building for grinding feed. The steam powered equipment was removed prior to 1948, but the original lettering remains on the west gabled wall, "Albertville Roller Mill - J. H. Dick, proprietor."

The mill building is significant as a surviving example of the steam powered mills that were established in railroad villages of Wright county.



ALBERTVILLE  
ROLLER MILL  
JUDICK PROP.

Glencoe Quality Feeds  
ALBERTVILLE WILLING CO.  
Glencoe Quality Feeds

Grain B  
OFFICE

Albertville Roller Mill  
Albertville, Minnesota  
John J. Hackett  
April, 1978  
Minnesota Historical Society  
Audio Visual Department  
690 Cedar Street  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101  
mill building, looking southeast  
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Wright County Multiple Resource Area  
Wright County, Minnesota

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Albertville, Minnesota  
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mill building, looking southwest

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Multiple Property Cover Sheet  
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000387

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651.201.3292



**TO:** Joy Beasley, Keeper  
National Register of Historic Places

**FROM:** Denis P. Gardner

**DATE:** 9/21/2018

**NAME OF PROPERTY:** Albertville Roller Mill

**COUNTY AND STATE:** Wright County, Minnesota

**SUBJECT:** National Register:  
 Nomination  
 Multiple Property Documentation Form  
 Request for determination of eligibility  
 Request for removal (Reference No. 79001258)  
 Nomination resubmission  
 Boundary increase/decrease (Reference No. )  
 Additional documentation (Reference No. )

**DOCUMENTATION:**

Original National Register of Historic Places Registration Form  
 Multiple Property Documentation Form  
 Continuation Sheets  
 Removal Documentation  
 Photographs  
 CD w/ image files  
 Original USGS Map  
 Sketch map(s)  
 Correspondence  
 Owner Objection  
The enclosed owner objections  
Do  Do not  constitute a majority of property owners

**STAFF COMMENTS:**