

Historic Name: Albertville Roller Mill		MAR 5 1979		County: Wright													
Common Name: Albertville Milling Company				Community: Albertville, Mn.													
Owner's Name and Address: Sylvester and Alroy Barthel Albertville, Minnesota 55301				Address/Legal Desc.: 5790 Main Avenue N.E.													
Classification:				Acreage:													
Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure _____ Object _____ District _____				Less than 1 acre													
Condition:				Verbal Boundary Desc.:													
Excellent _____ Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair _____ Deteriorated _____				T120, R24, Sec. 1 N. 64 ft. of S. 138 ft. of N $\frac{1}{2}$													
Open to the Public:		Visible from the road:															
Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____															
Occupied:		Present Use:															
Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____		Feed Mill															
History:				UTM Reference:													
Date Constructed:		Original Owner: J. H. Dick		15 Rockford Quad. 448725 5009100													
Architect/Builder: J. H. Dick		Original Use: Flour Mill															
Description:				Level of Significance:													
<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>				Local <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State _____ Nation _____													
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<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p>				<table border="0"> <tr> <td>Survey</td> <td>Date</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Local</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>State</td> <td>1/78</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nat'l. Reg.</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nat'l. Land.</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HABS/HAER</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> </table>		Survey	Date	Local	_____	State	1/78	Nat'l. Reg.	_____	Nat'l. Land.	_____	HABS/HAER	_____
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				Wright County Historical Society Buffalo, Minnesota													
				Prepared by and date:													
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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.