

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

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

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

1. Name

historic Eveleth Manual Training Center

and/or common Eveleth Manual Training Center

2. Location

street & number Roosevelt Avenue between Jones and Jackson not for publication

city, town Eveleth 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input 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:

4. Owner of Property

name School District #697

street & number Roosevelt Avenue

city, town Eveleth vicinity of _____ state Minnesota

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Louis County Court House

street & number _____

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 Manual Training School is built of Menominee Pressed Brick of light tan color. It is in the modern style with vertical lines created by brick pattern to form mock pillars. The principal (front) and side facades of the building are symmetrical in arrangement of elements. Each is divided into three major divisions, defined at the corners and intermediate points by massive brick piers which extend from the stone foundation to the top of the parapet. Within the central division, subdivisions of windows are created between secondary brick piers with stylized capitals (reminiscent of those found on the Larkin Building by Frank Lloyd Wright). The panels of the parapets are decorated by alternating raised bricks in a diamond pattern. A decorative panel with the lettering "EVELETH MANUAL TRAINING SCHOOL" occupies the central parapet of the front facade.

The building is in an excellent state of maintenance. Architectural design integrity has been retained with the exception of the replacement of original windows with glassblock.

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

Specific dates 1914 **Builder/Architect** Bray and Nystrom

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

This is the first manual training school built in the State of Minnesota and was built in Eveleth because of the skill shifts that began to occur in iron mining with the introduction of nonselective mining methods and the subsequent requirements for skilled mechanics, machinery operators, vehicle operators, and so on. The facility was financed by the local municipality through regular taxing revenues and longterm bond issues. The emphasis upon vocational education was a characteristic of many industrial communities in the United States during the Progressive period when social scientists realized that many elements of the workingclass needed to have their skill levels upgraded as the transition to mass production began to affect more and more basic American heavy industries. The conditions in Eveleth and along the Iron Range generally were unique in the particular ways that the transition of skill needs was effected. The longterm nature of that trend is reflected by subsequent efforts of the state government to increase vocational education efforts in the 1930s, the late 1950s, and the depressed period of the early and mid-1960s. The effect described above is inferred from the application of neoclassical economic theory to the Range demographic and economic data available in US Censuses, industry reports on labor and investment, and various reports and data from several state and federal agencies, active during the period in question. The training center building is significant as a dramatic, and architecturally significant, reflection of these significant economic and social trends.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Joseph Stipanovich, Report of the Historical-Cultural Survey of the Iron Range (1979).

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED
UTM NOT VERIFIED

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than 1

Quadrangle name Eveleth, Minn.-St. Louis Co.

Quadrangle scale 7.5

UMT References

A

1	5	5	3	5	2	0	0	5	2	5	6	6	4	0
Zone		Easting				Northing								

B

Zone		Easting				Northing								

C

Zone		Easting				Northing								

D

Zone		Easting				Northing								

E

Zone		Easting				Northing								

F

Zone		Easting				Northing								

G

Zone		Easting				Northing								

H

Zone		Easting				Northing								

Verbal boundary description and justification

The building is located on Lots 1-7, Block 47, Central Division II, Eveleth, Minnesota.

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 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

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title State Historic Preservation Officer

date

6-24-80

For HCRS use only
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

for Act

W. Ray Luce
Keeper of the National Register

date 8/18/80

Attest: Kristin JO Council

date 8/8/80