

**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 Virginia Depot

and/or common Northern State Bank

2. Location

street & number 600 Chestnut St. not for publication

city, town Virginia 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 type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Northern State Bank

street & number 600 Chestnut

city, town Virginia 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 depot is constructed of red brick with white stone trim. The ground floor is approximately 75' in length and has a hip roof over the wings. The central portion rises to another floor in the middle third of the building and then to a peak with turreted corners. The wooden lake trestle behind the depot is now part of the bank's drive-in facilities. The depot occupies a prominent site on the terminal vista of Chestnut Street. The architectural design is dominated by the soaring hipped roof crowned by a finial and punctuated by a central dormer with ornamental pediment. To either side of the central two story section are long one-story wings with hipped roofs and broad eaves supported by large wooden brackets. The adaptive use program in which the depot was converted into a banking facility was undertaken in a manner which successfully preserved the historic/architectural character of the building.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input checked="" 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 1913

Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The depot symbolizes the entrepot status of Virginia for the central and eastern Mesabi Range and also signifies the dependence of the iron mining region upon the railroad to bring in all the needed goods and workers for the industry and to take out the iron ore. The original depot was of wooden construction; the more permanent structure reflected the status of the city as one of the two major supply and distribution centers for the Mesabi Iron Range, Hibbing being the other. The approach of the railline across the waterbody to the rear of the structure reflected a rather distinctive need of Virginia surrounded as it was by mining operations to make optimal use of the nonmining surface area within the central area of the town. The conversion of the building to a banking facility with the end of rail service in the late 1950s, did not harm the architectural design of the structure and has helped maintain the view of downtown Virginia which has persisted for the past 60 years.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Marvin Lamppa, A Report to the Department of Natural Resources on the Historical Aspects of the Vermilion, Cuyuna, and Mesabi Iron Ranges of Northeast Minnesota (Eveleth: 1977).

10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED
ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Acreage of nominated property less than 1

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

Quadrangle scale 7.5

UMT References

A

1	5	5	3	4	5	6	0	5	2	6	3	2	0	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 depot is located on Parcel 90-180-552, Sec. 8 T. 58 R. 17., St. Louis County, 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

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date

6/24/80

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

W. Ray
Keeper of the National Register

date

8/18/80

Attest:

Kristin J. O'Connell

Chief of Registration

date

8/8/80

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National Park Service

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Virginia Depot St. Louis County, MN

Name Change Approval
to Duluth Winnipeg and Pacific Depot

Keeper Beth Boland 6/28/89

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Note: This change applies to the Virginia Depot in St. Louis County, Minnesota

Reference Number: 80004364

State: Minnesota

County: St. Louis

Resource Name (Historic): Duluth Winnipeg and Pacific Depot

Comments: In 1912 the Duluth Winnipeg and Pacific Railway Company acquired the Duluth Rainy Lake and Winnipeg Railway. In 1913 they constructed the present depot. The name reflects the ownership at the time of construction.

(Prosser, Richard S. RAILS TO THE NORTH STAR. Minneapolis:
Dillion Press, 1966)

Nina M. Archabal
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State Historic Preservation Officer

6/1/89
Date