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This nine-story wholesale warehouse and office building is an excellent example of this type of building and the older warehouse and office buildings found in Minneapolis and St. Paul. The building is rectangular in plan (170' x 330') and occupies one-half of a city block in downtown Minneapolis.

The exterior of the Butler Brothers Building does not draw upon any historical style for architectural expression, but rather its unity of character, its massiveness and its sensitively integrated decorative elements provide a timeless quality which is central to significant architecture.

The building is faced with a deep wine-red brick which has a semiglazed finish in the basement and the corbeled top floor and parapet. Window openings on the exterior are grouped in a vertical expression through the use of recessed brick spandrels and pointed segmental arches at the top floor. The elements of the facade are thus linked into a cohesive unit. This Gothic motif is recalled at the window openings of the first floor.

A brick frieze is incorporated above and below the second story windows to give the building a strong horizontal expression from which emerges the vertical treatment of the upper floors. The corbeled brick parapet and top floor arrests the vertical treatment of the facade and provides a suitable cap for the exterior design.

The building is of heavy timber of mill construction throughout with heavy masonry exterior walls. The exterior of the building has not been altered and is essentially the same as it was when it was built in 1906. Unfortunately, the interior is not suited to current space needs, due to the limitations of very close column spacing and the non-fire resistant construction.



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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Butler Brothers Building was designed by Minneapolis architect Harry Wild Jones and was built in the period 1906-1908. The building reflects the influence of the "Chicago School" and Louis Sallivan. Its austerely simple and severe exterior is in marked contrast to the other heavily ornamented designs that were popular during this period.

Its massive walls are somewhat reminiscent of the Gothic architecture of Tuscany and of the Palace of the Popes at Avignon, but the inspiration for the design might well have been Sullivan's Chicago Cold Storage Warehouse of 1891. The architectural effect is produced by the handling of scale and proportion rather than by historical associations.

Now vacant, the Butler Building is among the handsomest buildings in Minneapolis and worthy of preservation.



SEE INSTRUCTIONS

### 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION	NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICA	TION

Date

As the designated State Liaison 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 National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

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

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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Note: These changes apply to Butler Brothers Building in Hennepin County, Minnesota.

**REFERENCE NUMBER:** 71000437

**STATE: MINNESOTA** 

**COUNTY:** Hennepin

**RESOURCE NAME (HISTORIC):** Butler Brothers Company

CITY:

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ADDRESS: 100 N. 6th St.

CERTIFICATION DATE:

**REMOVED DATE:** 

COMMENTS:

Tina M. archabal

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Date

### UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

PROPERTY Butler Brothers Company NAME:

MULTIPLE NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MINNESOTA, Hennepin

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REFERENCE NUMBER: 71000437

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If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.

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State: MN			
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Britta L. Bloomberg Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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