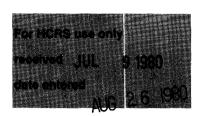
United States Department of the Interior Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form



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

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historic Fin	nish Sauna	·	·	
and/or common	Finnish Sauna			
2. Loca	ation			,
street & number	105 So. 1st St.			not for publication
city, town Vir	ginia	vicinity of	congressional district	8th District
state Minne	sota cod	e 22 county	St. Louis	code ¹³⁷
3. Clas	sification			
Category districtx building(s) structure site object	Ownership public _x_ private both Public Acquisition in process being considered	Status X occupied unoccupied work in progress Accessible yes: restricted yes: unrestricted no	Present Use agricultureX_ commercial educational entertainment government industrial military	museum park private residence religious scientific transportation other:
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street & number	105 So. 1st St.			
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Condition — excellent — deteriorated — unaltered — moved date — moved

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

7. Description

The sauna is a plain two-storey brick building that has been painted red. It is approximately 25' x 100'. There are four windows on the front, two on each floor. The ground floor windows are made of glass brick. The sides of the first floor are windowless because the sauna is located there and there are four windows on the side of the second storey. The roof is flat and slopes to the rear. Although the ground floor of the principal facade has been altered through installation of glassblock in original window openings, the building retains a significant degree of integrity of both architectural design and function.

8. Significance

Period prehistoric 1400–1499 1500–1599 1600–1699 1700–1799 1800–1899X 1900–	archeology-historic agriculture architecture art	heck and justify below community planning conservation economics education engineering exploration/settlement industry invention	landscape architectur law literature military music philosophy politics/government	e religion science sculpture _X_ social/ humanitarian theater transportation other (specify)
Specific dates	ca. 1912	Builder/Architect		

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The sauna reflects the pervasive effect of Finnish immigrant culture on the Minnesota Iron Range. It also reflects the commercial response to the desire of Finnish miners to continue to sauna despite their inability to provide themselves with private facilities. The public acceptance of the sauna experience has enabled the facility to continue to flourish to the present. The sauna served as a social meetingplace for miners and their families and broadened the horizon of entertainment activities in the small mining communities. This particular sauna has managed to survive despite the installation of private saunas in many homes since 1950, because it caters to an older population in Virginia on fixed incomes, to transients from various parts of the Range who are employed in the mines, and to individuals from the area who use the facility as a social evening in the same manner as a bowling alley, tavern, or coffee shop might be utilized. The owners are also responsible for its survival and as descendants of Finnish immigrants see historical significance in their activities as well as commercial ones.

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).

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