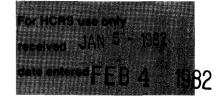
United States Department of the Interior Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form



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code 137

congressional district 8th District

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

1. Name

historic Shirt Factory

and/or common Old Recreation Building

2. Location

street & number 305 So. 1st St.

city, town Virginia

ty, town Virginia

state Minnesota

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
district	_x_ public	_x_ occupied	agriculture	museum
\underline{x} building(s)	private	unoccupied	commercial	park
structure	both	work in progress	educational	private residence
site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	entertainment	religious
object	in process	yes: restricted	government	scientific
•	being considered	<u> </u>	_x_ industrial	transportation
	U	no	military	other:

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code

vicinity of

county St. Louis

4. Owner of Property

name _{Ci}	ty of Virginia				
street & nu	umber City Hall				
city, town	Virginia	vicinity of	state	Minnesota	
5. L	ocation of Leg	gal Description			
courthous	e, registry of deeds, etc. $ m St$.	Louis County Court House			
street & nu	umber				
city, town	Duluth		state	Minnesota	
6. R	epresentation	in Existing Surv	eys		
title		has this property be	en determined e	legible? yes_	_x_no
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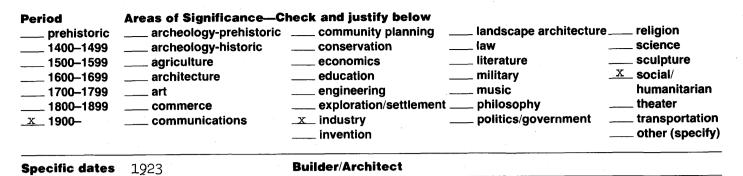
7. Description

Condition excellent good fair	deteriorated ruins unexposed	Check one unaltered	Check one X_ original site moved date	
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Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The shirt factory is large 250' x 114' and is constructed of shaded red brick. There is an arched roof over most of the structure. About 60' of the structure near 3rd Avenue is 20' narrower than the rest. The main entrance, consisting of three doors, is in this portion and faces the street. It is capped by an ornate canopy. There is an ornamental strip of white masonry the full length of the building. This is the base of the decorative arches made from the arrangement of the bricks. Arched windows fit into these brick arches. Under each arch is a small square window. Under the white strip is anotehr set of windows.

8. Significance



Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The recreation building was built in 1923 and used as a curling rink and hockey rink until 1947 when the building was converted to a shirt factory. The significance of the transition is that the balancing of the male and female parts of the population led to underemployment among women living on the Iron Range. In order to bolster the traditionally weak nonmining sector of the Iron Range economy and to provide employment for the women seeking work, the city made the facility available to a shirt manufacturing The entertainment structure was built during the Progressive period when efforts firm. were made by various social welfare agencies to bolster the opportunities for physical development among the mining populations of the country, and the construction of the facility came at a time preceding the loss of revenues to the state authority resulting from the taxation of local mining properties. The emphasis upon ice rink sports such as hockey and iceskating and curling cannot be explained from the traditional sports involvement of the majority of the population althought significant elements among the city's elites did have such traditions.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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

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10. Geogra	phical Data			
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street & number 240 Su	mmit Avenue	tele	ephone 612-296-9	070
city or town St. Paul		sta	te Minnesota	
12. State H	istoric Pres	ervation C	Officer Ce	rtification
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