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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

DATA SHEET

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC ******
Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company Building
AND/OR COMMON
Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 616 South Third Street
CITY, TOWN Minneapolis
STATE Minnesota
VICINITY OF 5th
CODE 27
COUNTY Hennepin
CODE 053

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input checked="" 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:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company
STREET & NUMBER No. 1 Gateway Center
CITY, TOWN Pittsburgh
STATE Pennsylvania

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Hennepin County Government Center - Registry of Deeds
STREET & NUMBER Fifth Street South at Third Avenue
CITY, TOWN Minneapolis
STATE Minnesota

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Statewide Historic Sites Survey
DATE 1974
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Minnesota Historical Society - Building 25, Fort Snelling
CITY, TOWN St. Paul
STATE Minnesota

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company building is situated on the north-west corner at the intersection of South Third Street and Park Avenue in the central business district of Minneapolis. It is a cubiform structure designed to serve the dual function of sales and production; the interior is therefore a simple post and beam system confined within exterior brick bearing walls. The exterior is also simple and dignified with no attached ornamentation. Design features such as inset terra-cotta panels, semi-circular-arched arcade, and flaring cornice are all integral, reminiscent of design philosophy and execution of Louis Sullivan.

The building is seven storeys in height. The ground storey is of a yellow, dressed limestone divided into nine bays, each of which is defined by a recessed rectangular opening. The six storeys above are faced in a purple, hard-fired brick which presents a stark contrast to the limestone below. These windows of these storeys are arranged within a seven bay arcade which terminates in semi-circular arches. A terra cotta sculptural panel is placed below the impost of each arch. Corners are massive windowless piers of brick; these are accentuated by a chamfer which begins at the third storey and widens toward the cornice. The flaring effect of the cornice is provided by a brick corbel, the gradations of which provide the effect of a gentle curve.

The Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company building continues to function as per the intent of the original design. It has been well-preserved in an unaltered state.

*First floor probably refaced windows added
Lebowich
5/3/77*

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 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 type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1910

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Kees and Colburn (Minneapolis)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company building is significant among commercial/ industrial buildings in Minneapolis as one of unique design accomplished through simplicity and the execution of integral ornament, the combination of which can be traced to the strong influences of Louis Sullivan on commercial architecture at the turn of the century. The architects, Kees and Colburn, knew of Sullivan's work and employed his philosophies and designs in several of their large-scale commissions in Minneapolis. Of these, the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company Building is unique in a sense of monumental dignity and permanence through a highly restrained handling of ornamentation.

The Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company building has been recognized by the Minneapolis Planning Commission in a report of 1969 as "... the best designed commercial-industrial structure yet built in Minneapolis." It has also been entered on the "candidate" list for preservation by the Minneapolis Heritage Preservation Commission.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Torbert, Donald R., Significant Architecture in the History of Minneapolis, Minneapolis, 1969.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

A	1, 5	47, 95, 6, 0	4, 98, 02, 4, 0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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 W. Nelson, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

Minnesota Historical Society

DATE

2 December 1976

STREET & NUMBER

Building 25, Fort Snelling

TELEPHONE

612-726-1171

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 National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Russell W. Fridley

TITLE Russell W. Fridley
State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

2-7-77

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Wm. M. ...

DATE

9/13/77

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

Charles ...

DATE

7-2-77

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company Building Hennepin County, MN

Name Change Approval
to Northern Implement Company

Keeper Bill Boland 6/28/89

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Note: This change applies to the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company Building in Hennepin County, Minnesota

Reference Number: 77000745

State: Minnesota

County: Hennepin

Resource Name (Historic): Northern Implement Company

Comments: Historically the building is associated with the Northern Implement Company.

(Torbert, Donald R. SIGNIFICANT ARCHITECTURE IN THE HISTORY OF MINNEAPOLIS. Minneapolis: Minneapolis Planning Commission and the Minneapolis Chapter, American Institute of Architects, 1969)

Nina M. Archabal

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State Historic Preservation Officer

6/1/89
Date

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

PROPERTY NAME: Great Northern Implement Company

MULTIPLE NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MINNESOTA, Hennepin

DATE RECEIVED: 5/21/07 DATE OF PENDING LIST:
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 7/04/07
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 77000745

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

___ACCEPT ___RETURN ___REJECT _____DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

~~additional Documentation Accepted~~

RECOM. / CRITERIA Accept

REVIEWER Edson Beall

DISCIPLINE Historian

TELEPHONE _____

DATE 7.3.07

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

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

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Great Northern Implement Company

Name of property

Hennepin County, MN

County and State

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Reference Number: 77000745

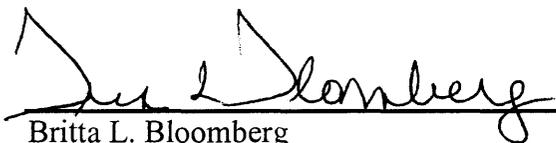
State: MN

County: Hennepin

Resource Name (Historic): Great Northern Implement Company

Location, Street & Number: 616 S. 3rd St.

Comments: This is the correct historic name.



Britta L. Bloomberg
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

5/18/07
Date