

Historic Name: Eagle Newspaper and Job Printing Office MAR 5 1979
Common Name: The Eagle
Owner's Name and Address: George A. Dutoit, Delano, Mn. 55328
County: Wright
Community: Delano
Address/Legal Desc.: 300 Railroad Avenue East

Classification:
Building **Structure** _____ **Object** _____ **District** _____
Acreeage: less than one acre

Condition:
Excellent _____ **Good** **Fair** _____ **Deteriorated** _____
Verbal Boundary Desc.: Litchfield Addition
 Lots 7,8,9,10
 Block 1

Open to the Public:
Yes **No** _____
Visible from the road:
Yes **No** _____

Occupied:
Yes **No** _____
Present Use: Newspaper

History:
Date Constructed: 1883-1885
Original Owner: I. Gulzwiller
Architect/Builder: Unkown
Original Use: Newspaper, print shop, bindery

UTM Reference:
 15 Buffalo Quad.
 438125
 4787575

Description:
 Situated at the northeast corner of the intersection of Third Street and Railroad Avenue, the Delano Eagle Building is a composite of three, two storey, brick structures joined by partywalls. All of the sections are executed in varying degrees of the Italianate mode. The overriding character, however, is one of simplicity.
 The westernmost section of the complex is of the earliest date, having been constructed in 1883. It is a simple rectangle, a full two storeys in height. The principal facade consists of three bays. The bays are defined by segmentally-arched openings capped with slightly protruding brick hoods. The large windows in the south-western corner of the building retain original bulkheads. The roof is flat, slightly pitched and surrounded by a low parapet.
 The central section was constructed in 1885. The principal facade contains five bays.

Level of Significance:
Local
State _____
Nation _____

Status:

Survey	Date
Local	_____
State	1/78
Nat'l. Reg.	_____
Nat'l. Land.	_____
HABS/HAER	_____

Significance:
 The Eagle Newspaper and Job Printing Office is a two story brick building constructed in 1883 through 1885 to house the Eagle newspaper, print shop, and bindery. The newspaper has served the community of Delano and the county continuously since its inception in 1872.
 The Eagle newspaper was established in the year 1872 by a coporation known as the Eagle Printing Company. In 1877, I. Gulzwiller became sole owner of the company and gradually increased the paper's prosperity. The present building was built of local red brick in 1883. The building's original dimensions were 23 feet by 51 feet (with a full basement). By 1885 the building had been expanded on the east side to fill the entire block.
 Besides the newspaper, the Eagle Printing Company specialized in railroad and commercial printing. The company printed numerous materials for the Great Northern and Northern Pacific Railroads. The company also operated one of the finest book binderies within the state. Presently, only the newspaper operation exists in the building; this is limited to the setting up of the paper. Despite this fact, various older pieces of equipment remain in the building.

Theme/s:
Primary Communications
Secondary _____
Other _____

Local Contact/Org.:
 Owner

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The upper storey windows are segmentally-arched, but are lacking hoods. A rudimentary corbel treatment decorates the parapet.

The easternmost section is the most decorated of the three sections. It consists of three bays, the center of which is devoted to a semi-circular arched doorway (this doorway has been partially in-filled with brick). Windows are paired and joined by a common sill and lintel. The parapet is corbelled; the center bay is slightly higher, with decorative brick panel. It dates from 1884.

The interior framing of all sections is of wood attached to brick bearing-walls. Although changes have been made to respond to production needs, much of the printing equipment in the buildings is of an early date, and is operable.

The commercial brick was purchased from Ed Ziebarth's brick factory located near Delano. When the building was constructed, in 1883, -85, Railroad Avenue was the business street of Delano. Presently, the Eagle newspaper and Job Printing Office fronts the Burlington Northern Railroad and is situated in a mixed commercial and residential area of the city.

Significance:

The cast iron Washington Press purchased in 1876 remains, as do the two cylinder presses installed in 1903 and 1929, a 54 year old belt drive paper cutter, and various other pieces of outmoded equipment.

The Eagle Newspaper and Job Printing Office is significant as the home of the oldest established business in Delano; the office has operated continuously at its present location for 95 years.

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National Park Service

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**Note: These changes apply to
Eagle Newspaper and Job Printing
Office in Wright County, Minnesota.**

REFERENCE NUMBER: 79001265

STATE: MINNESOTA

COUNTY: Wright

RESOURCE NAME (HISTORIC): Eagle Newspaper Office

CITY:

VICINITY OF:

ADDRESS:

CERTIFICATION DATE:

REMOVED DATE:

COMMENTS:

Nina M. Archabal

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State Historic Preservation Officer**

JUN 17 1988

Date