

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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

1. Name

historic Warsaw Cut Glass Company

and/or common Warsaw Cut Glass Company

2. Location

street & number 505 S. Detroit Street N/A not for publication

city, town Warsaw N/A vicinity of

state Indiana code 018 county Kosciusko code 085

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input 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 checked="" 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
	N/A	<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:

4. Owner of Property

name LRJ Investments; Partners: Randolph J. Kirkendall, Linda Kirkendall, Joseph P. Prout

street & number P.O. Box 1322

city, town Warsaw N/A vicinity of state Indiana 46580

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Kosciusko County Courthouse, Recorder's Office

street & number 102 E. Center Street

city, town Warsaw state Indiana

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title N/A has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date federal state county local

depository for survey records N/A

city, town state

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" 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 Warsaw Cut Glass Company, built in 1911, is a rectangular plan industrial building. Constructed of paving brick manufactured by the Brazil (Indiana) Brick Works and originally intended for the streets of Warsaw, the structure is two stories with a brick basement partially exposed on the east (rear) facade. The unaltered main (west) facade of the structure is 15 bays across. The first floor has entrances at the first and ninth bays while the eighth is a loading dock. The bays are constructed with two header rows forming segmental arches. The wider loading dock bay arch is formed by three rows of headers. All windows have projecting brick sills. The structure, which measures 100' x 25', is of typical turn-of-the-century industrial style, with the surface of the structure void of ornamentation and relieved only slightly by the brick laid in common bond with sixth row headers. The walls of the main and side facades extend slightly above the line of the flat industrial roof.

Two small additions were made to the building in 1912. The first, at the south end of the building, is constructed of simulated stone concrete block and is one story with a shed roof. The second addition, in the center rear of the glass works, is frame, one story, with a shed roof.

In 1915 the north wall of the building was painted with a sign identifying the building as the "Warsaw Cut Glass Company". This sign has been maintained in its original design and colors, white letters on a dark green background.

The interior walls of the building are exposed brick, the ciling exposed oak beams and the floors unfinished oak. The north end of the first floor, originally the shipping area, was remodeled into a display and sales room in the 1920's. At this time the sales room walls and ceilings were finished with tongue and groove siding which has been restored. Access to the second floor is by two stairways, one at the north wall and another in the center of the building. Both are constructed of unfinished oak.

The original manufacturing equipment is located at the rear of the first floor and on the second floor. This equipment consists of a series of shafts and pulleys powered by electricity. These, in turn, power various sizes of wheels, cooled by water, which are used for cutting glass. At the present only the equipment on the first floor is in use, although the equipment on the second floor is operational.

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 type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1911 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Statement of Significance (~~in one paragraph~~)

Cut glass, which is blown or pressed glass upon which various, artful designs are ground by wheel, existed in ancient Egypt, and its beauty and usefulness has been known for more than 3,000 years. One of the few remaining cut glass manufacturers in the United States and the last original cut glass manufacturer in Indiana is Warsaw Cut Glass Company. The company still occupies its original building and utilizes some of its original equipment.

The 100 Club, which evolved into the Greater Warsaw Chamber of Commerce, convinced Oscar Johnson and John Carlson, of the Johnson-Carlson Cut Glass Company, Inc., Chicago, Illinois, to set up a division in Warsaw, Indiana. The company has always been known locally as Warsaw Cut Glass Company.

Warsaw Cut Glass Company's building was built in 1911 at 505 S. Detroit Street, Warsaw, Indiana, and is constructed of paving bricks manufactured by the Brazil Brick Works, Brazil, Indiana, the bricks having been rejected for use in paving the streets of Warsaw at that time. Production of cut glass commenced the same year.

At its height of production, the Company employed 65 people, 40 of whom were expert glass cutters, and wooden barrels used for crating the glass were mounded around the side of the company's building. Between 1911 and 1930, the company wholesaled a deep-cut crystal known as "heavyware", much of which is on display today in the company showroom, to such major firms as Macy's (New York), G. Fox & Company (Connecticut), The Goldstein-Migel Co. (Texas) and Snellenburg Co. (Pennsylvania). The company also supplied numerous major hotels across the country with dining room services and night sets.

The first salesman for the company was Louis Levine, who traveled by rail to major cities and exhibited the glassware. Correspondence dated between 1912 and the 1940s between Mr. Levine and prospective clients was recently found at the company. The letterheads and information make for very historical and interesting reading.

The original president of the company was Turry Johnson, brother of Oscar Johnson, and Oscar Hugo was the original secretary. The company operated until the Depression, during which it was closed for a short period of time. Oscar Hugo purchased the company in 1933 and, in the same year, reopened the company for retail sales, utilizing the popular "light-cutting" due to the unavailability of heavyware glass.

In 1957, Oscar Hugo sold the company to Jackson T. Dobbins and his wife, Mildred. Dobbins had joined the company as an apprentice on June 4, 1944, and remained with the company until his death in May, 1981.

In October, 1980, Randolph J. Kirkendall and his wife, Linda, purchased the company from Dobbins. Kirkendall joined the company in July, 1980, and apprenticed under Dobbins until Dobbins' death. The Kirkendalls continue the old art and manufacture cut glass with their assistant, Paul Kurosky, who has been with the company since October, 1981. The company's original building has been refurbished and restored by the Kirkendalls so that the manufacturing facilities and showroom are as they were in the early 1920s.

The company is open to the public for tours and sales Monday through Saturday from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Devi, Albert Christian, American Cut and Engraved Glass. New York, New York: Thomas Nelson & Sons, 1965.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property .45

Quadrangle name Warsaw

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

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Zone		Easting				Northing								

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Zone		Easting				Northing								

Verbal boundary description and justification

Please see continuation sheet

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N/A code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Duane G. Huffer, Attorney at Law

organization N/A date October 14, 1983

street & number 222 N. Buffalo St. telephone 219/267-5128

city or town Warsaw state Indiana 46580

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 

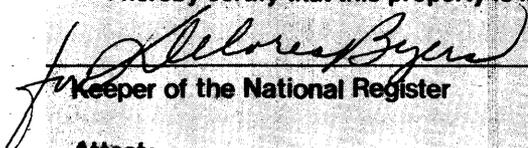
title Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer date 1-24-84

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

Entered in the National Register

date 3/1/84


Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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Warsaw Cut Glass Company is bounded on the north by East Pope Street, and to the West by South Buffalo Street, all in Warsaw, Indiana.

A tract of land in Kosciusko County, State of Indian, to-wit:

Commencing on the West line of the Northeast Quarter of Section 17, Township 32 North, Range 6 East, where said line intersects the South line of Pope Street in the City of Warsaw, Indiana; thence South along said Quarter Section Line 280½ feet; thence West on a line with the North line of Hackelman Street in Chapman's Addition to the City of Warsaw, Indiana, 66 feet to a point on a line with the East line of Detroit Street; thence North on a line with the East line of Detroit Street to the South line of Pope Street; thence East with the South line of Pope Street 66 feet to the place of beginning, excepting therefrom the South 95½ feet of the foregoing tract.