

**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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1. Name

historic Carson Roller Mill

and/or common

2. Location

street & number

not for publication

city, town Carson

vicinity of

congressional district One

state North Dakota

code 38

county Grant

code 037

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Vincent Muggli

street & number

city, town Carson

vicinity of

state North Dakota

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Grant County Register of Deeds

street & number

city, town Carson

state North Dakota

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title North Dakota Cultural Resource Inventory has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date October, 1979 federal state county local

depository for survey records State Historical Society of North Dakota

city, town Bismarck

state North Dakota

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 Carson Roller Mill is a three story wood frame building with gabled, shed, and hipped roofs. The main rectangular structure was extended in the original construction in a long shed-roofed grain receiving area on the south side, and in a basement engine room to the west end. Hip-roofed storage additions were constructed on the east end of the building in 1922. Exterior walls are sheathed in stamped sheet metal siding, and roofs are covered with composite asphalt shingles over the original wood shingles. Fenestration is simple one-over-one double-hung windows placed to light the main interior work areas. A structure suspended from the second story level of the north side of the building once housed equipment for loading of grain into railroad cars on a special spur line serving the mill.

The interior of the mill apparently contains all original equipment installed between 1913 and 1919, and also disc grain cleaners installed in 1924. A single-cylinder 32-horsepower Fairbanks and Morse kerosene engine provides power to pulleys and drive belts that extend in series to the third floor of the mill. Roller mills and grain cleaning equipment are on the ground and second floors, and are served by a labyrinth of wooden chutes. Heating in the building is provided by a single stove in the south shed area, where originally the office work and bookkeeping were done. Interior spaces have not been altered from original construction, with the exception of entryways cut to accomodate access to the storage additions of 1922.

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 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 1913

Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Carson Roller Mill was built in 1913 by a group of pioneer Carson residents led by businessman and prominent regional promoter Richard Mott. The business opened in 1913 under the direction of head miller A.W. Berkner, who also lived with his family in the south wing of the mill. In 1914 a railroad spur was constructed to the mill, which was by that time turning out 45 barrels of "Wild Rose Flour" each day by operating around the clock. The market for the flour was primarily local, but by 1918 the mill was also shipping its products to firms in Boston and Minneapolis. The early history of the mill included frequent changes in management and millers, until the business was purchased by the Muggli Brothers of Glen Ullin, North Dakota, in 1919. Vincent Muggli became general manager and miller, and continued to operate the mill until 1960. The mill has been maintained in operating condition since 1960 for purposes of grain cleaning and treatment.

The Carson Roller Mill is the only known roller flour mill in North Dakota to remain essentially unaltered and to contain its original equipment. Roller mills were a common feature of trade-center towns of the initial settlement period in the State, but the mill buildings and equipment have generally been lost through demolition, fire, or incorporation into grain elevator complexes. The Carson Roller Mill is therefore a rare and valuable example of industrial technology related to the commerce and industry of North Dakota's early settlement period.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Oral Interview With Vincent Muggli, North Dakota Oral History Project, June 11, 1974.
 On file at Archives, State Historical Society of North Dakota
 Fiftieth Anniversary: Carson, North Dakota 1910-1960, Golden Jubilee Committee, 1960.

10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED

Acreege of nominated property Less than one
 Quadrangle name Leipzig 1 NE (Preliminary)

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Quadrangle scale 7.5'

UMT References Not available, see continuation sheet.

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 Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

The nominated property is a three-story building located approximately 5000 meters east and 3600 meters north of the common corner of Sections 13, 14, 23, and 24 of Township 134N; Range 87W.

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

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Kurt Schweigert, Architectural Historian
 organization State Historical Society of North Dakota date February 13, 1980
 street & number Liberty Memorial Building telephone 701-224-2672
 city or town Bismarck state North Dakota

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature James E. Sherry
 title State Historic Preservation Officer (North Dakota)

date February 29, 1980

For HCERS use only	
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register	
<u>W. Ray Luce</u> Keeper of the National Register	date <u>4/30/80</u>
Attest: <u>William A. Brannan</u> Chief of Registration	date <u>4.21.80</u>

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Accurate UTM coordinates not available; site located at 46° 25' 06"
North Latitude, 101° 33' 50" West Longitude.