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HISTORIC NAME: Lampert Lumber Company Line Yard

COUNTY: Brown 791001196

CURRENT NAME:

CITY/TWP.: Milford Twp. - Essig

LEGAL DESC.: Essig Plat B2, L5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10

ADDRESS: Center Street
(W. side - Bl.2)

CLASSIFICATION:	CONDITION:	SIGNIFICANCE:	THEME/S:
Building <u>X</u>	Excellent _____	Local <u>X</u>	Primary <u>Commerce</u>
Structure _____	Good <u>X</u>	State _____	Secondary _____
Object _____	Fair _____	National _____	Others _____
District _____	Deteriorated _____		

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Yes _____ No X Restricted _____
 VISIBLE FROM THE ROAD: Yes X No _____
 OCCUPIED: Yes X No _____

PRESENT USE:
Storage

DATE CONSTRUCTED: c.1919 ORIGINAL USE: Lumber Yard

ORIGINAL OWNER: Lampert Lumber Co. ARCHITECT/BUILDER: Unknown

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Glen L. Kuebler
Highway 4 So., Sleepy Eye, MN 56085ACREAGE: Less than one acre XLOCAL CONTACT/ORG.: Brown County Historical Society
27 No. Broadway, New Ulm, MN 56073UTM REFERENCE:
15 / 372010 / 4909020FORM PREPARED BY: Dennis Gimmetad
DATE: January 1979

Essig Quad.

DESCRIPTION:

The Lampert Lumber Company Line Yard in Essig is located near the center of the four-block city plat.

The two levels of the street end of the rectangular gable-roofed structure house retail-office space and enclosed storage space. The rear portion of the building is lumber storage with access from two outside catwalks and the ground level. Exterior walls on the front section are sheathed in narrow clapboard on the first level and board and batten on the second level; the rear wall facing the alley is also of board and batten. The Craftsman style detailing of the building - brackets, awnings, roof overhang, banked windows - illustrates the adaptation of a popular domestic building style to a commercial structure.

The exterior of the building is virtually unchanged; the interior first floor space has been slightly modified to accommodate later building uses.

SIGNIFICANCE:

The role of lumber yards - both "line" and privately-owned operations - in determining the building's patterns for railroad towns has been considerable.

Because the basis of business is building and remodeling, most yards have undergone continuing alteration. The yard at Essig was disposed of by the Lampert Company in 1933 during a period when the company was re-orienting its line operations to larger, county-seat communities, and a few years later business at the building had been changed to general merchandising. This may account in part for the building's rare integrity.

An identical but greatly altered structure standing at nearby Hanska indicates that this plan was used by the Lampert Company for new structures at other line yards. The Company was founded in neighboring Sleepy Eye in 1887 and its line yards generally followed the lines of the Chicago and NorthWestern Railroad. Their Essig operation was acquired in 1909, and the yard standing today replaced an earlier structure in 1919.

The Lampert Lumber Company Line Yard in Essig is significant as an example of a "pattern" line yard of a lumber marketing company and as an example of a particular small town business building type which has survived with extremely rare integrity.

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**Note: These changes apply to
Lampert Lumber Company Line Yard in
Brown County, Minnesota.**

REFERENCE NUMBER: 79001196

STATE: MINNESOTA

COUNTY: Brown

RESOURCE NAME (HISTORIC):

CITY:

VICINITY OF: New Ulm

ADDRESS:

CERTIFICATION DATE:

REMOVED DATE:

COMMENTS:

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State Historic Preservation Officer

JUN 17 1988

Date