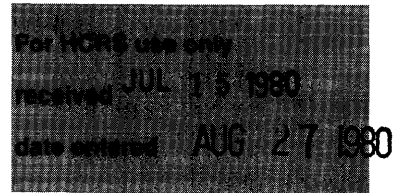


**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**



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

1. Name

historic Virginia Brewery

and/or common Mayflower Storage

2. Location

street & number 305 So. 7th Ave. _____ not for publication

city, town Virginia _____ vicinity of congressional district 8th District

state Minnesota code 22 county St. Louis code 137

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"/> museum |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private | <input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied | <input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 Gary Lustila

street & number 305 So. 7th Ave.

city, town Virginia _____ vicinity of state Minnesota

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Louis County Court House

street & number

city, town Duluth _____ state Minnesota

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title _____ has this property been determined eligible? _____ yes no

date _____ federal _____ state _____ county _____ local

depository for survey records

city, town _____ state

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Virginia Brewery Building is an imposing structure consisting of four principal masses. The front facade (7th Avenue) is divided into three sections consisting of two three-story sections flanking a central four-story section. A one story section extending the length of the building is at the rear.

The entire structure is constructed of poured concrete and faced with a polychromatic red and creme brick veneer. The creme body is articulated by red pilasters, window hoods, and corbelled cornices and parapets. Each of the four corners of the four story section boasts an ornamental finial. Openings are covered in a variety of ways, including lintels, segmental and semicircular arches.

The brewery building retains near total exterior architectural design integrity with the exception of the installation of a large overhead door in the center of the ground floor for accommodation of trucks. The building now serves as facility for the Mayflower Van and Storage Company.

8. Significance

| Period | Areas of Significance—Check and justify below | | | |
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| <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 checked="" 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 1905 **Builder/Architect** H.Eilenberger & Co. Chicago

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Virginia Brewery is significant architecturally and historically as a well-preserved example of the importance which brewing had on the economic and social life of the Iron Range. The structure is also significant as a tangible reminder of the decline of local breweries as a result initially of Prohibition and later of the intense competition of the economically stronger regional and national brewers. This particular brewer contributed, for obvious reasons, to the economic life of Virginia, and, with its sponsorship of many athletic events and teams, to the social life of the city. The brewer did not have the capital to diversify after the institution of prohibition and, as a result, closed. The building was then transformed into a storage facility because of its large interior spaces and stable interior temperatures and humidity.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Marvin Lappa, A Report to the Department of Natural Resources on the Historical Aspects of the Vermilion, Cuyuna, and Mesabi Iron Ranges of Northeast Minnesota (Eveleth: 1977)

10. Geographical Data

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Acreeage of nominated property less than 1

UTM NOT VERIFIED

Quadrangle name Virginia

Quadrangle scale 7.5

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

The building is located on Lots 1-6 ex Sly 45', Block 40, Original Addition, Virginia, Minnesota

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 Skrief, Director, State Historic Preservation Office

organization Minnesota Historical Society date September 10, 1979

street & number 240 Summit Avenue telephone 612-296-9070

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Russell W. Fridley

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title State Historic Preservation Officer

date 6/28/80

For HCRS use only

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

for W. Ray Luce
Keeper of the National Register

date 8/27/80

Attest: *Kristin J. O'Connell*
Chief of Registration

date 8/21/80