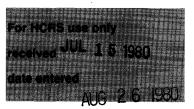
United States Department of the Interior Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form



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8th District

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

1. Name

historic Virginia-Rainy Lake Office

and/or common St. Louis County School Office Building

code

2. Location

street & number 8th Ave. W. and 3rd St. So.

city, town Virginia

vicinity of congressional district

county

St. Louis

state Minnesota

3. Classification

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

4. Owner of Property

name	St.	Louis	County	Schools,	Independent	Schoo1	District #710
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street & number 731 3rd St. South

city, town Virginia	vicinity of	state	Minnesota
5. Location of	Legal Description		
courthouse, registry of deeds, e	tc. St. Louis County Court House		
street & number			
city, town Duluth		state	Minnesota
6. Representa	ation in Existing Survey	ys	
title	has this property been de	etermined e	legible? yes _ <u>x</u> _ no
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Description 7.

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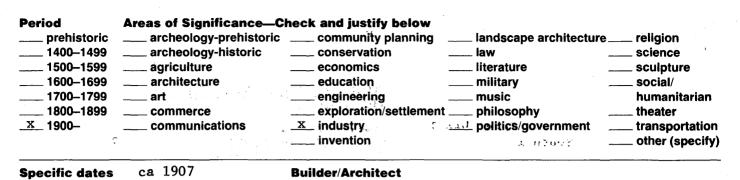
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The Rainy Lake Lumber Company Office is situated at the corner of Eighth Avenue West and Third Street South in Virginia. It is a two story frame structure which is rectangular in plan. The entire building is covered by a low-pitched hipped roof. The exterior is divided into two sections defined by finishing boards; these boards also enframe the windows and corners.

The main facade is located on the narrow end of the rectangle which faces onto Third Street. It is four bays in width and has a single dormer centrally placed on the roof. A full front porch provides for a recessed central entrance flanked by two enclosed rooms.

A one story garage addition has been made on the Eighth Avenue facade of the building.

8. Significance



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Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Virginia-Rainy Lake Lumber Company was the largest processer of pine lumber in the Northwest until the late 1920s. Its productive capacity was one million board feet per day. Despite its large scale and impressive production, the industry had slight impact on the population growth or economic diversity of the iron mining regions. The significance of the facility is that it was a major non-mining economic activity on the range, but was dwarfed in all respects by iron mining and eventually petered out. The office housed the managerial and administrative elements of the company and also served as a direct communications link to the lumber products market outlets throughout the Upper Midwest. The office in fact was significant in that it served to translate the productive activities of the foresting operations and the sawmill into profitable selling activity in the market.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Marvin Lamppa, <u>A Report to the Department of Natural Resources on the Historical</u> <u>Aspects of the Vermilion, Cuyuna, and Mesabi Iron Ranges of Northeast Minnesota</u> (Eveleth: 1977).

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