

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**National Register of Historic Places**
Continuation Sheet

Aaron Carlson Company Factory

Name of Property

Hennepin County MN

County and State

100005672

NR Reference Number

State Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,

I hereby certify that this ___ additional documentation ___ additional documentation: name change
___ move ___ removal ___ other

meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.

Signature of Certifying Official/Title_____
Date of Action**Federal Agency Certification**

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Date of Action**National Park Service Certification**

I hereby certify that this property is:

- ___ entered in the National Register
___ determined eligible for the National Register
___ determined not eligible for the National Register
___ removed from the National Register
___ additional documentation accepted
___ other (explain:) _____

Signature of the Keeper_____
Date of Action

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Address: 1505 Central Avenue Northeast**City/Township:** Minneapolis**Reason for Removal:** The property has ceased to meet the criteria for listing because the qualities which caused it to be listed have been lost or destroyed (36 CFR 60.15 (a)).**Dates and Nature of Change:** Damaged by fire, September 7, 2025**Comments:**

In the National Register nomination the Aaron Carlson Company Factory is described as:

The 3.6-acre site located adjacent to railroad tracks (BNSF Railway) and within an area of concentrated industry in the city's Northeast neighborhood. The utilitarian-style, main factory building was constructed by the Aaron Carlson Company in phases between 1905 and 1928. A three-story warehouse constructed in 1910, and a two-story lumber shed constructed in 1905 were connected to the southeast end of the main factory building by 1912 and 1928, respectively.

By 1928, a two-story warehouse addition had expanded the complex further southeast, and a spur track had been constructed along the east and north edges of the site, approximately half of the track is extant. Following a fire in 1943, the factory constructed a new office (two stories) and lumber storage (one story) addition to the northwest of the original factory.

Two additional storage buildings are located on the factory complex site: a wood framed "lumber shed" with sections dating to 1910, 1928, and 1950 and a metal-clad, shed-style building that was added to the interior of the site in 1987. With the exception of the 1987 metal clad shed and the 1950 addition to the west lumber shed, all segments of the existing complex are contributing resources.

In summary, there are two contributing buildings on the site (the factory building and the wood-framed lumber shed) and one non-contributing building (the 1987 shed).

The Aaron Carlson Corporation Factory was listed October 7, 2020, under Criterion A for its association with the Aaron Carlson Corporation, a local millwork company, specifically, the company's production of pontoon bridge components during World War II. The company was one of 65 Minnesota companies awarded the prestigious Army-Navy "E" Award, and the only Minneapolis lumber company to receive this designation.

Founded in 1891, the Aaron Carlson Corporation built a reputation for high-quality luxury millwork. The company produced high-end custom millwork for many public buildings and upper-class homes, until World War II, when it shifted its operation to the production of wood components of pontoon bridges. The company's skill in finely-crafted wood building components and its proximity to a rail line made it a natural fit for the production and shipping of pontoon bridge components to U.S. troops in France, Belgium and Germany in the European

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theater and to Burma, China, and India in the Pacific theater.

When it was added to the National Register, the Aaron Carlson Company Factory retained the seven aspects of integrity (location, setting, design, workmanship, materials, feeling, and association). The property retains the integrity of *setting* amid the industrial buildings of northeast Minneapolis, but its *location, design, workmanship, materials, feeling, and association* were lost when the building was demolished.

References:

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Legal Description:

The boundaries are indicated on the accompanying base map, Figure A. The boundaries encompass the entirety of two city parcels identified with the property identification numbers (PIN) 1302924220105 and 1302924220097, as well as the portion of the parcel identified as PIN 1302924230047 on which the c. 1928 Finished Products Warehouse sits. All of the property is unplatted.

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Figure A: Aerial photograph of the Aaron Carlson Corporation Factory depicting site boundaries found in the nomination and referenced in the nomination's verbal building description.

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Figure B: National Register nomination photo of Aaron Carlson Corporation Factory, southwest elevation of factory complex and site, 2019.

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Figure C: Photo of Aaron Carlson Company, September 2025. Courtesy of Kristen Anderson, Vice President of Design & Construction, Hempel Real Estate.