



# Saint Paul Individual Property Inventory Form

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

Common Name: Store and Flats (Great Fans)

Other Names:

New or Updated Form: New

Review and Compliance Number:

Extant: Yes

Agency Project Number: P17AF00098.025

Survey Type: Reconnaissance (Phase 1)

MNHS Grant Number: P17AF00098.025

## LOCATION INFORMATION

Street Address: 678 Snelling Avenue North

Historic Address:

Alternate Address:

Neighborhood: Hamline-Midway

District: 11

Ward: 4

City: Saint Paul

County: Ramsey

State: MN

Zip: 55104

USGS 7.5 Quad Name(s): Saint Paul West

Zone: 15N

Township: 29 Range: 23 Section: 34

Easting: 486850

QtrQtr: Qtr: NW Qtr: NW

Northing: 4978689

Datum: 1983

Addition: LINDEMANN PLACE

Block(s): 2

Lot(s): 9

Property Identification Number (PIN): 342923220179

Plat ID: 2047

Plat Name: LINDEMANN PLACE

Total Acres: 0.19

## PREVIOUS DETERMINATIONS

### Previous Individual Determination

- National Register Listed
- NPS DOE
- State Register Listed
- CEF
- SEF
- Local Designated
- Not Eligible

### Previous District Determination

- District Name:
- Within a National Register-Listed District  
Contributing Status:
  - Within a State Register-Listed District  
Contributing Status:
  - Within a CEF District  
Contributing Status:
  - Within a SEF District  
Contributing Status:
  - Within a Local Designated District  
Contributing Status:



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## CLASSIFICATION

### Associated Properties:

Property Category: Building

Number of Resources on the Property:

Buildings: 1 Structures: 0 Sites: 0 Objects: 0

## FUNCTION OR USE

### Historic Function or Use:

Function/Use Category: Transportation

Function/Use Category (if other):

Function/Use Subcategory: auto garage and service

Function/Use Subcategory (if other):

### Current Function or Use:

Function/Use Category: Commerce

Function/Use Category (if other):

Function/Use Subcategory: store and flats

Function/Use Subcategory (if other):

### Other Functions and Uses

Original Cost:

Original Owner:

Original Owner Biography: Owners and proprietors of the Long Bros Motor Company

Other Owners and Biographies:

Significant Person:

Cultural Affiliation:

Sanborn Atlas Info: 1926-1950, 1951 v3 301

City Directory Info: Polk 1928: 803; 1936: 1701, 1955: 1085

Ownership: privately owned

Current Owner: Jane H Goldman Trustee & Allan H Goldma

Owner Address: 1185 Sixth Ave 10th Floor

Owner City, State, Zip: New York NY 10036-2604

Zoning:

Building Occupied

Publicly Accessible

Historic Background: According to Ramsey County Assessor records, this building was constructed in 1926. Henry L. and Fritz W. Long were the owners and proprietors of the Long Bros Motor Company (#21225 5/12/1926). The 1926 Sanborn map indicates the garage, addressed from 670-80 Snelling, held a capacity of 35 cars, and the structure had concrete and iron supports. In 1936 the auto business was operated by L.W. Jordan, and by 1955 the building was occupied by the Disinfecting Company. Today the main floor is occupied by Great Fans & Blinds.

Oral Histories:

Historic Photos:

Other Sources:





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## SIGNIFICANCE

### National Criteria:

- Criterion A: Property is associated with significant events.
- Criterion B: Property is associated with the lives of significance persons.
- Criterion C: Property has significant architectural characteristics.
- Criterion D: Property may yield important information in history/prehistory.

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Criteria Consideration A: | Criteria Consideration E: |
| Criteria Consideration B: | Criteria Consideration F: |
| Criteria Consideration C: | Criteria Consideration G: |
| Criteria Consideration D: |                           |

Area of Significance: Additional or Other Area(s) of Significance:  
 Period of Significance: State Context: Urban Centers 1870-1940

### Local Criteria:

- Criterion 1: Its character, interest or value as part of the development, heritage or cultural characteristics of the City of Saint Paul, State of Minnesota, or the United States.
- Criterion 2: Its location as a site of a significant historic event.
- Criterion 3: Its identification with a person or persons who significantly contributed to the culture and development of the City of Saint Paul.
- Criterion 4: Its embodiment of distinguishing characteristics of an architectural or engineering type or specimen.
- Criterion 5: Its identification as the work of an architect, engineer, or master builder whose individual work has influenced the development of the City of Saint Paul.
- Criterion 6: Its embodiment of elements of architectural or engineering design, detail, materials or craftsmanship which represent a significant architectural or engineering innovation.
- Criterion 7: Its unique location or singular physical characteristic representing an established and familiar visual feature of a neighborhood, community or the City of Saint Paul.

Local Period of Significance: 1874-1960

Date: 1926  pre  ca  post  Addition  Alteration  Construction  Demolition  Move

Source: Ramsey Co Assesor and St. Paul permits

**Narrative Description:** This two-story store and flats building stands on the east side of Snelling Avenue, north of Blair Ave. The building is rectangular in plan and consumes nearly the entire property parcel. It has a concrete foundation, frame structure, and rises to a shallow-pitched gambrel roof. The raised parapet along Snelling Ave obscures the roof shape. The walls are clad in reddish-brown brick, with gray brick accents. The facade is nearly symmetrical and comprised of five bays divided by brick piers with gray brick tracery. Along the street, the northernmost bay contains a recessed garage entrance and a single pedestrian doorway. The doorway has a modern steel-frame glass door; it is surmounted by a wood cornice with corbelled gray bricks supports. The recessed transom window is obscured by the overhead awning. Within the deep garage entry bay, a secondary storefront entrance on the side wall has been enclosed. The pair of



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paneled wood and glass bi-fold garage doors appear to be original and the entrance is surmounted by the remnants of a lettered sign reading "THUNDERBIRD PRODUCTS." The fourth bay contains a single doorway next to a pair of picture windows. The second, third, and fifth bays contain a band of three full-height commercial picture windows. They stand above a gray brick sill and soldier course of bricks and are surmounted by a beltcourse of gray bricks. Each window bay is surmounted by a shed-roof vinyl awnings, while the windows have shed roof vinyl awnings. On the second floor, the central bay contains two pairs of replacement sash windows, the second and fourth bays contain a pair of two-over-four wood frame casement windows with replacement storms. The second floor windows have brick sills and gray brick surrounds. The outer bays are non-fenestrated but feature an inlaid brick circle with basketweave infill. The parapet has concrete coping and steps up at the outer corners; has a segmented arch over each outer bay and first bay of the south elevation, and gradually rises to a wide, short central arch. Most of the northern elevation is obscured by the adjacent building. The south elevation has a tall brick end-wall chimney and retains most of its four-over-four metal frame picture windows. A backlit sign reading "GREAT FANS & BLINDS - CEILING FANS - WINDOW TREATMENT - VINTAGE LIGHTING - QUALITY SURPLUS LIGHTING" projects from the main facade over the sidewalk. A 1934 photograph of the building reveals very little of its facade has been altered. It is not clear if they are original, but the first floor window bays retain their sets of three picture windows. A single doorway was installed in the fourth or fifth bays. The original primary entrance, in the first and northernmost bay, has had its door replaced and its transom window is obscured by a modern awning. On the second floor, the central four windows were originally six-over-six sash; the outer bays' windows have been retained. A neon sign that read "DODGE - PLYMOUTH" projected over the sidewalk from steel supports mounted to the roof and facade (the current sign is not mounted in the same place). In 1934, the storefronts' transom windows were obscured by signs that displayed the "DODGE" and "PLYMOUTH" logos; today they are obscured by the vinyl awnings.

**Statement of Significance:** This building stands along the primary commercial street in Hamline-Midway, Snelling Avenue. This building was historically home to car sales and service company, Long Bros Motors. It was one of the many auto sales and services businesses along Snelling and University Avenues in the Midway. It has lost some integrity, retains several elements that convey its original function, such as the large showroom windows and recessed garage bay on the north end. This property should be included in future studies of auto-related properties in Hamline-Midway and St. Paul. It also retains a high degree of integrity, and should be considered for further individual study.

**Identified Threats:**



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## PHOTO

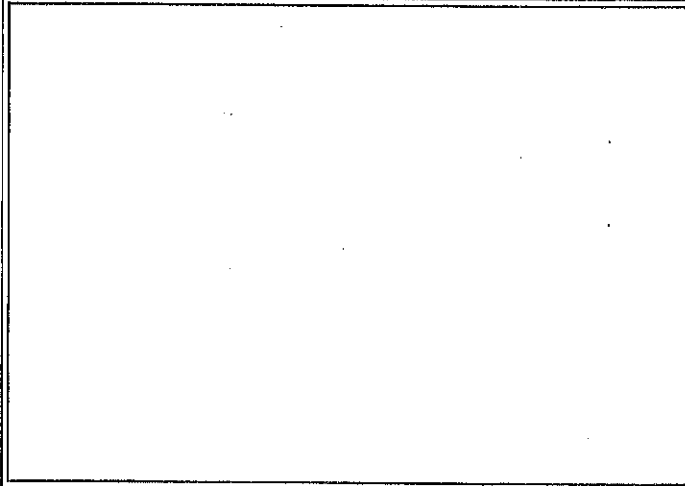


Photo Date: 04/01/2018

Facing: E

Photographer: Sara Nelson, Architectural Historian

Name/Frame #: RA-SPC-9752-001

Format: jpg

Notes:



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## PREPARER'S INFORMATION AND RECOMMENDATION

Preparer Name and Title: Sara Nelson, Architectural Historian

Organization/Firm (if applicable): Summit Envrosolutions, Inc.

Date Inventory Form Prepared:

4/1/2018

### Recommended Individual Evaluation

National Register Eligible:

Local Designation Eligible:

### Recommended District Evaluation

Within a National Register Eligible District

Contributing Status:

District Name:

District Inventory Number:

Within a Locally Eligible District

Contributing Status:

District Name:

District Inventory Number