

Commercial and Industrial Buildings,
Carr, Ryder and Adams Company
Lumber Warehouses
Eleventh and Pine streets
Dubuque
Dubuque County
Iowa

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Site Location: Eleventh and Pine Streets
Dubuque, Dubuque County, Iowa
DOT designation: Resource Site No. 8.40
Cadastral grid : NW1/4 SW1/4 S19 T89N R3E
Lot description: East 404' of City Lot 501
USGS quadrangle: Dubuque South Iowa 7.5'

Present Owner: Iowa Department of Transportation
Present Usage: vacant
Present Condition : fair

Overall Dimensions: three identical buildings: 102'x 258'; one story.
Orientation : south
Architectural Description : Plan type : rectangular, open-plan warehouses.
Foundation: reinforced concrete perimeter walls with concrete slab floor.
Structure : wood post and beam frame with poured-in-place
Ext. walls: 2" poured-in-place concrete walls over expanded mesh wire lath.
Roof : shallowly pitched end gables clad in corrugated metal
Chimneys : none
Windows : louvered openings above door on south and north elevations
Openings : two sliding doors on each of the south and north walls on all three buildings.
Details : none

Construction Date : 1915

Architecture Style: none

Physical History : In 1915 an arsonist destroyed the frame open-air lumber storage sheds of the Carr, Ryder and Adams Company near the railroad tracks on Eleventh Street. The company responded by constructing these three "fireproof" concrete structures that year on the site. Situated immediately east of the tracks of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad, the buildings were used to house lumber for the immense woodworking firm. CarAdCo sold the structures to the Spahn and Rose Lumber Company in 1972, and they have been used for lumber storage since. Essentially unaltered, they have recently been acquired by the Iowa Department of Transportation for demolition in the path of a proposed highway.

Significance: These three lumber warehouses are typically constructed outbuildings from the huge Carr, Adams and Collier complex. As such they are historically significant in their association with one of the city's largest industrial firms.

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