

# Wisconsin Historical Society: The S&R Cheese Company in Plymouth listed in National Registry of Historic Places

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**Plymouth, Wis.** – The Wisconsin Historical Society has announced the listing of the S & R Cheese Company in the city of Plymouth, Sheboygan County, in the National Register of Historic Places. National Register designation provides access to certain benefits, including qualification for grants and for rehabilitation income tax credits, while it does not restrict private property owners in the use of their property.

This building was the headquarters and manufacturing facility of the S & R Cheese Company, which became one of the most successful and influential cheese manufacturers in Wisconsin. The S & R Cheese Company is representative of the transition from small, local cheese makers, to the large-scale industrialization of cheese manufacturing during the twentieth century. The company was responsible for several technological advancements in the industry: they were among the first cheese companies to embrace the use of milk trucks for bulk transportation; patented a cheese curd machine and curd mixing and kneading machine; and experimented with the cheese making process, particularly the curing of Romano cheese.

The Sartori family was also responsible for the advancement of the profession as founding members of the Wisconsin Cheesemakers Association and the American Producers of Italian-Type Cheese which later merged with the National Cheese Institute, now part of the International Dairy Foods Association. This building is associated with this iconic Wisconsin industry and is still used by the Sartori

company today.

The register is the official national list of historic properties in America deemed worthy of preservation and is maintained by the National Park Service in the U.S. Department of the Interior. The Wisconsin Historical Society administers the program within Wisconsin. It includes sites, buildings, structures, objects and districts that are significant in national, state or local history, architecture, archaeology, engineering or culture.

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