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Nunn-Bush Shoe Company Factory in Milwaukee, Milwaukee County Placed on the State Register of Historic Places

Milwaukee, Wis. – The Wisconsin Historical Society placed the Nunn-Bush Shoe Company Factory (Milwaukee, Milwaukee County) on the State Register of Historic Places on May 19, 2017.

The Nunn-Bush Shoe Company Factory, constructed in 1916, was the headquarters and primary manufacturing facility of the Nunn-Bush Shoe Company, one of the largest and longest-running manufacturers of leather shoes in Milwaukee. Established in 1912, by 1930 Nunn-Bush had grown to be the second-highest producer of fine grade men's shoes in the country. Under Nunn's leadership the company flourished through the first half of the twentieth century. At a time when many of the oldest and largest of Milwaukee's shoe manufacturers were closing their doors, Nunn-Bush expanded its operations in Milwaukee, constructing large additions to the original factory building in 1917 and 1919 to keep up with demand. The company utilized the latest methods of shoe production, specializing in the design and production of fine men's footwear at their Milwaukee plant.

The State Register is Wisconsin's official list of state properties determined to be significant to Wisconsin's heritage. The State Historic Preservation Office at the Wisconsin Historical Society administers both the State Register and National Register in Wisconsin.

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