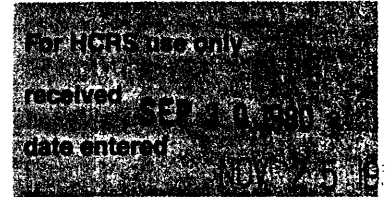


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The interior features terrazzo floors and dark wood trim in an austere version of the usual Buechner and Orth treatment. Stairwells and landings have stencil decorated walls, and the rotunda has a mural and stencil painted dome ceiling rather than a skylight. The dome features four large murals with scenes of early area history: Indians traveling on horseback, a railroad town, a dairy farm and a sod house-home-stead. Panels between the murals have painted eagles resting on wreathed emblems. Below the murals a decorative bracketed molding circles the dome, supported by corner pilasters with Corinthian caps. Between the pilasters are painted decorative panels. A large brass and glass light fixture hangs from the dome center and consists of a large banded globe and six curved sconces supporting glass globes. The courtroom has coffered ceiling with egg-and-dart molding, with recesses filled now with acoustical tile. Original furnishings include fold-up gallery seats, swivel jury seats, benches and desks. Above the pilastered judge's bench is a large mural. Hanging fixtures are brass with glass-globes. The interior of the building, like the exterior, has not been altered except for cosmetic painting.

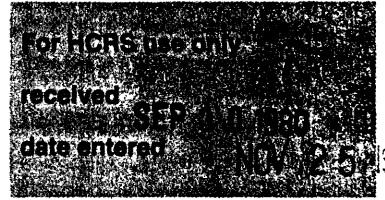
To the northeast of the courthouse stands a two story brick sheriff's residence/jail constructed in conjunction with the courthouse. The rectangular structure is built of the same brick and stone used in the courthouse and has a small dentiled cornice on all sides. Each slope of the hipped roof contains a hipped dormer. One-story porches on the east and south facades have hipped roofs supported by brick piers. A small shed has been added to the north side of the building. A large octagonal chimney is centrally located on the north elevation.

McIntosh County Courthouse, Ashley (1919)

The last Buechner and Orth courthouse erected in North Dakota was in McIntosh County, where again a fairly simple and frugal version of the standard plan was applied. The building is virtually identical to the Sargent County Courthouse of 1910 in exterior features and materials. Built of light brown brick over a basement of dark brown brick, the building features flat facade cornice and metal entablature supported by simple brick pilasters with stone caps. The front facade pavilion has single Doric columns flanked by brick pilasters, and an entrance surround with loaf pattern and false keystone enrichment. The stubby dome tower has three rectangular windows on each of its eight faces, and is surmounted with a rib-vaulted dome with bull's-eye windows on the cardinal directions and a sphere finial. All of the rectangular windows, except those of the front facade surround, have been replaced with glass block and small combination frames. The front facade pavilion treatment consists of original copper-covered metal frame containing non-original aluminum doors flanked by narrow sidelights and a clear transom on the first floor and a large clear pane surrounded by narrow clear panes and headed by three stained transom windows on the second floor.

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The interior of the courthouse is also typical of Buechner and Orth courthouses, with richly decorated rotunda with skylight, terrazzo floors, marble wainscoting on first floor halls and stairways, a courtroom with coffered ceiling, oak furnishings, and a mural behind the judge's station.