

NORTH DAKOTA CULTURAL RESOURCES SURVEY

Base Data Form

- 1. County Grand Forks, North Dakota 2. Site Number CK7
- 3. Site Name (s) Telephone Company (now Heritage Corner)
- 4. Type of Resource: A. Archaeological Historical Architectural Paleontological
 B. District Site Building Structure Object
- 5. Map Reference: USGS Quad. Grand Forks, N. Dak-Minn, 7.5' 1963 (photorevs'd 1979)
- 6. Location: 24 N. ~~Fourth~~ St. Sec. 3 T 151 N / R 50 W
 Plat: Original Townsite Block 23 Lot B, replat
 UTMG: A. 14.647020.5309640. B. of Lot 2
 C. D.
- 7. Access: visible
 Location: the southwest corner of the intersection of Second Avenue North and North Fourth Street
 Acreage: less than one acre
 Verbal boundary: lots listed above, 50 X 89 feet
- 8. A. General description of site: this is a two-story, flat-roofed brick commercial building of rectangular plan. The basement is raised some four feet above grade, and basement windows are visible in the north and west facades. The south wall adjoins a small one-story business building, and a one-story brick business building abuts the back (east) wall. The north and west facades are entirely visible. The building is set back the width of the sidewalk on the west and north. (Cont.)
 B. Condition of site: Excellent
- 9. Owner's name/address: Gary A. Pearson 75 4th Ave.S. GF 58201
- 10. Occupant's name/address: Heritage Corner (office space)
- 11. Historic Register value: Nat. State Unstd. None On Reg. In District District Multiple Resource
- 12. Open to public: Yes No 13. Preservation Underway: Yes No
- 14. Endangered by: Nothing
- 15. Survey Project: Title Hist. and Arch. Survey of G.F., ND Director Norene and Joe Roberts
 Other surveys in which included none
- 16. Recommendations: being nominated to NRHP in MRN: Historic Resources of downtown Grand Forks, North Dakota (Partial Inventory: Historic and ARchitectural Properties)
- 17. Environment: Elevation Nearest Water: Type
 Name Distance Direction
 Soil conditions:
 Soil Texture:

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17. Environment, Cont.

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Ground Cover: _____

Terrain: _____

18. Local contact person or organization: _____

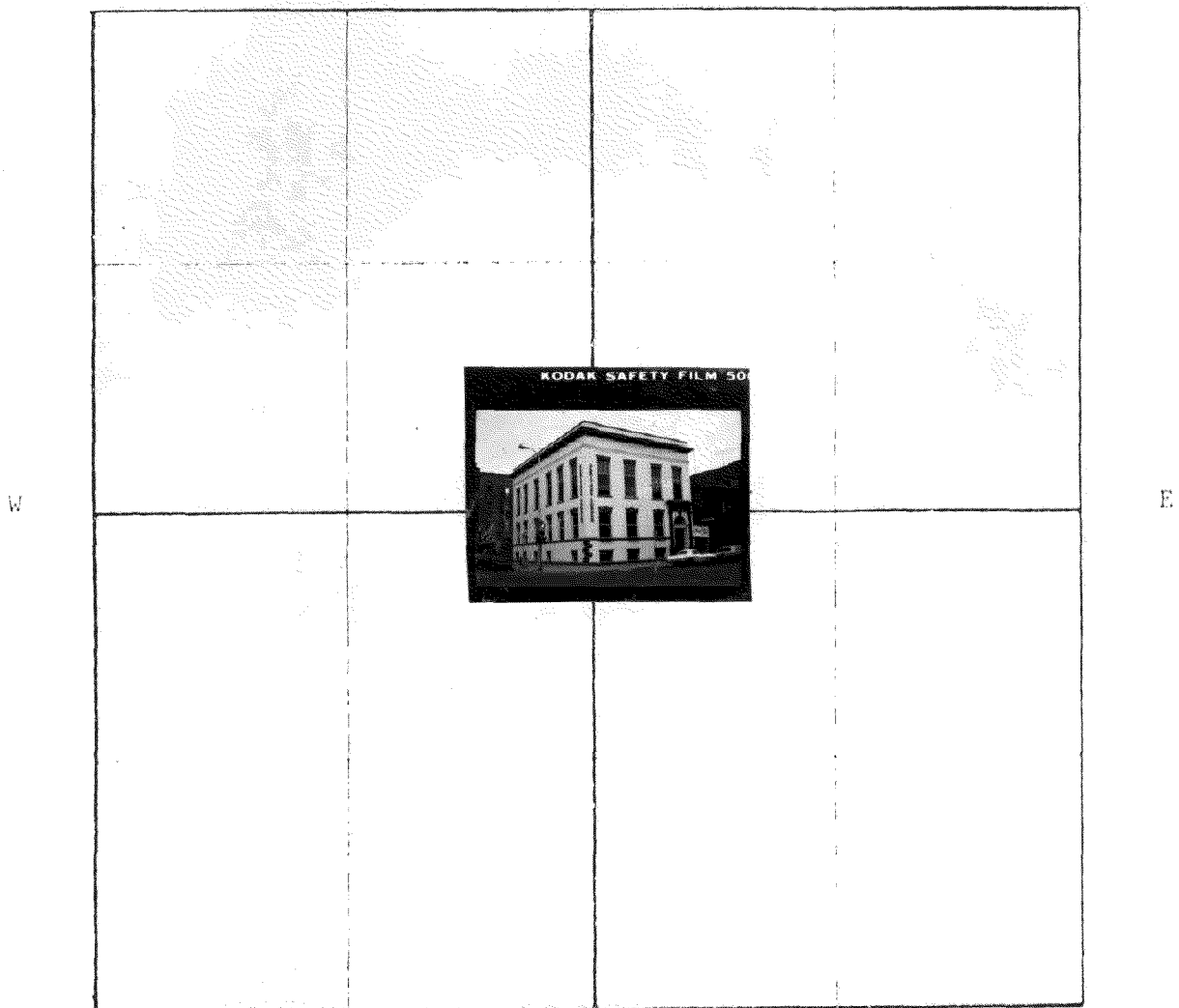
19. Photos: No B/W XColor Prints Slides Comments/ID code _____Contact Print: Roll 3, Frame 88 X 10 Glossies: Roll 52, Frame 16, 17, 18, 19Negatives stored at: Division of Archaeology and Historic PreservationState Historical Society of North Dakota

In space below attach and identify a picture or contact print of the site.

20. Sketch Map of Site:

Scale: _____

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27. Thematic category Communications 28. Date or period 1904
29. Structures: Number standing _____ Number collapsed _____
 Number of foundations only _____ Number of earthworks _____
 Number of basement depressions _____ No structural remains observed _____
30. Architectural/Structural Detail:
- A. Style or design Commercial vernacular with classical detailing
- B. Architect/engineer _____
- C. Contractor/builder _____
- D. Original use Telephone building
- E. Present use Commercial
- F. Number of stories 2 G. Basement: Yes ^{Raised} No Partial
- H. Foundation Material Stone
- I. Wall Construction Brick
- J. Wall Treatment Brick
- K. Roof type and material Flat
- L. Number of bays: Front 2 Side _____ M. Plan shape Rectangular
31. Frontage 50' 32. Distance from road 0
33. Number of outbuildings none 34. Description of outbuildings _____

35. Changes

An engraving in the Grand Forks Herald of June 26, 1904, p. 58 indicates that the original windows were 1/1 double-hung. The third story windows were originally fitted with a transom and two cross-in-square muntins. The original yellow brick has recently been painted white and the stone trim gray. The building has been converted to office space.

36. Information sources/References

This building was constructed in 1904¹

According to the Grand Forks Herald Silver Anniversary Edition, June 26, 1904, p. 58: Another prominent building completed and opened during the past year (cont.)

37. Reason for significance:

Architecturally, this building is an outstanding example in original condition of the turn-of-the-century brick commercial style with classical detailing. Although architectural plans could not be located, the building was most likely designed by John W. Ross or Joseph Bell DeRemer, both of whom were practicing in Grand Forks at the time and actively designing commercial buildings in this style.

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8A, Architectural Description (continued):

The style of the building is commercial vernacular with classical detailing on the west (main) and north elevations. The building sits on a stone plinth course. The base of the building is defined by the plinth course and a sill course below the first-story windows. The northwest and northeast corners of the base have stone quoining. The basement windows have segmented brick jack arch lintels.

The fenestration is modern 1/1 thermal glass, with thin stone sills below each window and segmented brick jack arch lintels. The first floor lintels have a stone keystone. Between the top of the second-story windows and the cornice is a course of brick corbelling. A stone dentillated cornice sits below the top of a parapet capped by a stone coping.

The entryway in the west facade has a round-headed arched transom above a modern metal and glass door with sidelights and transom. The arch is of segmented brick with a stone keystone. Classical applied stone ornamentation surrounds the entry, composed of stone base blocks surmounted by a simple plinth which supports fluted pilasters topped by Roman Ionic capitals. The capitals support a frieze topped by a stone cornice. The west facade has intact cut stone historic signage with the legend "Telephone Company." The north and west corners have unsympathetic modern signage.

36, Information sources/References (continued):

was the fine telephone exchange building of the Northwestern Telephone Exchange company, corner of Fourth street and Alpha avenue. This building also has a splendid location, opposite the First M.E. church and the new government building and close to the business center and the city's largest hotels. It is a handsome structure of brick and stone and is entirely occupied by the telephone company's offices, local and long distance operating rooms, repair departments, store rooms, etc. In addition to the building the company virtually rebuilt its exchange throughout, installing new switch boards and telephones throughout, and placing its wires in the central part of the city as far as possible in underground conduits and cables, the connection with buildings being made from poles in the alleys instead of from street wires as formerly. The company expended about one hundred thousand dollars in the erection of its building and in the installation of the new system here."

NOTES:

¹City Assessor's Description #220.2 incorrectly identifies the building as of 1906 construction, but an engraving and description of it appears in the 1904 Silver Anniversary Edition of the Grand Forks Herald, June 26, 1904.