

## NORTH DAKOTA CULTURAL RESOURCES SURVEY

## Base Data Form

1. County Grand Forks, North Dakota 2. Site Number GF1
3. Site Name (s) Speed Printing
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: 220 South Third Street Sec. 3 T 151 N / R 50 W  
Plat: Original Townsite Block 33 Lot S $\frac{1}{2}$  Lot 9  
UTMG: A. 14. 647440. 5309410 B. \_\_\_\_\_  
C. \_\_\_\_\_ D. \_\_\_\_\_
7. Access: visible  
Location: West side of South Third Street facing east across from the  
Red River Valley Brick Co. building.  
Acreage: less than one acre  
Verbal boundary: above city lot roughly 25 x 140 feet
8. A. General description of site: This building sits on a level, unlandscaped lot and is the southern terminus of the historic commercial area running along the west side of Third Street. The building is sheet metal clad with a flat roof, of rectangular plan, and much longer than it is wide. The north wall of the building abuts a one-story brick building. The other walls are entirely visible. (continued)
- B. Condition of site: fair
9. Owner's name/address: Cliff R. Coss 1602 Sixth Avenue North, Grand Forks 58201
10. Occupant's name/address: Instant Copy
11. Historic Register value: Nat.  State  Untd.  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  
Other surveys in which included none Roberts
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: \_\_\_\_\_

17. Environment, Cont.

Ground Cover: \_\_\_\_\_

Terrain: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

18. Local contact person or organization: \_\_\_\_\_

19. Photos: No B/W x Color Prints Slides Comments/ID code \_\_\_\_\_

Contact prints: Roll 1 Frame 15

8 x 10 glossies: Roll 50 Frames 21, 22, 23

Negatives stored at: Division of Archaeology and Historic Preservation

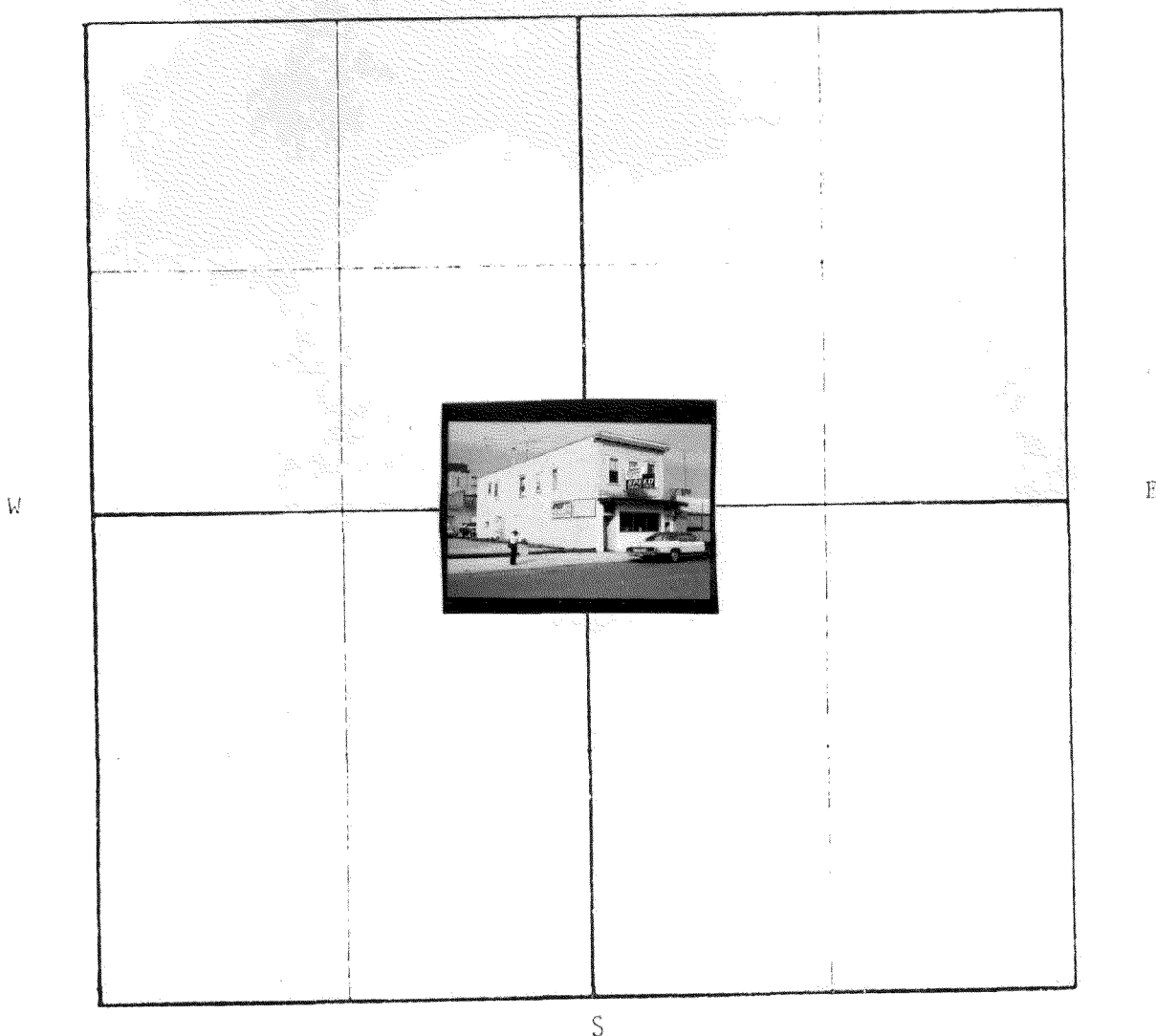
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In space below attach and identify a picture or contact print of the site.

20. Sketch Map of Site:

Scale: \_\_\_\_\_

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27. Thematic category Settlement/architecture 28. Date or period 1889
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 early frame vernacular commercial
- B. Architect/engineer \_\_\_\_\_
- C. Contractor/builder \_\_\_\_\_
- D. Original use commercial
- E. Present use commercial
- F. Number of stories 2 G. Basement: Yes No Partial (?)
- H. Foundation Material \_\_\_\_\_
- I. Wall Construction frame
- J. Wall Treatment metal clad, brick pattern
- K. Roof type and material flat
- L. Number of bays: Front Side M. Plan shape rectangular
31. Frontage approx. 22' 32. Distance from road 0
33. Number of outbuildings none 34. Description of outbuildings \_\_\_\_\_

35. Changes **Storefront has been altered. A 1911 photograph in the Grand Forks Centennial Collection, North Dakota Room, Chester Fritz Library, University of North Dakota, shows that the three second-story front windows were round arched 2/2 with decorative hood molds. New windows, metal storms.**

36. Information sources/References

The Speed Printing building was erected in 1889<sup>1</sup> during the period of the great Dakota boom which followed the arrival of the railroad in 1880.<sup>2</sup> The building was photographed in 1911,<sup>3</sup> apparently in original condition. What the photograph shows is a building of no great pretensions, metal-clad so as to harmonize with the brick buildings being built around it ca.1889.

37. Reason for significance:

(Cont.)

This building is one of a handful of survivors from the boomtown business district of the 1880s.<sup>6</sup> Though its facade has been altered, it preserves in its present state the feel of the modest frame boomtown buildings which were an important building style in the first surge of large scale settlement and development in the city. This is one of the oldest frame buildings in the original business district to retain its historic character.

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Continuation form

Site Number GF1Item No. 8A, cont. Architectural description

The first story of the front (east) elevation is completely remodeled. The entry door has been moved to the south corner; it is commercial metal and glass with a glass transom. The facade has been covered with tongue-in-groove wood paneling. Three square (picture) windows are set lengthwise in a central horizontal plane. A second floor staircase and entry have been integrated into the front facade by similar paneling. The stair entry and storefront facade are also tied together by a floating awning which is cantilevered above the storefront.

The second story is sheathed with sheet metal formed in the shape of rusticated brickwork with pilaster strips at the corners and a sheet metal flashing just above the awning. Three 1/1, double-hung windows with cornice moldings are arranged symmetrically in a horizontal plane. A sheet metal bracketed cornice surmounts the whole.

The side elevation and rear elevations are also sheathed in sheet metal formed to appear like rusticated brick. There is little attempt at ornamentation although some cornice moldings are still in place.

36. Information sources/References (Cont.)

Historically, the building has been a standard commercial property with dwelling space on the second floor and general business space (which has been used as a furniture store,<sup>4</sup> a pool hall,<sup>5</sup> and, at present, a print shop) on the first.

## Notes

<sup>1</sup>City Assessor's description #349.

<sup>2</sup>Eldon Bladow, ed. They Came to Stay. Grand Forks: Centennial Committee, 1974, p.7.

<sup>3</sup>Grand Forks Centennial Photograph Collection, North Dakota Room, Chester Fritz Library, University of North Dakota.

<sup>4</sup>Sanborn Insurance map, 1906.

<sup>5</sup>Sanborn Insurance map, 1912, 1916.

<sup>6</sup>Bird's Eye View, 1880, on file, Myra Museum, Grand Forks.