

NORTH DAKOTA CULTURAL RESOURCES SURVEY

Base Data Form

- 1. County Grand Forks, North Dakota 2. Site Number CK20
- 3. Site Name (s) Hook and Ladder #1 and Hose Co. #2 (Donation to Roberts)
- 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: 215 South ^{4th} Fourth St. Sec. 3 T 151 N / R 50 W
 Plat: Original Townsite Block 33 Lot 8
 UTMG: A. 14.647390.5309350. B. _____
 C. _____ D. _____
- 7. Access: visible
Location: the east side of South Fourth Street between Bruce and
Division Avenues
Acreage: less than one acre
Verbal boundary: lot listed above, 50 X 140 feet
- 8. A. General description of site: this is a two-story, flat-roofed,
brick building of rectangular plan. The north wall is
entirely visible, and overlooks a driveway. The east (back)
wall overlooks an alley. The south wall adjoins a one-
story commercial building. The west (main) facade is set
back the width of the sidewalk from Fourth Street. (Cont.)
 B. Condition of site: Fair
- 9. Owner's name/address: Walter and Darlene Mikkelson 300 N.5th St.
- 10. Occupant's name/address: GF 58201
- 11. Historic Register value: Nat. State Undt. None On Reg. In District District
- 12. Multiple Resource 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 Properti
- 17. Environment: Elevation _____ Nearest Water: Type _____
 Name _____ Distance _____ Direction _____
 Soil conditions: _____
 Soil Texture: _____

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 21 _____

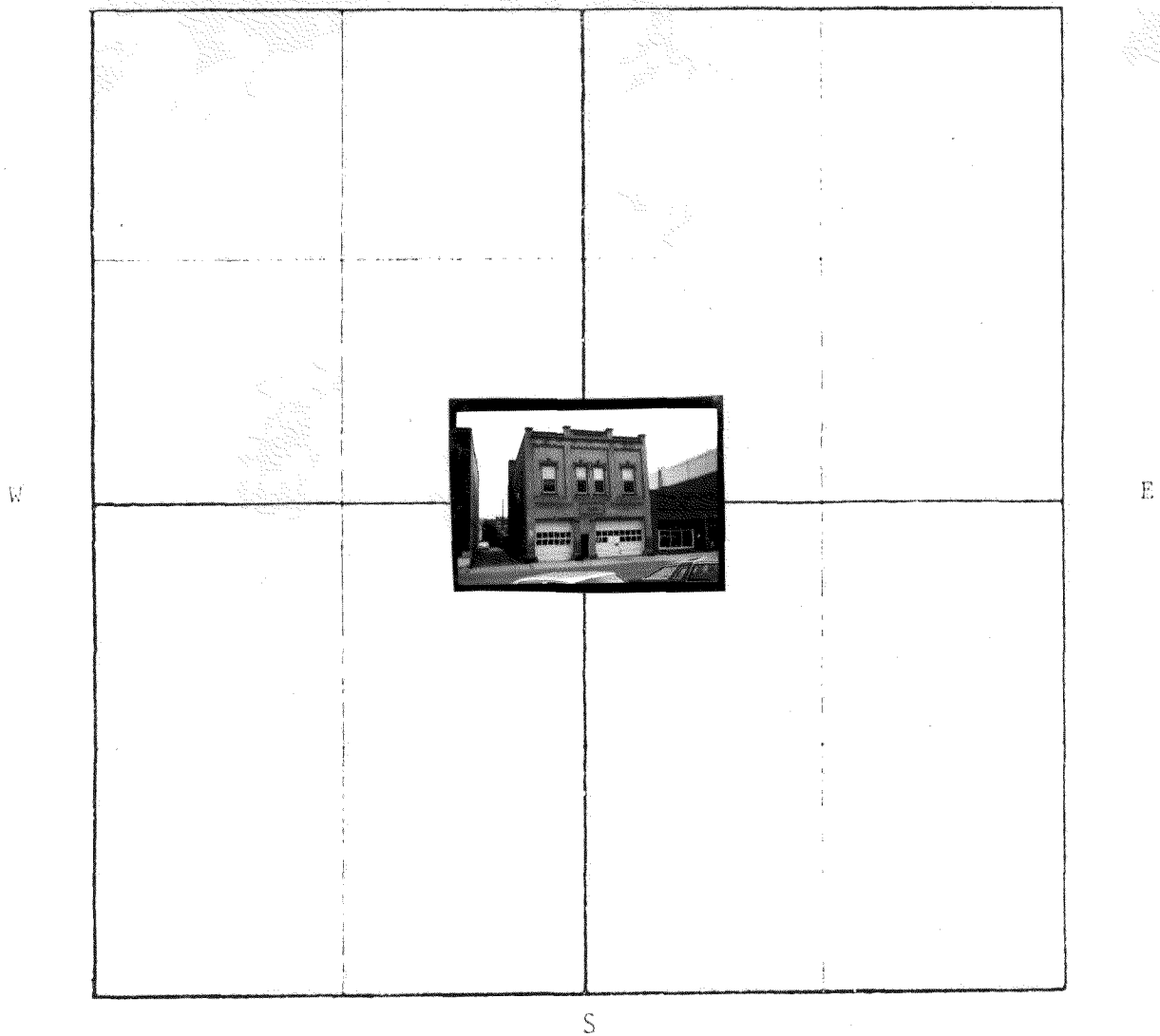
8 X 10 Glossies: Roll 53, Frame 16, 17, 18 _____

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: _____

Recorded by: C. Kudzia Date July, 1981Revised by: Norene and Joe Roberts and Gary Henrickson Date 9/81Historical Research, Inc. 5406 Penn Avenue S.
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55419

27. Thematic category Government 28. Date or period 1907
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 Vernacular
- B. Architect/engineer _____
- C. Contractor/builder _____
- D. Original use Fire station
- E. Present use 2nd floor residential
- F. Number of stories 2 G. Basement: Yes No Partial _____
- H. Foundation Material _____
- I. Wall Construction Brick
- J. Wall Treatment Brick, stone trim
- K. Roof type and material Flat
- L. Number of bays: Front 3 Side _____ M. Plan shape Rectangular
31. Frontage 50' 32. Distance from road 0
33. Number of outbuildings 0 34. Description of outbuildings _____
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35. Changes

Garage doors replaced, original door transoms bricked up, door added and brick replaced between garage doors, some rear and side windows bricked up.

36. Information sources/References

This fire station was one of two built by the city of Grand Forks in 1907.¹ This was the south side fire station. The north side fire station sits on the lot just west of City Hall on Second Avenue North and has been recently condemned by the city to permit green space next to City Hall. The south side station has had fewer alterations to the front facade than its north side counterpart. (Cont.)

37. Reason for significance:

One of two early brick fire stations in Grand Forks. The other station has been condemned by the city. Both of the 1907 stations have been replaced by a new centrally-located facility on Washington Street.

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8A Architectural Description (Continued)

The front (west) elevation of the fire station is faced in yellow Hebron brick with butter joints laid in a stretcher bond. Polished granite blocks form pier bases and corners. The original first story window transoms have been bricked in and a door has been added between the original fire engine doors.

Between the first and second stories, two name blocks with the legends "Hook & Ladder No. 1" and "Hose Company No. 2" flank a central date block with the legend "1907". These blocks are polished granite and are mounted flush with the brickwork. Four brick pilaster strips sitting on polished granite base blocks divide the remaining stories of the front elevation into three bays. The windows in these bays are decorated with pink sandstone sills and modified keystone jack arch lintels. The windows are 1/1 double-hung sash with aluminum storms and screens. Each bay is surmounted by a dentillated corbel course.

The second story is surmounted by a corbel course which is capped with sandstone suggesting a cornice. Above this cornice the parapet is divided by the pilaster capitals which extend above the parapet. The central portion of this parapet has another name block in sandstone which carries the legend "Fire Department."

The side and rear elevations are common brick laid in a common bond. There are stone sills on the side windows and brick segmented arched lintels on the window openings, some of which have been boarded shut.

36 Information sources/References (Continued)

According to the City Planning office, the location of the Great Northern tracks bisecting the downtown necessitated the construction of two fire stations, one north and one south of the tracks. This plan enabled fire equipment to answer emergency calls without waiting for trains. ²The two brick fire stations replaced an earlier frame building erected in 1895.

NOTES:

¹City Assessor's Description # 354.

²History of the Red River Valley: Past and Present. Herald Printing Co., Grand Forks and C.F. Cooper & Co., Chicago, 1909, Vol. 2, p. 628.