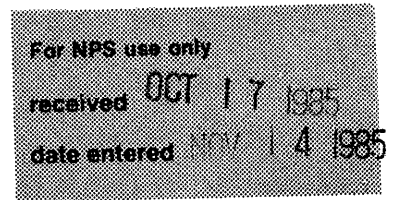


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NAME: Eddy County Courthouse

LOCATION: 524 Central Avenue, New Rockford, North Dakota 38, Eddy County 027

OWNER: Eddy County, New Rockford, ND

ACREAGE: less than 1 acre

VBD (LEGAL) Lots 17-32 (south 1/2) Block 19 Original Townsite Plat.

UTM: Zone 14, Easting = 489930, Northing 5280570; New Rockford, N. Dak. Quad.

DESCRIPTION: The Eddy County Courthouse rises two stories above its cut stone basement level to a lantern tower cap. The tower, not a dome but a pendentive and four webbed domical vault, is lit by multipaned windows. The vault has a non-functional oculus on each side. The roof is hipped with four small dormer gables, one per side. Each floor has a consistent and distinct fenestration system which is the original to the building. The main floor has three vertically arranged planes, with a marble bottom sash

The upper floor has the same, but an added upper pane in an arched brick surround. Two-story paired pilasters bracket the entryway and a course of stone separate the base from the brick.

Internally, the courthouse has much of its historic appearance. The ceiling has metal panels. A high wainscot of oak flanks the hallways and an open stairway with oak railing ascends to the second floor courtroom. The courtroom has simple wooden benches for viewers, historic lighting fixtures, and ample natural light from the four-paned windows.

The building has excellent integrity. The only apparent change is substitution of the metal frame door for the original wooden one. At the time of nomination commissioners are contemplating a more energy-efficient window system.

SIGNIFICANCE: Date: 1899-1900

Architect: M. E. Reebe

Contractor: M. J. Moran

The Eddy County Courthouse is significant for its place in local government. Since its construction in 1899 the building has secured the safety of county documents, given space to court trials and housed county offices.

The building is architecturally significant, too, for several reasons. In the local geographical area, the courthouse is as large as any structure, and thereby an outstanding example to the community of monumental public architecture. The building exhibits the highest degree of integrity among any of its contemporaries and even among more recently built county buildings. The building's pristine condition and grand scale give viewers the most accurate impression of turn-of-the century architecture of any North Dakota courthouses newly considered in this nomination.

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