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Richland County Courthouse, Wahpeton (1912)

Constructed of Bedford limestone over a basement of rusticated Kettle River sandstone, this building features paired fluted Corinthian columns supporting a limestone entablature and pediment on the front facade and a tall tower and dome. Walls rise through stone cornices to crenelated parapets. The limestone tower has rectangular windows on each of the eight sides, separated by pairs of columns that support full entablatures and antefix. The metal-covered dome has bull's-eye windows at the four cardinal directions and is capped with a belvedere and ball finial. Fenestration is simple three-pane rectangular windows with flat lentil surrounds. Original ornate lamp posts remain on the arms of the front entry stair, and there have been no alterations of the exterior of the building.

The interior features well-preserved murals, and illuminated skylight in the rotunda. Floors on all three levels and stairs are white marble and terrazzo. The courtroom has a richly decorated coffered ceiling with acoustical tile in the recesses, and fine stencil work in a band below the ceiling on each wall. Hall entrances on the second floor have large ancones, and the ceiling above the second floor landing has decorative plaster work. Other than the courtroom ceiling, the interior has had no major alterations.

Pembina County Courthouse, Cavalier (1912)

The Pembina County Courthouse is the only Buechner and Orth courthouse to not have a central dome, which was replaced with statuary overlooking the front entrance. The building is constructed of yellow Hebron brick with Bealford limestone basement, wall frieze, and cornices. The hooded door surround of the main entrance is also of limestone, and has rosettes along the sides and lentil and a carved tympanum. Although there is no dome, the building has a functioning rotunda skylight and the attendant murals and stencil treatments. The vaulted skylight springs from interior pilasters at the level of the second story ceiling. Wainscoting, stairs, and staircase are marble, and all floors are terrazzo.

A two-story brick sheriff's residence and jail stands to the southeast of the courthouse. This building is a virtual reproduction of other jail/sheriff's residences in association with other Buechner and Orth Courthouses, including hipped and flat roofs, hipped roof dormers, front and side porches, monumental smokestack and dentiled cornices.

Grand Forks County Courthouse, Grand Forks (1913-14)

The largest and most expensive of the Buechner and Orth courthouses, the Grand Forks County Courthouse is a richly decorated white limestone structure in a modified Classical Revival style, topped with a massive cast iron dome. Unlike all other Buechner and Orth