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National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Lura Building (Preferred)

and/or common Peterson Furniture Store

2. Location

street & number 29 West Main Street N/A not for publication

city, town Mayville N/A vicinity of

state North Dakota code 38 county Traill code 097

3. Classification

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Ralph Peterson

street & number 20 West Main

city, town Mayville N/A vicinity of state North Dakota

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Traill County Registry of Deeds

street & number Traill County Courthouse

city, town Hillsboro state North Dakota

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Cultural Resources Investigation  
of Mayville, ND

has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date 8-17-82 N/A federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records North Dakota State Historical Society

city, town Bismarck state North Dakota

## 7. Description

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

This one story brick commercial building although not large in size, conveys an excellent sense of harmonious design with the larger commercial block immediately to the east. The front facade exhibits artistic brick work consisting of symmetrically spaced round arches, pilasters and dentils. The cornice line provides the building with perhaps its most striking visual feature - a rounded arch crowning feature which bears prominently the 1900 construction date. As is typical with most small commercial storefronts the display area has been altered. The original kickplate and transom have been plastered over and a new cedar hinged awning has been added. The entrance has been recessed and the display windows are set in aluminum frames. In addition, a rear cinder block extension has been added to the rear of the building. This is not visible from the street. The alterations to the storefront are reversible. The interior showroom still retains structural iron pillars with simple classical capitals and its integrity remains excellent.

The decorative brickwork used in the cornice help blend this building with the adjoining Union Block on the east. Although the Union Block is two stories high, the use of the rounded-arch cornice detail in the Lura Block helps to reduce this conflict in elevations. This sympathetic design component arises from the fact that both buildings were designed in 1900 by architect W.C. Albrant. The Lura Block, through the use of materials and scale, also blends harmoniously with the block immediately to the west. These buildings therefore compliment each other's design with the Lura Block being a major contributor to the unified feel of this portion of the downtown business district.

One Contributing Building.

# 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** 1900 **Builder/Architect** William C. Albrant

## Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Lura Building (commonly known today as Peterson's Furniture Store) is locally significant for its architecture and its long standing commercial status in Mayville as a furniture store. The building is associated with one of the early settlers in the area. O.P. Lura was a cabinet maker who immigrated to this region of North Dakota from Norway in 1875. Lura originally owned a wood repair and wagon shop which was located between the present towns of Mayville and Portland.

During the 1880's he moved into Mayville and opened a business that sold furniture and did upholstering. In 1900 following a fire which destroyed much of Block 33, Lura and two other businessmen, A.L. Thompson and E.J. Hoberg, contracted with Fargo architect William C. Albrant to design two buildings on lots 6, 7 and 8 in the original Mayville townsite. Lura's small one-story brick building was constructed along with the Union Block which was built for Thompson and Hoberg. Albrant's design for both buildings was subdued but extremely well conceived. The two-story Union Block was complimented by O.P. Lura's Mayville Furniture Store. Architect Albrant was an early North Dakota architect who designed two major buildings in Mayville. They were the 1900 Mayville Public Library (listed on the National Register of Historic Places) and the addition to Old Main (1905) on the Mayville State College campus. In addition Albrant designed many other buildings throughout North Dakota including the Carnegie Library (1904) and Science Buildings (1901) on the North Dakota State University campus. He is also responsible for the large Richardsonian Romanesque, Robb-Lawrence building in downtown Fargo as well as the City Hall in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan. Although relatively simple, Albrant's design for the Lura Building illustrates his excellent sense of scale and proportions, and represents an early small town commercial design.

The Lura Building, as was previously mentioned, is also significant to Mayville North Dakota for its commercial role. O.P. Lura's Furniture Store provides the local market with quality furniture. The Mayville Furniture Company was in existence until 1921 when Mr. Lura died. The store was passed on to his son Theodore who ran the store until the 1930's when it was sold to Otto Egge. In later years the building housed the Egge Funeral Home. Today, however, the Lura Building is the home of Peterson's Furniture Store. The building is still used for its original purpose eighty-five years later.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

See Continuation Sheet

# 10. Geographical Data

Acree of nominated property .07 acres

Quadrangle name Mayville South

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

### UTM References

A 

1	4	6	2	16	0	16	0	5	2	6	11	8	6	0
Zone	Easting				Northing									

B 

Zone	Easting				Northing									

C 

Zone	Easting				Northing									

D 

Zone	Easting				Northing									

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H 

Zone	Easting				Northing									

### Verbal boundary description and justification

Lot 8, Block 33 of the original Mayville Townsite

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state N/A code county code

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# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title James R. Schimmer and Daniel Cornejo

organization Cornejo-Schimmer Planners date June 12, 1985

street & number Suite 314 Black Building telephone (701) 235-3147

city or town Fargo state North Dakota

# 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national  state  local

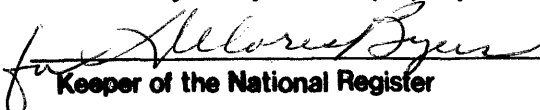
As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

James E. Sperry  
State Historic Preservation Officer signature 

title State Historic Preservation Officer (North Dakota) date September 30, 1985

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

 date 11-14-85  
Keeper of the National Register

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

Chief of Registration

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The Lura Building is significant for its association with pioneer businessman O.P. Lura and early North Dakota architect, William C. Albrant. In addition it has a long standing commercial history as the only retail furniture outlet in the City of Mayville, North Dakota.

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Traill County Register of Deeds

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