



# National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form*. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions.

## 1. Name of Property

Historic name: Manfred Historic District

Other names/site number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of related multiple property listing:

N/A

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

## 2. Location

Street & number: All of the Original Town of Manfred and the LeGrand's Addition

City or town: Manfred State: ND County: Wells

Not For Publication: ☐

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## 3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,

I hereby certify that this x nomination     request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.

In my opinion, the property x meets     does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:

    national     x statewide     local

Applicable National Register Criteria:

x A     B     C     D

Signature of certifying official/Title:

State Historic Preservation Officer

Date

9.25.2017

State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

In my opinion, the property     meets     does not meet the National Register criteria.

Signature of commenting official:

Date

Title :

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#### 4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

- ☒ entered in the National Register  
☐ determined eligible for the National Register  
☐ determined not eligible for the National Register  
☐ removed from the National Register  
☐ other (explain):



Signature of the Keeper

4/13/17

Date of Action

#### 5. Classification

##### Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply.)

- Private: ☒  
Public – Local ☐  
Public – State ☐  
Public – Federal ☐

##### Category of Property

(Check only one box.)

- Building(s) ☐  
District ☒  
Site ☐  
Structure ☐  
Object ☐



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## 7. Description

### Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Late Gothic Revival

Folk Victorian

American Foursquare

Boomtown/False Front

Craftsman

**Materials:** (enter categories from instructions.)

Principal exterior materials of the property: wood, brick, metal, stone or concrete  
foundations, asphalt and wood shake roofs

### Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current physical appearance and condition of the property. Describe contributing and noncontributing resources if applicable. Begin with a **summary paragraph** that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, type, style, method of construction, setting, size, and significant features. Indicate whether the property has historic integrity.)

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#### Summary Paragraph

The village of Manfred started in 1893 as a water stop for the Minneapolis St. Paul and Sault Ste. Marie Railway Company (later the Soo Line Railroad). The original 1894 plat included eight blocks made up of 54 lots but the village soon needed to add two blocks consisting of 31 lots in what is the LeGrand's Addition. The village grew until approximately 1915 and held a steady population until after 1920 when it followed the pattern of decline faced by most rural towns and villages in North Dakota. Few buildings were constructed after 1920 and many uninhabited buildings fell into disrepair or were moved. The 85 lots of Manfred now have 20 major buildings and numerous minor buildings owned by 25 people and groups. Several buildings have been restored or are slated to be restored while a few still serve the three permanent and three seasonal residents of the village.

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## Narrative Description

### Contributing



#### **1. Vang Parsonage**

Legal Description: Original Townsite of Manfred, Block 1, Lot 3

Date of Construction: 1903

Architectural Style: Gable Front L

The west half of Lot 4 is also associated with this property.



#### **2. Vang Evangelical Lutheran Church**

Legal Description: Original Townsite of Manfred, Block 1, Lot 5

Date of Construction: 1906

Architectural Style: Late Gothic Revival

The church, along with its privy, was listed individually in the National Register in 2001 (#01000674). Additional lots associated with this property are the east half of Lot 4 and all of Lot 6.



#### **3. Manfred School**

Legal Description: Original Townsite of Manfred, Block 1, Lots 7-10

Additional Names: Manfred School #1

Date of Construction: 1910

Architectural Style: Neo Classical influenced



#### **4. Bank-Post Office**

Legal Description: Original Townsite of Manfred, Block 3, Lot 6 excluding the South 25'

Additional Names: First State Bank of Manfred, Anderson Motor Company, Manfred Post Office

Date of Construction: 1905

Architectural Style: Transitional Brick Commercial

The area south of the bank was used for implement display when the building housed the Anderson Motor Company 1926-1931.



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**5. Cash Store**

Legal Description: Original Townsite of Manfred, Block 3, Lots 4, 5, and S 25' of Lot 6

Additional Names: Johnson's Place

Date of Construction: 1908

Architectural Style: Boomtown/False Front



**6. Ostrem House**

Additional Names: Jacobson/Johnson/Ostrem House

Legal Description: Original Townsite of Manfred, Block 4, Lot 1

Date of Construction: 1905

Architectural Style: Modified Hipped Roof Box

Property includes one small hipped-roof wood garage and a small wood shed.



**7. Anderson House**

Legal Description: Original Townsite of Manfred, Block 4, Lots 3 and 4

Additional Names: Fjerstad House

Date of Construction: 1905 Builder: B. Thompson

Architectural Style: American Foursquare

Lot 3 has the house while Lot 4 is an active garden. The lots are associated despite split ownership.



**8. Melby-Rogness House**

Legal Description: Original Townsite of Manfred, Block 4, Lot 5

Additional Names: Headquarters of Manfred Heritage Museum

Date of Construction: 1903

Architectural Style: Folk Victorian

Property includes two small garages.



**9. Hotel Johnson**

Legal Description: Original Townsite of Manfred, Block 4, Lot 12

Additional Names: Sons of Norway

Date of Construction: 1906

Architectural Style: Early Commercial

Property includes a small wood privy.

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**10. Gladheim House**

Legal Description: Original Townsite of Manfred, Block 5, W 92' of the S 140'

Date of Construction: 1946

Architectural Style: Minimal Traditional

Associated is the whole of Block 5 despite split ownership. This house was built using materials from the house previously at this location.



**11. Rogne-Solheim House**

Legal Description: Original Townsite of Manfred, Block 8, Lot 3 & W 42' Lot 4

Additional Names: Solheim House, Sorenson/Soderback/Solheim House

Date of Construction: 1899 Builder: Thorstein K. Rogne

Architectural Style: Folk Victorian

Property includes a small garage, a privy, and two other small outbuildings.



**12. Rudolph Peterson House**

Legal Description: LeGrand's Addition, Block 1, Lot 5

Additional Names: Hanisch House

Date of Construction: 1915

Architectural Style: Modified Hipped Roof Box

Property includes two small outbuildings.



**13. Solheim Service Station**

Legal Description: LeGrand's Addition, Block 1, Lot 12

Additional Names: Rogers Lumber Company, Quality Goods, Gas Station

Date of Construction: 1894

Architectural Style: Boomtown/False Front

Relocated within town to its current location in 1933



**14. Erickson-Renden House**

Legal Description: LeGrand's Addition, Block 1, Lot 17 & 18

Date of Construction: 1907

Architectural Style: American Foursquare

This house has been vacant since 1970 when Roy and Lucille Fandrich moved into the Fandrich House.

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### 15. Fandrich House

Legal Description: LeGrand's Addition, Block 2, Lots 2-4

Additional Names: Ervin Boese House, John Wolf House

Date of Construction: ca. 1900, moved here in the mid-1950s from the Proefrock Farm 10.5 miles northeast of Manfred.

Architectural Style: Gable Front Ell

The house is on Lot 3, the garage is on Lot 4, and three small outbuildings and structures are on Lot 2.



### 16. M.K. Melby House

Legal Description: LeGrand's Addition, Block 2, Lot 5 & 6

Date of Construction: 1914

Architectural Style: Folk: Massed Plan, side-gabled

Property includes a small privy and a collapsed garage. The lumber used to construct the house was salvaged from shipping crates.



### 17. Farmers Union Elevator

Legal Description: Manfred Leased Site #768, 47,250 sq. ft. land and structures

Date of Construction: 1905

Architectural Style: no style

### Lots with only minor buildings or structures:

Original Townsite of Manfred:

Block 1, Lot 2 – garage with a hip roof

Block 1, Lot 12 – shack

Block 7, W of SOO Waterway S 140' – two metal grain bins

Block 7, W of SOO Waterway except S 140' – modern trailer

Block 7, E of SOO Waterway – modern trailer

Block 8, Lot 1 – metal grain bin

LeGrand's Addition:

Block 1, Lot 4 – shed with gable roof

Block 1, Lot 14 – small shed

Block 2, Lot 7 – medium sized outbuilding with a combination shed and gable roof and a smaller gabled outbuilding

Block 2, Lot 8 – two privies

Block 2, Lot 12 – garage with asphalt siding and a collapsed house



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**Historic Archeological:**

Vegetation prevented visibility in some areas but aeriels suggest foundations on LeGrand's Addition Block 2, Lots 14, 15 and 16. There also appears to be foundations on Original Townsite of Manfred Block 4, Lot 7 and Block 3, Lot 6. The sidewalk that is in good shape in front of the bank deteriorates as it moves south and can be considered remains by the north border of Lot 5. The East 184' of the South 140' of Block 5 appears to have the remains of a small outbuilding.

**Vacant Lots:**

Original Townsite of Manfred:

Block 1, Lots 1 & 11

Block 2

Block 3, Lots 1-3, 7-9 & triangle at southeast corner

Block 4, Lots 6-11 & 15

Block 6, Lots 1-2

Block 8, Lot 2

Manfred Leased Site #768, 47,250 sq. ft.: The elevator from this leased parcel suffered deterioration and storm damage ca. 2011. The elevator was demolished by 2013.

LeGrand's Addition:

Block 1, Lots 1-3, 10-11, 13

Block 2, Lots 1, 6, 9-11

Non-contributing

**18. Garage/Bar/Café**

Legal Description: Original Townsite of Manfred, Block 4, Lots 13-14

Additional Names: Anderson Melby Motor Company, Schlenkers, D & R Welding

Date of Construction: 1916

Architectural Style: Boomtown/False Front

Property has been heavily modified with exterior materials and includes a small outbuilding.

**19. Elevator House**

Legal Description: Original Townsite of Manfred, Block 6, Lots 3-5

Additional Names: Dr. W.R. Owen House, P.B. Anderson House, Roller House

Date of Construction: 1917

Architectural Style: Hipped Roof Box

Residence has been heavily modified with changes to the porch, materials, and openings. The property includes a large modern shop building on Lots 3 and 4.

**20. Harry Detling Residence**

Legal Description: Original Townsite of Manfred, Block 8, E 8' of Lot 4 & Lots 5-6

Date of Construction: 1989

Architectural Style: Trailer House

Property also includes a modern shop building.

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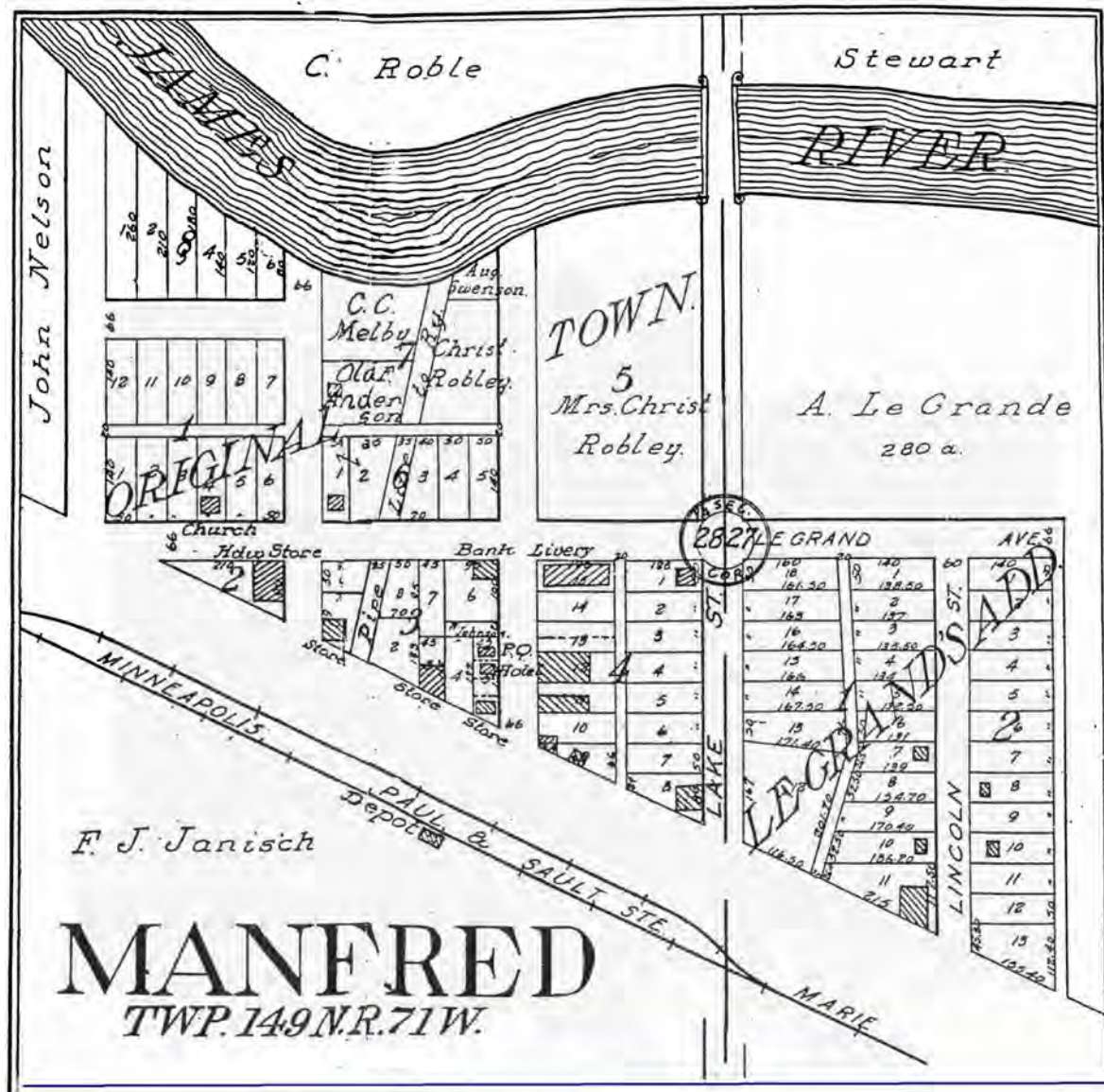
**21. Mike's Shop**

Legal Description: LeGrand's Addition, Block 1, Lots 6-10

Date of Construction: 1988

Architectural Style: no style

The main building is a conglomeration of modern and old buildings that have been put together. There is also a modern trailer house on the property. Lots 7-10 are associated with this property and include two small sheds clad with sheet metal.



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## 8. Statement of Significance

### Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- ☒ A. Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- ☐ B. Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☐ C. Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☐ D. Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

### Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

- ☒ A. Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes
- ☐ B. Removed from its original location
- ☐ C. A birthplace or grave
- ☐ D. A cemetery
- ☐ E. A reconstructed building, object, or structure
- ☐ F. A commemorative property
- ☐ G. Less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years

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**Areas of Significance**

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Settlement

Social History

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**Period of Significance**

1893-1967

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Significant Dates**

1894

1953

\_\_\_\_\_

**Significant Person**

(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

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**Cultural Affiliation**

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**Architect/Builder**

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**Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph** (Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance, applicable criteria, justification for the period of significance, and any applicable criteria considerations.)

There are many “pioneer villages” that have been created across the United States to tell the story of the early Euro-American settlers but the majority of those were created by moving buildings from other towns and villages in the area to the “pioneer village.” The Village of Manfred rose and fell like many other villages and is the only authentic village working to tell the story of agricultural settlement in rural North Dakota. The Manfred Historic District is nominated under Criterion A in the categories of Settlement and Social History at the statewide level. Criterion Consideration A is marked for the Vang Lutheran Church but since that property is individually listed (#01000674), the consideration has already been addressed.

**Narrative Statement of Significance** (Provide at least **one** paragraph for each area of significance.)

The settlement of the Manfred area began with homesteads in the late 1880s, often with sod homes constructed first and then improved or replaced once better materials were available. Soon, however, the Minneapolis St. Paul and Sault Ste. Marie Railway Company (Soo Line) chose the area to serve as a water stop and completed tracks through the area in 1893. In addition to the tracks, the Railway Company also built a dam on the river to create Manfred Lake and constructed the support facilities for the water stop to include pipe, two windmills, a pump house, a water tank, a depot, and a station master’s residence.

The Railway Company named the stop but the story of the name has three variations, all involving Lord Byron’s dramatic poem *Manfred* that was popular at the time. One story claims the village was named directly after the poem’s hero. A second story is that Manfred was named after a man named Manfred, a name popularized by the poem, who worked on building that line. The third story is that the rail foreman named the town after his new son, who was named Manfred by his wife after the poem’s hero.<sup>1</sup>

All the surrounding homesteads had been claimed by the fall of 1893 and the village of Manfred was established by 1894. Rail access made lumber readily available and wood-frame houses and buildings popped up as the population of the town quickly grew. The land on which the town is platted belonged first to a man from Sweden, a man from Norway, and a couple from New York of English descent. While many pockets of North Dakota were settled by immigrants of the same ethnic backgrounds, the 1900 Manfred Township Census recorded that its population originated from the countries of: Austria, Canada, Denmark, England, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Norway, Poland, Russia, and Sweden.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Manfred History and Preservation, Inc., “The History of Manfred”, The New Manfred News, Volume 7, Issue 1, August 2007, page 5-7. Story one is the most often told story for the naming of the town. Story two was related by Pam Nelson Norstedt as being told to her aunt, Ora Gladheim Thompson, by a man who claimed to be the great-grandson of the man for whom the town was named. Story three was told to Dianne Johnson Aull by a woman visiting the town because she said her grandfather had named it after her father.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid, page 7.

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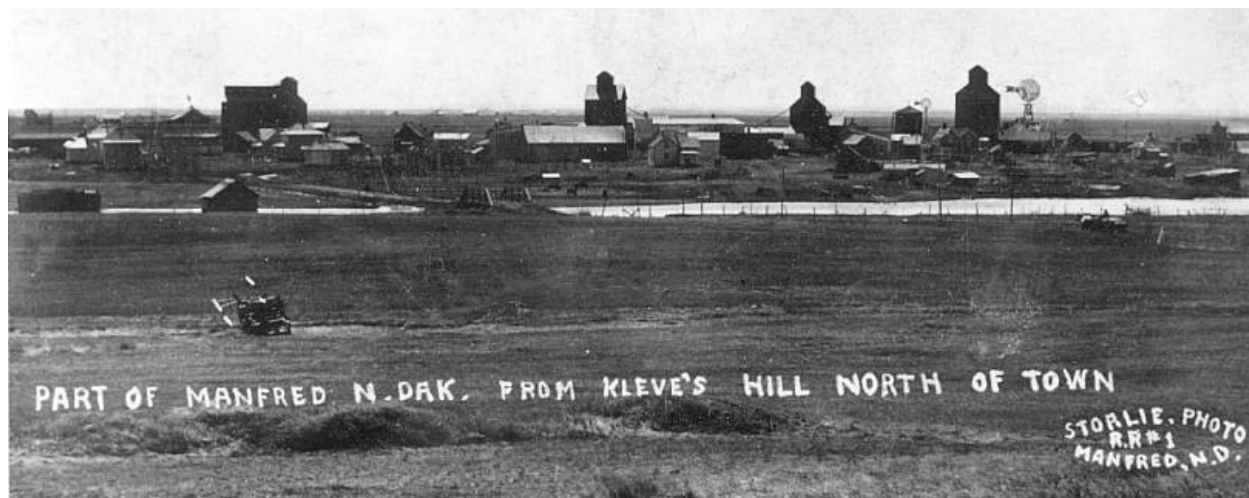
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The first business started in Manfred was by Gullik R. Nordtrop as an agent for the Rogers Lumber Company. The lumber company was quickly followed by the first mercantile store opened by Torstein K. Rogne and Lars O. Burkum and the post office opened inside their store in May of 1894 with Rogne as the postmaster. Homesteaders had already coordinated with the neighboring St. Anna Township for a school district in 1892 and three schools were near Manfred in 1895. With the village booming, the townships split the school district to follow the township lines in 1897. Soon the town needed a larger school and the Manfred School opened in 1910.<sup>3</sup>

P.B. Anderson, an early settler of the area, wrote an account of his settlement and town history in the early 1900s. According to Anderson, “Manfred at its height of prosperity boasted of three or four general stores, two hardware stores, two blacksmith shops, two lumber yards, two barber shops, two pool rooms, bank, drugstore, livery.”<sup>4</sup> The town had many businesses that operated to support the population but the need for the town was supported by the agriculture of the area rather than any big industry. Farmers from the area brought their products to be shipped from the elevators on the railroad, which was over 435,000 bushels of grain in 1912 according the Bismarck Daily Tribune. The Tribune also noted that the bushels marketed and sold by the elevators would not have included the bushels hauled by farmers directly to the flour mill in nearby Fessenden.<sup>5</sup> At one time, the town supported five elevators and one stock yard.<sup>6</sup> Today, only the Farmers Union Elevator (Manfred Branch of the Fessenden Cooperative) remains standing.



The elevators at Manfred, ca. 1906, from left: Osborn-McMillan Elevator, Regan and Lyness Elevator, Farmers Union Elevator, George Reiter's Elevator.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid.

<sup>4</sup> Ibid, page 8. A quote from Anderson's account as written in the newsletter.

<sup>5</sup> Scoop. "Manfred" The Bismarck Daily Tribune, November 4, 1913 page 4.

<sup>6</sup> Manfred, page 12.

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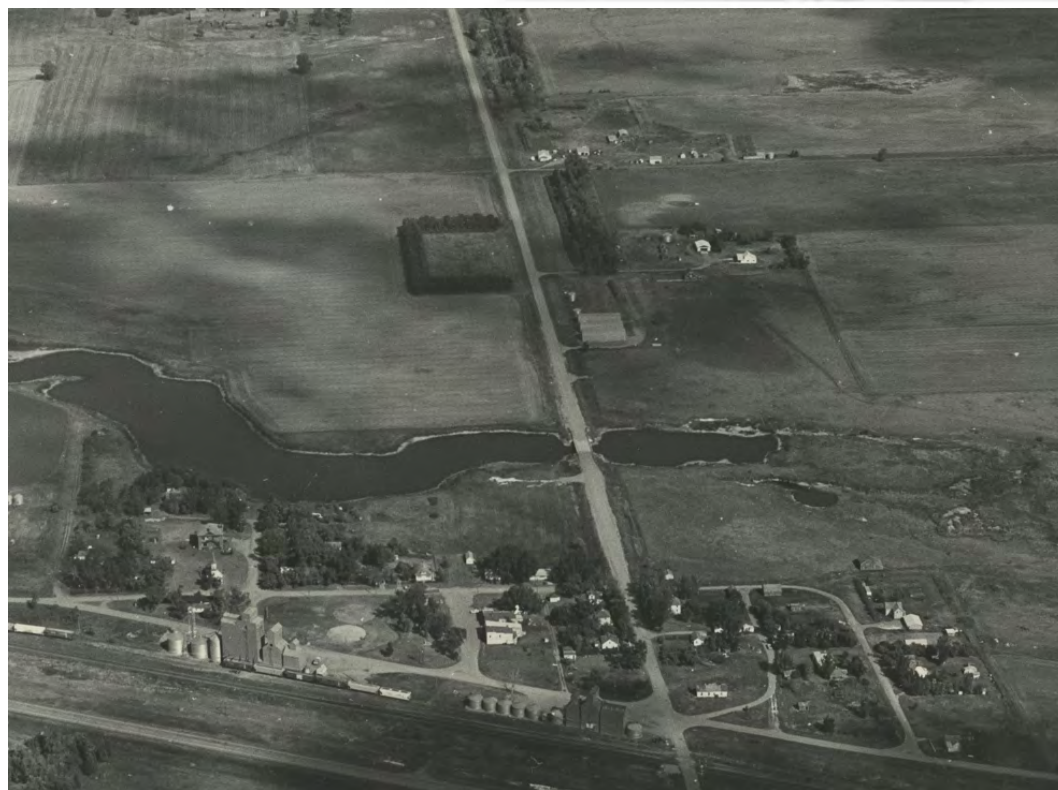
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The population of Manfred grew until it peaked at 449 residents in 1915, and then a slow decline began. The harsh environmental conditions of the Great Depression contributed to the decline in population but the advancements in farming technology and the closing of the water stop in 1953 really changed the town, leading its population to drop to 70 in 1960 and only three full-time residents today.<sup>7</sup> That decline of small agricultural villages was very common across North Dakota as farms no longer needed the same number of laborers or the close access to railroads.



Above:  
Manfred  
postcards  
together create  
a panoramic  
view from the  
southeast,  
sometime  
between 1907-  
1910.<sup>8</sup>



Left: 1984  
aerial of  
Manfred from  
the south, State  
Historical  
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<sup>7</sup> Ibid, page 12. The 1915 population is the whole township as that was the only number available and the 1911 atlas records 42 residences outside the village. The 1960 population and current number are for the village only.

<sup>8</sup> Historic images are from the Manfred Heritage Museum Collection unless otherwise noted.

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In addition to the overall village as an historic place, there are a few extant properties that are especially important to telling the story. The Bank-Post Office is believed to be the only surviving bank building constructed as part of Thomas Lincoln Beiseker's banking empire. The Beiseker Mansion in Fessenden was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1977 (#77001036) in part for its association with this man who was a banker, a publisher, and land developer. The Manfred bank building served most of the community throughout its history, first as a bank (1905-1925) and then as an office and gas station for an implement dealership (1926-1931), a filling station and creamery (1932-1944), and a post office (1944-1992) which also sold staple groceries after the grocery closed.<sup>9</sup>



The bank building and neighboring lot as the Anderson Motor Company, sometime between 1926 and 1931.

<sup>9</sup> Clement Augustus Lounsberry claimed on page 832 of North Dakota History and People: Outlines of American History Volume 2 (Chicago: S.J. Clarke Publishing, 1917) that Bieseker had at least 19 banks he was involved with in North Dakota, 2 in Minnesota, and three in Montana "among others". The first one was organized in April 1893 at Sykeston, ND.; Bank-Post Office Information Sketch.



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Nennie and Alpha Johnson, 1905

The Ostrem house was originally occupied by Nennie Johnson, the local barber who also built the Hotel Johnson. Once the hotel was built, Nennie and his wife, Alpha Skogmo, took up residence on the top floor and sold the house to Rasmus and Margaret Jacobson. The Jacobson's were the first couple to be married in the Vang Lutheran Church (individually listed in 2001, #01000674). Rasmus worked at the elevator and Margaret, a trained cook from Norway, worked as the cook at the hotel. Their son, James Jacobson spent the first nine years of his life in this house and went on to have a prominent banking career, retiring as the Senior Vice President of Chase-Manhattan in charge of operations outside the United States. From 1917 until 1942, the residence housed a couple families and renters. In 1942 it was purchased by Lars Ostrem for himself and his parents. An Ostrem descendant, Larry Fisher, is a third prominent connection. Fisher is an artist who specializes in trains and has shared many happy memories of visiting the Ostrem house with the Manfred Heritage Museum.<sup>10</sup>

<sup>10</sup> Correspondence from Wanda Melchert to author, December 30, 2016; Johnson-Jacobson-Ostrem House Information Sketch.

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Manfred School in 1910 with the first teachers, Ray Covert and Lillian Covert, at the front entry.

The Manfred School held more than classes for children, it also housed many community activities and served as a meeting place and voting poll. The school was built in 1910 when the community had outgrown the frame school. This new brick school has a basement that housed a cistern and hot water heating system and provided a location for shop classes. In later years, it also served as a cafeteria. The first floor held classrooms for Grades 1-3/4 on the west side and classes for Grades 4/5-8 on the east side. The second level used the east classroom for Grades 7-8, and sometimes Grade 9. The school did not need the space in the west room for classes so it was used as a gymnasium, with the lines from a basketball half-court still on the floor. There was also another room on this level called the library even though it did not always serve that function. For a few years at least, the library housed an organ and the children rotated individually through for their music lessons and the books were kept on the first level. Over the years as the number of children in each grade varied, the rooms used for each grade varied. In the 1950s, all classes were held on the first level with the second level restricted for special uses such as painting backdrops for school plays. After the school closed in 1973, the students joined either the Harvey or Fessenden school districts. The building was auctioned off in 1974 and converted into a residence. The school sold again in 1993 and served as storage until 2005 when restoration by the Rural Vestige Alliance began.<sup>11</sup>

<sup>11</sup> Manfred School Information Sketch.

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The upper grades for the 1913-1914 school year, with their teacher John C. Bolenbaugh.

The Cash Store was built by Nennie Johnson two years after he built the Hotel Johnson to serve as a barber shop. The building also housed a pool hall and lunch counter before being converted into a store. He added an art studio to the back of the building where he did taxidermy and other artistic work. His entrepreneurial spirit continued and he also raised bees and sold honey until he retired in 1945, one year before his death. The store continued under three more owners, including Stella Sorenson who lived in the former art studio, until 1978 when it was purchased and turned into storage.<sup>12</sup>



Johnson's Place open for business



Inside Johnson's place

<sup>12</sup> Johnson's Place-Cash Store Information Sketch.

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Solheim Station in 1968

The Solheim Service Station began as the Rogers Lumber Company in 1894, the first business in Manfred. The Nordtorp family who started the store returned to Norway in 1899 and the business was sold in 1900. By 1908, the building had been moved closer to the railroad tracks and it remained there until 1932 when the lumber company closed. In 1933, the building was moved to its current location to serve as a filling station. The filling station operated until 1974 and then it became a repair shop until 1984 when it was purchased to serve as storage. In 2003, Helmer Solheim's daughter bought the building and began restoring it to the period when her father ran the station (October 1945-November 1969).<sup>13</sup>

<sup>13</sup> Lumber Company-Station Information Sketch.



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In 1905, the Farmer's Union Elevator became the fourth elevator to operate in Manfred. In 1913, the Bismarck Tribune said the elevator had bought 180,000 bushels of grain as well as handling wood, coal, and fence posts. Although the town population was declining, the Farmer's Union Elevator built a major addition with another elevator in 1957 to greatly increase its capacity at Manfred. At some point, the elevator was sold to the Fessenden Coop Elevator and they sold it in about 2011 to a private individual. It was resold in 2013 to an elevator enthusiast who has made some repairs for the potential future use by his son's farm.<sup>14</sup>



Elevator complex soon after the 1957 addition

The Manfred Historic District represents the rise and fall of a successful agricultural village, a common story for many communities across North Dakota. According to Douglas A. Wicks in North Dakota Place Names, there have been 3147 named places in the state. Of that number, some were renamed and some were variations on spelling for the same place. Wicks also stated that contemporary ND Department of Transportation (NDDOT) maps to his 1988 book listed over 500 incorporated places. A 2013-2104 NDDOT map that used 2010 census data listed 344 incorporated places in the state with five of those places having a population of less than 10 people<sup>15</sup>. Reviewing aerials and available street imagery from Google Maps, those five places all

<sup>14</sup> Farmers Union Elevator-Fessenden Cooperative, Manfred Branch: Elevator Information Sketch.

<sup>15</sup> The five towns with their population are: Bergen, 7; Grano, 7; Loraine, 9; Perth, 9; and Ruso, 4. A couple unincorporated towns in a similar state as these towns are Hanks, 1, and Merricourt with 1 family. A slightly larger example of a comparable village is Ambrose, a town in northwestern North Dakota with a current population of 26.

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have a couple houses and outbuildings and from zero to a couple of former commercial buildings, most of which do not have historic integrity. What makes Manfred an exceptional example<sup>16</sup> is the number of contributing resources and the effort to maintain the historic buildings and structures, preserving the village without creating a false sense of history. Buildings are not being reconstructed to bring the town back to the way it appeared in 1915 but the local organizations are working to restore and maintain the comparatively large number of extant buildings and structures that tell the story.

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Ambrose has a very similar story to Manfred (with slightly different numbers) but the condition and historic integrity of that town is much lower.

<sup>16</sup> Comparing census data from the years near Manfred's peak, the end of the period of significance, and the latest census reveal that Manfred was one of 97 subdivisions in 1920 with a population 400-499 (Manfred Township was 439) and one of 58 with a population of 415-465. Of those same subdivisions with comparable populations, by 1970 Manfred Township (179) was one of 31 with a population 125-225 and only 10 with a population 150-200. By 2010, 12 of those 31 subdivisions had a population of 30-49 (Manfred Township had 39). Between each set of census data reviewed, some subdivisions no longer existed.

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### Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- ☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- ☒ previously listed in the National Register
- ☐ previously determined eligible by the National Register
- ☐ designated a National Historic Landmark
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey # \_\_\_\_\_

### Primary location of additional data:

- ☐ State Historic Preservation Office
  - ☐ Other State agency
  - ☐ Federal agency
  - ☐ Local government
  - ☐ University
  - ☒ Other
- Name of repository: Manfred Heritage Museum

**Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned):** \_\_\_\_\_

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## 10. Geographical Data

**Acres of Property** approximately 33

### UTM References

Datum (indicated on USGS map):

☐ NAD 1927 or ☒ NAD 1983

1. Zone: 14	Easting: 443563	Northing: 5282992
2. Zone: 14	Easting: 443616	Northing: 5282872
3. Zone: 14	Easting: 443712	Northing: 5282817
4. Zone: 14	Easting: 443814	Northing: 5282861
5. Zone: 14	Easting: 443887	Northing: 5282878
6. Zone: 14	Easting: 443887	Northing: 5282679
7. Zone: 14	Easting: 444063	Northing: 5282678
8. Zone: 14	Easting: 444067	Northing: 5282438
9. Zone: 14	Easting: 443884	Northing: 5282515
10. Zone: 14	Easting: 443884	Northing: 5282469
11. Zone: 14	Easting: 443561	Northing: 5282627

### Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

The district includes all of Blocks 1-8 of the Original Townsite of Manfred and all of Blocks 1-2 of LeGrand's Addition.

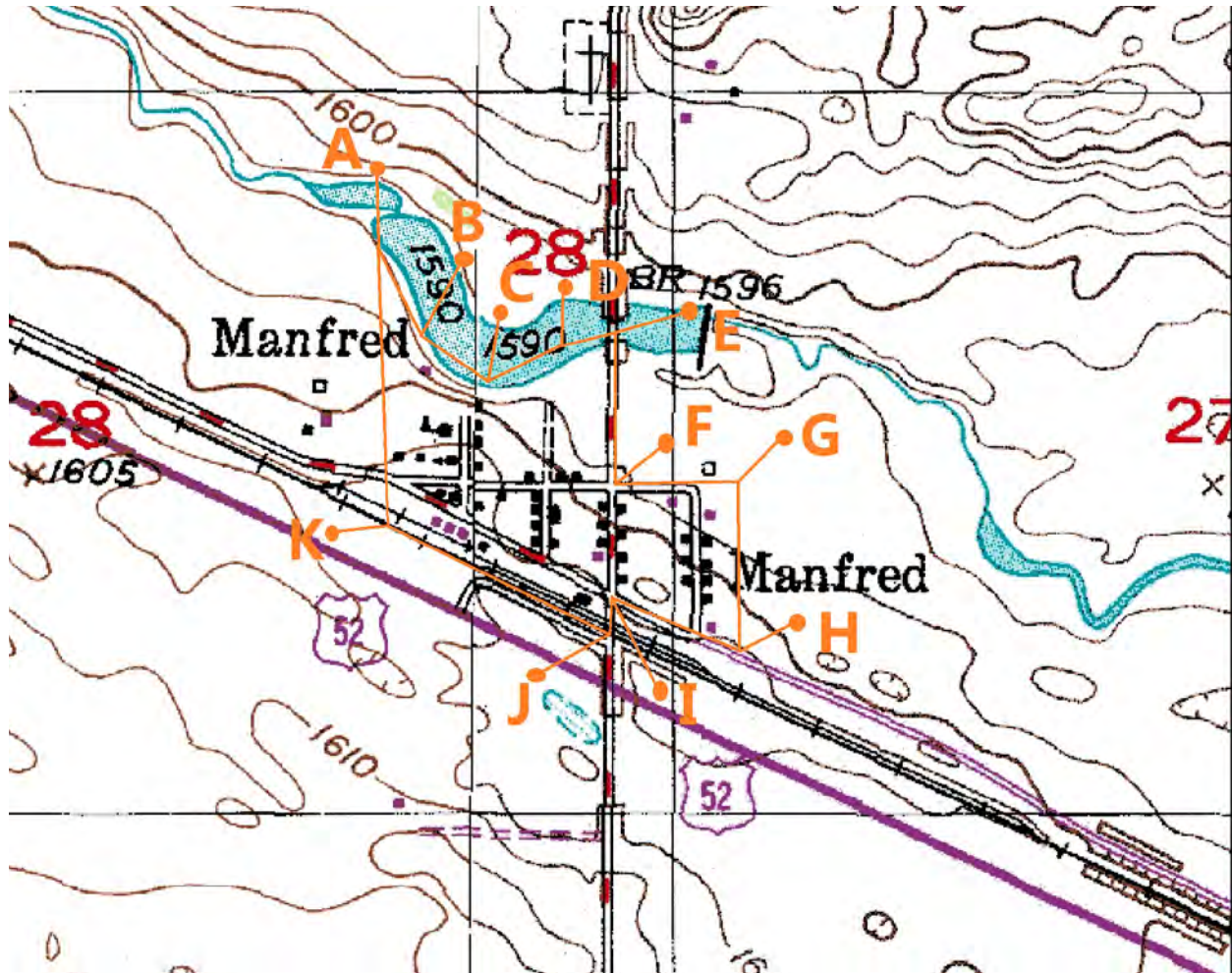
### Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The district boundaries are drawn to include the lots of the Original Townsite of Manfred and the LeGrand's Addition, which make up the village of Manfred.



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**UTMs NAD 1983**

A: 14	443563	5282992
B: 14	443616	5282872
C: 14	443712	5282817
D: 14	443814	5282861
E: 14	443887	5282878
F: 14	443887	5282679
G: 14	444063	5282678
H: 14	444067	5282438
I: 14	443884	5282515
J: 14	443884	5282469
K: 14	443561	5282627

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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title: Lorna Meidinger, Architectural Historian with Wanda Melchert & Audrey Solheim

organization: State Historical Society of ND & Manfred History and Preservation, Inc.

street & number: 612 E Boulevard Ave

city or town: Bismarck state: ND zip code: 58505

e-mail: lbmeidinger@nd.gov

telephone: 701-328-2089

date: July 2017

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## Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **Maps:** A USGS map or equivalent (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to this map.
- **Additional items:** (Check with the SHPO, TPO, or FPO for any additional items.)

## Property Owner

property: MANFRED L-1&2 11&12 B-1

name/title: Laurie Lloyd

street & number: 1644 HWY 52

city or town: Fessenden state: ND zip code: 58438

property: MANFRED L-3 B-1, W2 L-4 B-1, W92' of S 140' B-5

name/title: Joshua D. Harkness

street & number: 153 Legrand Ave

city or town: Manfred state: ND zip code: 58341

property: MANFRED E2 L-4 B-1, L-5&6 B-1

name/title: Verna Bowers, Treasurer

organization: Vang Evangelical Lutheran Church

street & number: 619 Judy Boulevard

city or town: Harvey state: ND zip code: 58341

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property: MANFRED L-7-10 B-1, L-10-11 B-4, L-3 & W42' L-4 B-8

organization: Rural Vestige Alliance c/o Audrey Solheim

street & number: 1026 S 3<sup>rd</sup> St #3

city or town: Bismarck state: ND zip code: 58504-6398

property: MANFRED ALL of B-2

name/title: Cherry Mae Smith

street & number: 3032 Highway 93 N

city or town: Gibbonsville state: ID zip code: 83463

property: MANFRED L-1, 7&8 B-3

organization: Fessenden COOP Association

street & number: PO Box 126

city or town: Fessenden state: ND zip code: 58438

property: MANFRED L-2&3 B-3

organization: Gorder Grain INC

street & number: PO Box 122

city or town: Butte state: ND zip code: 58723

property: MANFRED L-4&5 B-3, S25' L-6 B-3, L-3&12 B-4

name/title: Wanda & Richard Melchert

street & number: 1005 4<sup>th</sup> Ave NW

city or town: Mandan state: ND zip code: 58554-2713

property: MANFRED L-6 B-3 EX S25', L-4-8 B-4

organization: Manfred History and Preservation, Inc.

street & number: PO Box 321

city or town: Harvey state: ND zip code: 58341

property: MANFRED L-9 B-3

name/title: George & Marjorie O'Brien

street & number: 42 Elihu St

city or town: Hamden state: CT zip code: 06517

property: MANFRED L-1&2 B-4

name/title: Rodney E.R. Anderson

street & number: PO Box 5173

city or town: Goodyear state: AZ zip code: 85338

property: MANFRED E184' of S140' B-5

name/title: Dale & Shirley Opdahl

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street & number: 3626 HWY 52

city or town: Harvey state: ND zip code: 58341

property: MANFRED ALL of B-5 EX S 140', MANFRED LEGRANDS 1ST ADD L-1 B-1

name/title: Wesley & Esther Boese

street & number: 1984 39<sup>th</sup> Ave NE

city or town: Manfred state: ND zip code: 58341

property: MANFRED LEGRANDS 1ST ADD L-3-5 B-1

name/title: Kenneth Fandrich

street & number: 21801 N 16<sup>th</sup> St

city or town: Phoenix state: AZ zip code: 85024

property: MANFRED LEGRANDS 1ST ADD L-6-10 B-1

name/title: Michael Melby

street & number: 119 Main St S Apt 7

city or town: Minot state: ND zip code: 58701

property: MANFRED LEGRANDS 1ST ADD L-12 B-1 (PT SW4 SEC27)

name/title: Audrey Solheim

street & number: 1026 S 3<sup>rd</sup> St #3

city or town: Bismarck state: ND zip code: 58504-6398

property: MANFRED LEGRANDS 1ST ADD L-13 B-1

name/title: Jerry & Rhonda Fandrich

street & number: 1012 Birch Ave

city or town: Harvey state: ND zip code: 58341

property: MANFRED LEGRANDS 1ST ADD L-15&16 B-1

name/title: Rose M. Anderson

street & number: 3731 20<sup>th</sup> St NE

city or town: Manfred state: ND zip code: 58341

property: MANFRED LEGRANDS 1ST ADD L-7 B-2

organization: Hunters Road North, LLC

street & number: 7625 HWY 12

city or town: Maple Plain state: MN zip code: 55359

property: MANFRED LEGRANDS 1ST ADD L-8-11 B-2

name/title: Virgil & Vicki Nelson

street & number: 37848 Deer Lake Way

city or town: Grand Rapids state: MN zip code: 55744

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**OWNERS WHO OBJECT TO THIS NOMINATION**

property: MANFRED L-3-5 B-6  
organization: Charles & Roxie Roller  
street & number: 104 Legrand St  
city or town: Harvey state: ND zip code: 58341

property: MANFRED LEGRANDS 1<sup>ST</sup> ADD L-2, 17&18 B-1, L-1-6 B-2  
name/title: Lucille Fandrich  
street & number: 116 Lincoln St  
city or town: Manfred state: ND zip code: 58341

property: MANFRED L-9, 13-15 B-4, L-1&2 B-6, N150'x180' W of SOO WATERWAY B-7 MANFRED N 95' of S 140', W of SOO WATERWAY B-7, S 45' W of SOO WATERWAY, B-7 E of SOO WATERWAY, L 1&2 B-8, E 8' L-4 & ALL L 5&6 B-8; MANFRED LEGRANDS 1ST ADD L-11&14 B-1, L-12&13 B-2  
name/title: Harry Detling  
street & number: 115 1<sup>st</sup> Ave W  
city or town: Manfred state: ND zip code: 58341

property: MANFRED LEASED SITE #768 47,250 SQ FT LAND AND STRUCTURES, MANFRED LEASED SITE #29795 47,940 SQ FT  
organization: Soo Line Railroad Company, Tax Dept  
street & number: 120 S 6<sup>th</sup> St  
city or town: Minneapolis state: MN zip code: 55402



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Sketch map with photograph key, 2016 State of North Dakota aerial base photo

### Photo Log

Name of Property: Manfred Historic District

City or Vicinity: Manfred

County: Wells

State: North Dakota

Photographer: Lorna Meidinger (except photo 9)

Date Photographed: September 20, 2016 (except photo 9)

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Vang Parsonage  
from south  
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Vang Evangelical Lutheran Church  
from east southeast  
2 of 17

Manfred School  
from southeast  
3 of 17

Bank-Post Office  
from east southeast  
4 of 17

Cash Store  
from east southeast  
5 of 17

Ostrem House  
from east  
6 of 17

Anderson House  
from southeast  
7 of 17

Melby-Rogness House  
from east  
8 of 17

Hotel Johnson  
Photographer: Wanda Melchert  
Taken September 16, 2017  
from southwest  
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Gladheim House  
from southeast  
10 of 17

Rogne-Solheim House  
from south  
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Rudolph Peterson House  
from east  
12 of 17

Solheim Service Station  
from west southwest  
13 of 17

Erickson-Renden House  
from southwest  
14 of 17

Fandrich House  
from southwest  
15 of 17

M.K. Melby House  
from southwest  
16 of 17

Farmers Union Elevator  
from northeast  
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1905  
Beiseker Bank  
Manfred Post Office







OIL  
STORE

PETERSON'S STORE

FUEL  
STORE





1905  
Johnson-Jacobson-  
Ostrom House









OPEN

Headquarters of  
MANFRED  
HERITAGE  
MUSEUM  
No Admission Charge



HOTEL JOHNSON



















STANDARD OIL  
DIVISION OF AMERICAN OIL COMPANY

1894  
Rogers Lumber Company  
Solheim Service Station

















MANFRED FARMERS UNION  
ELEV. CO.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Requested Action: Nomination

Property Name: Manfred Historic District

Multiple Name:

State & County: NORTH DAKOTA, Wells

Date Received: 9/28/2017      Date of Pending List: 10/26/2017      Date of 16th Day: 11/13/2017      Date of 45th Day: 11/13/2017      Date of Weekly List: 11/20/2017

Reference number: SG100001813

Nominator: State

Reason For Review:

☒ Accept      ☐ Return      ☐ Reject      11/13/2017 Date

Abstract/Summary Comments: See communication from files from North Dakota SHPO confirming that a majority of property owners do not object to listing.

Recommendation/ Criteria

Reviewer Roger Reed      Discipline Historian

Telephone (202)354-2278      Date

DOCUMENTATION:      see attached comments : No      see attached SLR : No

If a nomination is returned to the nomination authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the National Park Service.

I, Lucille Fandrich, object to the nomination of my property Manfred Legrands, 1st L-2 17 S 18 B 1 L 1-6 B-2, to the National Register of Historic Places.

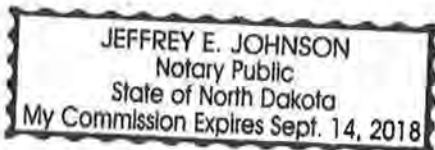
Dated 7-22-17

*Lucille Fandrich*

State of North Dakota

County of Wells

On July 22, 2017, Lucille Fandrich personally appeared before me, whose identity I proved on the basis of their North Dakota Driver's License, to be the signer of the above instrument, and she acknowledged that she signed it.



*Jeffrey E. Johnson*  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires Sept. 14, 2018

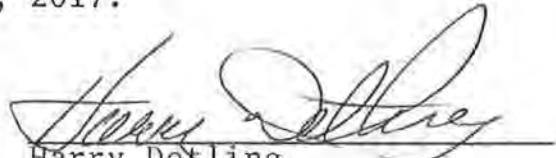
STATEMENT

I, Harry Detling, am the owner of the following described property in Manfred, North Dakota:

Manfred Lot 9 & 15, Block 4, L 1 & 2, Block 6, North 150 x 180' W of Soo Waterway Block 7 Manfred, North 95' of S 140' W of Soo Waterway Block 7, S 45' W of Soo Waterway Block 7, E of Soo Waterway, Lot 1 & 2 Block 8, Manfred Legrands 1st Addition to Lot 11 & 14, Block 1, Lot 12 & 13, Block 2.

I do request the above described property be excluded from Manfred Historic District.

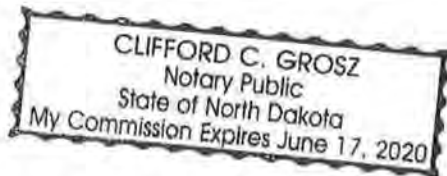
Dated this 16th day of August, 2017.

  
Harry Detling

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

COUNTY OF WELLS

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a notary public, this 16th day of August, 2017.



  
Clifford C. Grosz - Notary

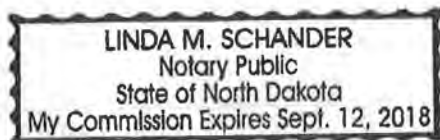
To : State Historical Society  
.. of ND

Charles and Roxie Roller  
object to the nomination  
of our property Manfred  
L3-5B-6 to the National  
Register of Historic Places

Sincerely,  
Charles Roller  
Roxie Roller

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
County of Wells

On this 20th day of July, in the year 2017 before me  
personally appeared Charles and Roxie Roller, known to  
me to be the persons who are described in and who executed  
the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that they  
executed the same.



*Linda M. Schander*  
Notary Public



VIA COURIER

August 22, 2017

State Historic Preservation Officer  
North Dakota Heritage Center  
612 E. Boulevard  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0830



RE: Affidavit of Soo Line Railroad Company in regard to proposed Manfred Historic District for consideration by North Dakota State Historic Preservation Review Board for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places

To Whom It May Concern:

David S. Drach, "**Affiant**," being first duly sworn, on oath says that:

1. He is the Director Real Estate – U.S. of Soo Line Railroad Company, a Minnesota corporation doing business as Canadian Pacific, "**CP**";

2. CP's principal place of business for its U.S. operations is

700 Canadian Pacific Plaza  
120 South Sixth Street  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402;

3. CP is the sole fee owner of those certain lands in Manfred, Wells County, Minnesota identified as:

- a. Manfred Leased Site #768 47,250 Sq. Ft. Land and Structures
- b. Manfred Leased Site #29795 47,940 Sq. Ft.

the "**CP Parcels**;"

4. The CP Parcels are included in the property encompassed by the proposed Manfred Historic District under consideration by North Dakota State Historic Preservation Review Board for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places, the "**Nomination**."

5. CP objects to the inclusion of its lands in the Nomination and requests that its interests in the CP Parcels be removed from the Nomination.

Affiant knows the matters herein stated are true and further sayeth not.

Dated this 22 day of August 2017.

**SOO LINE RAILROAD COMPANY**  
a Minnesota corporation  
*doing business as Canadian Pacific*

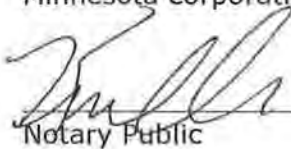


By:

David S. Drach  
Director Real Estate – U.S.

State of Minnesota            )  
  ) ss  
County of Hennepin         )

The foregoing affidavit was acknowledged before me on the above date by David S. Drach, Director Real Estate – U.S. of Soo Line Railroad Company, a Minnesota corporation, on behalf of the corporation.

  
Notary Public

Ref. File: ND-WLLS-000510-00

To: Keeper, National Register of Historic Places  
From: Claudia J. Berg/ Lorna Meidinger  
Date: 25 September 2017  
Subject: National Register Nomination



The following materials are submitted on this 25th day of September 2017, for the nomination of the Manfred Historic District to the National Register of Historic Places.

\_\_\_\_\_ National Register of Historic Places nomination form on archival paper

\_\_\_\_\_ Multiple Property Nomination form on archival paper

\_\_\_\_\_ Photographs

\_\_\_\_\_ USGS map(s)

\_\_\_\_\_ Sketch map(s)/figure(s)/exhibit(s)

\_\_\_\_\_ 4 Pieces of correspondence

\_\_\_\_\_ 2 CDs

\_\_\_\_\_ 1 Signature Page

\_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

#### COMMENTS:

\_\_\_\_\_ Please insure that this nomination is reviewed

\_\_\_\_\_ This property has been certified under 36 CFR 67

\_\_\_\_\_ x The enclosed owner objections   x   do        do not constitute a majority of property owners.

\_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_



Reed, Roger &lt;roger\_reed@nps.gov&gt;

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4 messages

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**Reed, Roger** <roger\_reed@nps.gov>  
To: Lorna Meidinger <lbmeidinger@nd.gov>

Fri, Nov 3, 2017 at 9:22 AM

As a follow-up to my phone call can you confirm the number of property owners objecting to listing and the percentage of total property owners?

Thanks

Roger

Roger G. Reed, Historian  
National Register and National Historic Landmarks Programs  
1849 C St. NW  
Mail Stop 7228  
Washington, D.C. 20240  
202-354-2278

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**Meidinger, Lorna B.** <lbmeidinger@nd.gov>  
To: "Reed, Roger" <roger\_reed@nps.gov>

Fri, Nov 3, 2017 at 9:24 AM

Certainly. Only 5 of the 31 owners are objecting so the percentage objecting is 16.13%.

Lorna Meidinger

Architectural Historian

National Register Coordinator

State Historical Society of North Dakota

612 E Boulevard Ave

Bismarck ND 58505-0830

phone: 701-328-2089

fax: 701-328-3710

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**From:** Reed, Roger [mailto:roger\_reed@nps.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 3, 2017 8:23 AM  
**To:** Meidinger, Lorna B.  
**Subject:** Manfred Historic District



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**Reed, Roger** <roger\_reed@nps.gov>  
To: "Meidinger, Lorna B." <lbmeidinger@nd.gov>

Fri, Nov 3, 2017 at 10:17 AM

Thank you. I will include this correspondence in the file to correct the typo in your cover letter submission sheet.

Roger

Roger G. Reed, Historian  
National Register and National Historic Landmarks Programs  
1849 C St. NW  
Mail Stop 7228  
Washington, D.C. 20240  
202-354-2278

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**Meidinger, Lorna B.** <lbmeidinger@nd.gov>  
To: "Reed, Roger" <roger\_reed@nps.gov>

Fri, Nov 3, 2017 at 10:46 AM

I understand the confusion now, sorry about that.

Lorna

**From:** Reed, Roger [mailto:roger\_reed@nps.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 3, 2017 9:17 AM  
**To:** Meidinger, Lorna B.  
**Subject:** Re: Manfred Historic District

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