

## NORTH DAKOTA CULTURAL RESOURCES SURVEY

## Base Data Form

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- ✓ 1. County Grand Forks, North Dakota 2. Site Number CK 43
3. Site Name (s) Wright Block (Neil's Block) (Norene and Joe 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: 408-412 DeMers Avenue Sec. 3 T 151 N / R 50 W  
Plat: Original Townsite Block 22 Lot Rear  
UTMG: A. 14. 647 040. 5309 550. B. 65' of Lots 9 & 11  
C.  D.
7. Access: visible  
Location: north side of DeMers Avenue between the alley on the west and Norby's Department Store on the east.  
Acreage: less than one acre  
Verbal boundary: above city lots roughly 65 x 100 feet
8. A. General description of site: The Wright Block is a two-story, flat-roofed brick commercial structure of rectangular plan. The east wall adjoins the taller Norby's building, and is not visible. The other three elevations are entirely visible. The north (back) wall has a concrete block and frame addition which projects from both stories. The north wall overlooks a vacant lot. The west wall overlooks the alley. The main (south) facade is set back the width of the sidewalk from DeMers Avenue. (continued)
- B. Condition of site: good
9. Owner's name/address: Grand Forks Glass & Paint Co. 101 South Third Street GF 5820
10. Occupant's name/address: Willey's Jewelry and others
11. Historic Register value: Nat.  State  Undt.  None  On Reg.  In District  District   
Multiple Resource
12. 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 Roberts  
Other surveys in which included none
16. Recommendations: being nominated to NRHP in MRN: Historic Resources of downtown Grand Forks, North Dakota (Partial Inventory: Historic and ARchitectural Properties)
17. Environment: Elevation  Nearest Water: Type   
Name  Distance  Direction   
Soil conditions:   
Soil Texture:

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17. Environment, Cont.

Ground Cover: \_\_\_\_\_

Terrain: \_\_\_\_\_

18. Local contact person or organization: \_\_\_\_\_

19. Photos: No B/W x Color Prints Slides Comments/ID code \_\_\_\_\_

Contact print: Roll 4 Frame 10

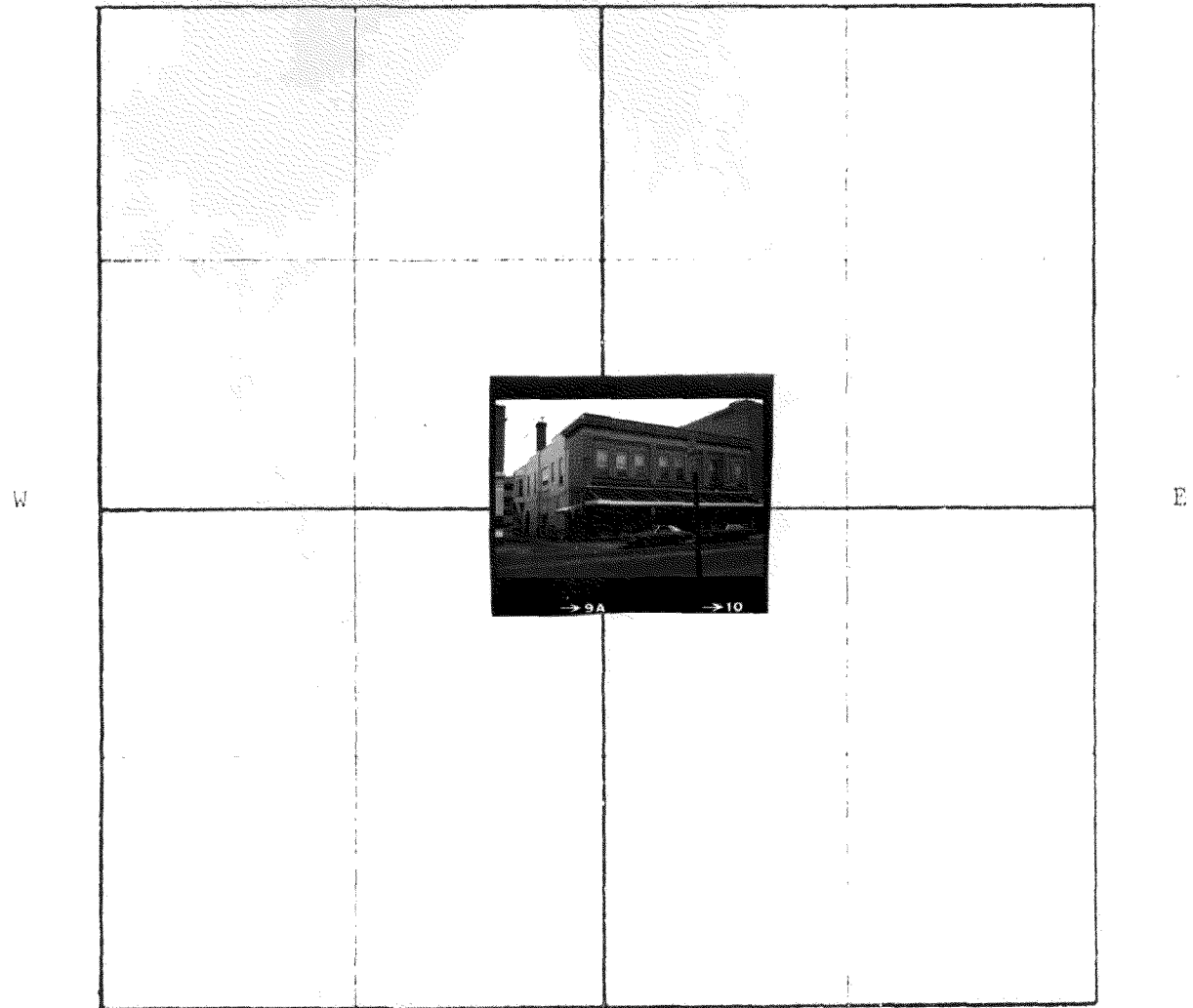
8 x 10 prints: Roll 52 Frames 5,6,7

Negatives stored at: Division of Archaeology and Historic Preservation

State Historical Society of North Dakota  
In space below attach and identify a picture or contact print of the site.

20. Sketch Map of Site: Scale: \_\_\_\_\_

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27. Thematic category architecture 28. Date or period 1909
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 commercial
- B. Architect/engineer \_\_\_\_\_
- C. Contractor/builder \_\_\_\_\_
- D. Original use commercial
- E. Present use commercial
- F. Number of stories 2 G. Basement: Yes  No  Partial
- H. Foundation Material brick
- I. Wall Construction brick
- J. Wall Treatment brick
- K. Roof type and material flat
- L. Number of bays: Front 3 Side \_\_\_\_\_ M. Plan shape rectangular
31. Frontage 65' 32. Distance from road 0
33. Number of outbuildings none 34. Description of outbuildings \_\_\_\_\_

35. Changes Substantially unchanged. At some time since 1916, one of the bay windows on the west side has been removed. Also, storefront altered.

36. Information sources/References

37. Reason for significance:

See Items #36 and #37, Clifford Annex, Site #CK43.

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Continuation form

Site Number CK 43Item No. 8A, cont. Architectural description:

The original exterior of the first story of the front (south) elevation has been covered by various wall treatments including vertical tongue in groove paneling, ceramic tile, and chrome and plate glass doors and windows. It is divided into three storefronts, each with a recessed bay entrance, and an apartment entrance. A metal awning of recent manufacture surmounts the whole.

The original exterior becomes visible at the second story. The building is faced with yellow Hebron brick laid in stretcher courses. The second story is divided into three bays by four pilaster strips. A base course of stone ties the pilaster strips together at their bases. Within each bay three double-hung, 1/1 wood sash windows (covered by aluminum storms and screens) are tied together by stone sill courses. The windows are unmolded with jack arches. Each bay is capped by a corbelling.

A metal frieze with recessed decorative panels surmounts the pilasters and bays and is in turn surmounted by a bracketed metal cornice and brick parapet capped by a stone course. The frieze brickwork, cornice, parapet and stone cap are carried around the corner and continue for a few feet on the west elevation.

The side (west) elevation is painted common brick. The windows terminate in segmented arches; the elevation is unornamented.