

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

**FOR NPS USE ONLY**  
RECEIVED **JUL 30 1986**  
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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

**Employee's Hotel and Garage**

AND/OR COMMON

**Fort Peck Hotel**

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

**South Missouri Avenue**

\_\_\_ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

**Fort Peck**

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

**Second District, Scobey**

STATE

**Montana**

CODE

**30-0450-105**

COUNTY

**Valley**

CODE

**30-105**

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: <b>Housing</b>

**4 AGENCY**

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: *(If applicable)*

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha District**

STREET & NUMBER

**6014 U.S. Post Office & Courthouse**

CITY, TOWN

**Omaha**

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE

**Nebraska**

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

**Recorders Office**

STREET & NUMBER

**Valley County Courthouse**

CITY, TOWN

**Glasgow**

STATE

**Montana**

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

**Cultural Resource Survey, Government Townsites Study**

DATE

**1 May 1980**

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha District**

CITY, TOWN

**Omaha**

STATE

**Nebraska**

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" 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	<b>Garage only.</b> <b>Hotel: Demolition of wings, one-story,</b> <b>Temporary &amp; misc. interior alteration.</b>	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Fort Peck Hotel is a solitary building, facing one of the long edges of the grass mall which runs down the center of Fort Peck.

The hotel is basically rectangular in shape. The garage is located behind and to the east of the hotel. The hotel is a two-story structure, built in the Swiss Chalet style. The building has a hip roof with dormers and a gable entry on center with exposed timber construction. The construction materials included wood framing, horizontal siding, and exposed timbers. The roofing is composite. The hotel has a painted finish. A screened-in porch is located across the front of the hotel, facing the grass mall. The gable entry extends over a circular drive-through, so that guests are protected from the weather.

The garage is located on Osage Avenue. It is utilitarian in style and is built on the rectangular plan. The roof of the garage is flat. It has 17 bays on either side of the structure, totalling 34. The garage is a wood frame building with horizontal wood siding and wood garage doors. It is also painted.

# 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 type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

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SPECIFIC DATES **1934** BUILDER/ARCHITECT **Hotel - Johnson, Drake & Piper  
Garage - Wm McDonald Constr. Co.**

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## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Fort Peck Hotel and Garage are significant under Criteria A and C. These buildings are associated with an event which has made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of history, namely the construction of Fort Peck Dam. Fort Peck Dam and Lake were the beginning of the construction associated with the Pick-Sloan Plan which had far-reaching effects. The dam at Fort Peck and ensuing dam projects provide flood protection, navigation, electricity, and recreation for the Missouri River and its basin.

The hotel and garage are also significant under Criterion "C", which states that these buildings "embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction...or that possess high artistic values". The hotel is constructed in the Swiss Chalet style, which dominates the construction-camp era styles. This rustic style was popularized in the west by the National Park Service 1900-1920. All of the buildings at Fort Peck which embody this style were stained brown or gray with darker trim. The doors, sash, storm sash, screens, and shutters were painted either blue, green, red, or maroon.

The Fort Peck Hotel and Garage in specific and the town of Fort Peck in general are symbols of the New Deal in Montana. This is emphasized in the rustic government construction which is so evident at Fort Peck. The construction of Fort Peck Dam made quite an impact on the economy of Montana during the 1930's. Nearly 50,000 workers were involved in the construction of the town and dam. The dam construction created jobs for thousands during the Depression in Montana.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

MacDonald and Mack Partnership: "Cultural Resources Survey, Government Townsites Study". Prepared for the Omaha District, Corps of Engineers, 1 May 1980. Published by the Omaha District. Copies available upon request.

Fort Peck Dam and Lake, Montana. Pamphlet, Omaha District, Corps of Engineers.

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Less than 1 acre.

UTM REFERENCES

Hotel:	A	1,3	3 9 2 1 2 0	5,3 1,8 0 7, 5	B					
		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		
Garage:	C	1,3	3 9 2 1 3 0	5,3 1,8 0 2 0	D					

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The Fort Peck Hotel is located on South Missouri Avenue. The hotel garage is located on Osage Avenue. Both are located in the town of Fort Peck, Montana. Begin at the intersection of Kansas Avenue and South Missouri Avenue. Proceed southwest for approximately 225 feet. This is the point of beginning. Proceed south-southeast for approximately 350 feet. Turn southwest and proceed for approximately 225 feet. Turn northwest and proceed for approximately 350 feet. Turn northeast and proceed 225 feet back to the point of beginning.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

**Rebecca J. Otto Archeologist**

ORGANIZATION

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers**

STREET & NUMBER

**6014 U.S. Post Office and Courthouse**

CITY OR TOWN

**Omaha**

DATE

**August 1985**

TELEPHONE

**402-221-3070 (FTS 864-3070)**

STATE

**Nebraska**

# 12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES  NO  NONE

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STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Historic Preservation Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The evaluated level of significance is  National  State  Local.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE LTC Kit J. Valentine

TITLE *Kit J. Valentine Preservation Officer*  
Chief, Office of Environmental Overview

DATE **15 April 1986**

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

*See Continuation Sheet for Listings*  
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER