

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

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| STATE: North Dakota | |
| COUNTY: Steele | |
| FOR NPS USE ONLY | |
| ENTRY NUMBER | DATE |
| 1974 13 | 1975 |

1. NAME

COMMON:
Baldwin's Arcade

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Steele Avenue and 3rd Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Hope

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| STATE North Dakota | CODE 38 | COUNTY: Steele | CODE 091 |
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3. CLASSIFICATION

| CATEGORY (Check One) | OWNERSHIP | STATUS | ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both | <input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress | Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate) | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment | <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum | <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) formerly commercial, now acquired by S.C.H.S. to be used as museum & town center |

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Steele County Historical Society

STREET AND NUMBER:
Steele Avenue (% Mrs. Charles Parkman)

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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Steele County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:

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| CITY OR TOWN: Finley | STATE: North Dakota | CODE 38 |
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
North Dakota Historic Sites Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1974 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
State Historical Society of North Dakota

STREET AND NUMBER:
Liberty Memorial Building

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| CITY OR TOWN: Bismarck | STATE: North Dakota | CODE 38 |
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7. DESCRIPTION

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| CONDITION | (Check One) | | | | | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> Good | <input type="checkbox"/> Fair | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated | <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins | <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed |
| | (Check One) | | | (Check One) | | |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered | <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered | <input type="checkbox"/> Moved | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site | | |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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Interior arrangement remains close to the original. The ground floor is divided longitudinally into two equivalent rental units, with a small section omitted for the second floor staircase. These two spaces have been variously divided throughout their history to accommodate different combinations of public, work, and storage functions. On the second floor two halves of the space have been used by fraternal organizations-- the Odd Fellows on the west and the Masons on the east. For circulation and soundproofing purposes, these have been separated by a longitudinal hallway at the head of the front stairs. Allowing for ceremonial ante-chambers and storage rooms, the majority of the space has been used for two large meeting rooms, one for each organization; these have been located in diagonally opposite corners of the building, probably again for soundproofing purposes. The ceilings in these two rooms follow the undersides of the roof rafters to a horizontal plane about two feet above plate height, giving a "cathedral" effect and enhancing their appearance for ceremonial purposes.

Measured drawings of this building were made during June, 1974, by Patrick Burkhart, a fourth-year student in the Department of Architecture at North Dakota State University.

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7 Description

Baldwin's Arcade is a free-standing building at the northeast corner of Steele Avenue and 3rd Street in Hope, North Dakota. As completed in 1881, it was a rectangular balloon-framed two-story structure with gabled roof and false front.

The south or principal facade fronts 48' - 3" on Steele Avenue. It consists of two store fronts flanking a central double-doored entry giving access to the second floor. Each of the store fronts is itself symmetrical, with recessed tapering entryway between wood-framed glass display windows. Panels beneath the windows and in the doors are filled with beveled siding, placed diagonally to create chevron patterns. A covered walkway and wood sidewalk (now both removed) extended the width of the building and one additional bay to the west. Square wood columns at the curb line supported a flat roof at the second floor line. The column edges and much of the remaining wood trim have been chamfered at a 45 angle. Crowning this pedestrian arcade (which may have been the origin of the building's name) was a continuous wood balustrade approximately 30" high. Above this arcade, the second floor facade continues into a false front concealing the gable end of the roof; the wall is clapboard sided 4" to the weather, with paired brackets supporting a wood cornice. Five equidistant windows punctuate the facade. The cornice was further crowned with a semi-circle and flanking "consoles" in the same plane of the facade, and capped with their own smaller unbracketed cornice.

The building is approximately 71' - 2" in depth. East, north, and west elevations were clapboard sided to the roofline; the west side has subsequently been covered with simulated-brick pressed metal panels, probably due to its orientation toward prevailing winter winds. Several individual equidistant double-hung windows light the second floor. Spliced siding on the upper rear elevation suggests that the roof originally may have consisted of two parallel gable roofs corresponding to the two principal rooms on the second floor; the two outer roof surfaces apparently were continued upward to a new ridge above the original leakage-prone trough. This allegation is further borne out by an investigation of the wood trusswork supporting the present shingled roof.

SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Baldwin's Arcade
 Hope, North Dakota

Significance

Hope, North Dakota, was the end of the Great Northern Railroad line running north from Wahpeton. Holding this position from 1882 until 1896, Hope was virtually assured of steady growth as a principal retail commercial outlet for Steele County and the surrounding territory. Baldwin's Arcade was built in 1881-1882, anticipating this period of prosperity, and has served McCollom Hardware, Shorty's Market, and various other short- and long-lived commercial ventures until its acquisition by the Steele County Historical Society in 1974.

As the oldest commercial building in the county, having served as a post office, bank, furniture store, funeral parlor, drug store, hardware store, and grocery at various times during its long years of service, Baldwin's Arcade has been a focus of social interaction and a vital economic element in the development of Hope as a rural agricultural community.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Hope of the Prairie, 75th Anniversary Booklet, 1957

Newspaper articles from the Hope Pioneer, Hope, North Dakota:
June 2, 15, and 29, 1883; July 4, 1883; August 10 and 24, 1883.

Files of the Steele County Historical Society, Hope, North Dakota

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

| LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY | | | OR | LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES | | |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|----|---|-------------------------|--|
| CORNER | LATITUDE | LONGITUDE | | LATITUDE | LONGITUDE | |
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| SW | 0 ' " | 0 ' " | | | | |

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **Less than 1 acre**

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

| STATE: | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Ronald Lanier Ramsey, Assistant Professor

ORGANIZATION: **Department of Architecture** DATE: **10-15-1974**

STREET AND NUMBER:
North Dakota State University

CITY OR TOWN: **Fargo** STATE: **North Dakota** CODE: **38**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name **James E. Sherry**

Title **N.D. Historic Preservation officer**

Date **Nov 19, 1974**

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

A.R. Mortensen
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date **2/18/75**

ATTEST:
W. J. [Signature]
Keeper of The National Register

Date **2-14-75**

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