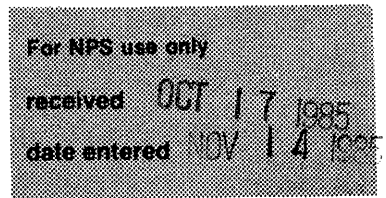


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NAME: Golden Valley County Courthouse

LOCATION: First Avenue Southeast, bounded North By First Street Southeast and south by Second Street Southeast, Beach, North Dakota 38, Golden Valley County 033

OWNER: Golden Valley County, Beach, North Dakota

ACREAGE: Less than one acre

VBD (LEGAL): Lots 1-6, Block 6, Original Townsite of Beach

UTM: Zone 13, Easting = 575855, Northing = 5195800; Beach West, N. Dak.-Mont. Quad.

DESCRIPTION: The Golden Valley County courthouse faces east from the rise on which it sits. The rectangular plan of 43'x 76' has three bays: an entrance which projects 8'x 22', and a flanking bay on each side. The building's raised basement and two main stories terminate in a broad frieze board and hipped roof. The prominent entry bay is decorated with features from the Federalist revival style: double wooden pilasters stand beneath an ornamental wooden entablature; two pairs of brick pilasters separated by a large window and capped by an arch form a Palladian window; and a broken pedimented gable is at the summit. Other features of the style include keystones above the windows of the main floor, decorative bands of white masonry trim at the sill level of both main stories, and quoins of brick at the corners.

The major alteration to the building comes at the windows. In 1981 the original casement windows containing sixteen lights each were replaced by metal sash opaque coverings with two fixed glass panes at bottom. For many years a boxlike wood-frame shelter was placed on the front door, but that was removed to restore the original entryway composition.

SIGNIFICANCE: Date: 1923

Architect: W.E. Deitrich  
Contractor: A.J. Weinberger

The Golden Valley County courthouse is significant for its historic function of providing space for court trials, for official county records, and for county offices.

The building is significant, too for its architectural qualities. It is one of two courthouses in North Dakota (Logan County, the other) with a revival style deriving inspiration from the Federalist period of American building history. Of the two, Beach's county building has more integrity and the added distinction of being the only North Dakota courthouse known to have been designed by a Montana architect.

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