

## NORTH DAKOTA CULTURAL RESOURCES SURVEY

## Base Data Form

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1. County Grand Forks, North Dakota 2. Site Number CK565
3. Site Name (s) Building at 317 S. 3rd St. (Downtown Grand Forks, N.D.)
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: 317 S. 3rd Street Sec. 3 T 151 N / R 50 W  
Plat: Viets' Addition Block 1 Lot N 30' Lot   
UTMG: A. 14.647550.5309370. B.   
C.  D.
7. Access: visible  
Location: the east side of South Third St. in an older section of the commercial district at the southern terminus of the historic district  
Acreage: less than one acre  
Verbal boundary: lots listed above, roughly 30 X 140 feet
8. A. General description of site: this is a frame business building sheathed in wood and masonite siding with an applied brick first floor storefront. The building is freestanding and set back the width of the sidewalk from Third Street. It is across a driveway from the historic Viets Hostelry. Both buildings sit on high ground some 400 feet west of the Red River of the North. Approximately 100 feet east of this building its unlandscaped lot slopes rather sharply down toward the river.  
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- B. Condition of site: Poor
9. Owner's name/address: Gerald and Mary Finan 2510 Belmont Road GF 58201
10. Occupant's name/address:
11. Historic Register value: Nat.  State  Untd.  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 Properti
17. Environment: Elevation  Nearest Water: Type   
Name  Distance  Direction   
Soil conditions:   
Soil Texture:

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

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

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

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

Contact Print: Roll 21 ,Frame 21

8 X 10 Glossies: Roll 50,Frame 13,14,15,16

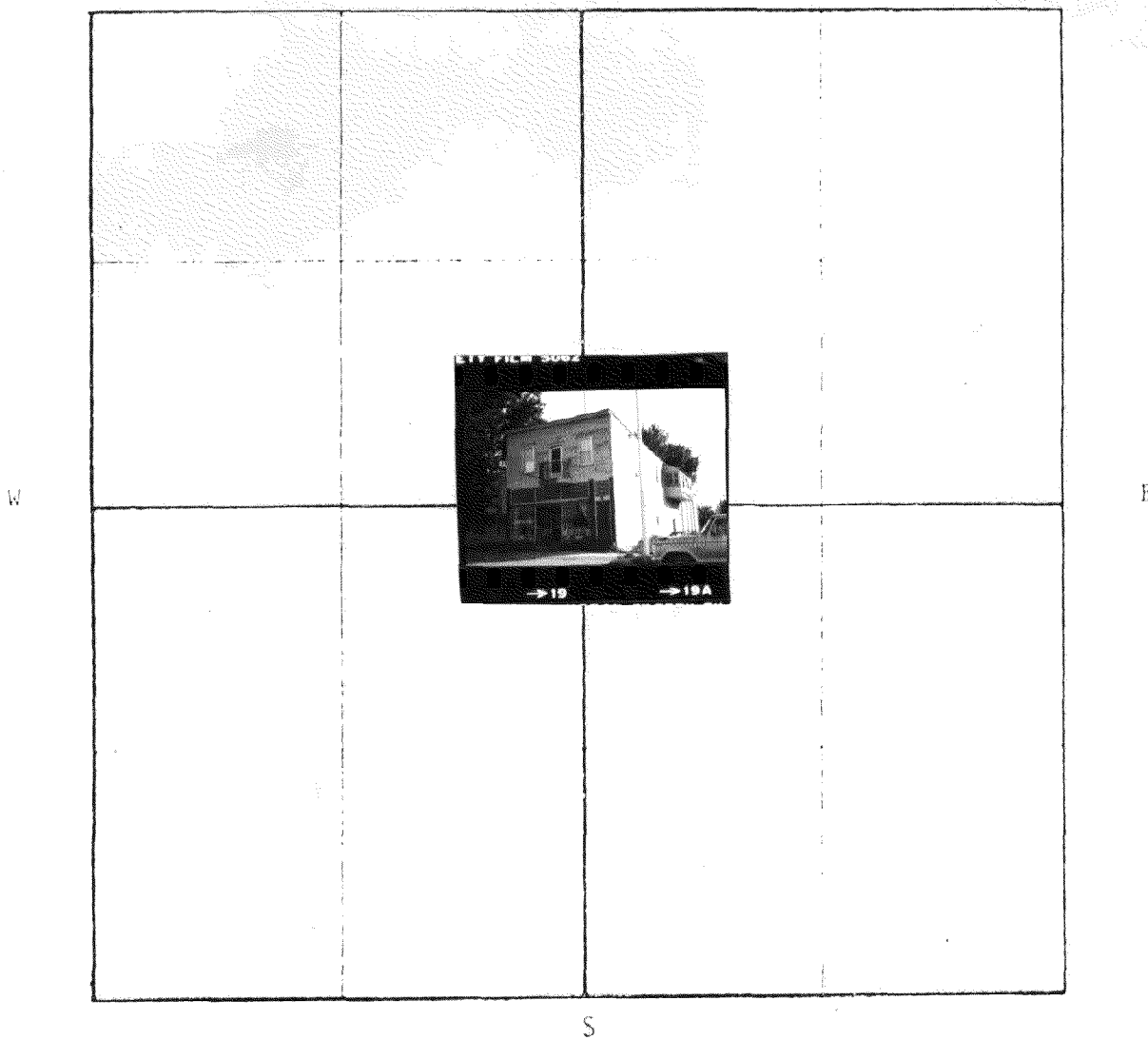
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In space below attach and identify a picture or contact print of the site.

20. Sketch Map of Site:

Scale: \_\_\_\_\_



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27. Thematic category Commerce 28. Date or period pre-1884
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 vernacular
- B. Architect/engineer \_\_\_\_\_
- C. Contractor/builder \_\_\_\_\_
- D. Original use Residential:sleeping rooms
- E. Present use Residential
- F. Number of stories 2 G. Basement: Yes No Partial \_\_\_\_\_
- H. Foundation Material \_\_\_\_\_
- I. Wall Construction Frame
- J. Wall Treatment Front, lap siding and brick; sides, masonite siding
- K. Roof type and material Flat
- L. Number of bays: Front \_\_\_\_\_ Side \_\_\_\_\_ M. Plan shape Rectangular
31. Frontage 20' 32. Distance from road \_\_\_\_\_
33. Number of outbuildings none 34. Description of outbuildings \_\_\_\_\_
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35. Changes

36. Information sources/References

The building at 317 South Third Street was built some time between 1880<sup>1</sup> and 1884.<sup>2</sup> The building has been used for a variety of businesses including a furniture store on the first floor,<sup>3</sup> sample rooms for the Richardson house,<sup>4</sup> carpentry and trunk businesses,<sup>5</sup> a bottling works,<sup>6</sup> a hardware store,<sup>7</sup> a paint and wallpaper business,<sup>8</sup> and, currently, an antique store.

37. Reason for significance:

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The building at 317 South Third Street is the only survivor among three annex buildings which lodged the overflow from the Richardson House (sleeping rooms).<sup>9</sup> This building was constructed in the great Dakota boom of the 1880s. With its two sister buildings, one located immediately north of the Richardson House on the adjacent lot (at 801 S. Third) and the other across the street (at 820 S. Third), this survivor (formerly 803 S. Third) of the Dakota boom enabled the Viets Hotel/Richardson House to accommodate the many visitors and new arrivals...(Cont.)

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The plan of the building is rectangular, and it is much longer than it is wide. The front half of the building is two-storied with a flat roof. The back half of the building is a later two-story, gabled addition. The first story of the west (principal) elevation of this building is applied commercial brick and glass storefront. The brick is laid in a stretcher bond except for the steps for the main and side entries which are laid in an English bond. The main entry door is recessed and is flanked by side display windows. The main door and flanking side and front windows form a tripartite structure which is repeated above an awning by three identically sized window panels. The south entry door to the second floor is surmounted by a window of the same vertical dimension as the window panels.

The second story is faced with four inch lap siding. It is composed of a single central hall door and wood balcony flanked by two double-hung, three-over-one windows with simple cornice moldings. The balcony is decorated with a more recent wrought iron railing. A molded wooden cornice caps the second story facade.

The side elevations are undecorated. Originally sided with four inch lap siding, they are now partially covered with masonite siding. On the south (side) elevation, a projecting second story porch rests on wood piers.

36. Information sources/References (Cont.)

Historically, the upstairs has been used for sleeping rooms to accommodate the overflow from the Richardson House next door to the north, and for private dwelling space. (For significance of Richardson House, see site #CK 564.)

37. Reason for significance (Cont.)

...to Grand Forks as the city boomed in the 1880s. Demand for sleeping rooms in the Richardson House annexes began to wane with the construction of large downtown hotels.<sup>10</sup> With the opening of the Dacotah Hotel in 1888 by Col. Viets, the annex across the street from the Richardson House closed. By 1892, all three annexes of the Richardson House had been put to other uses.<sup>11</sup>

The building at 317 S.Third Street is significant because of its historic association with the Richardson House and because the building strongly suggests the historical and architectural character of the boom town era.

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## Notes

- <sup>1</sup>The 1880 birdseye view of the city shows a vacant lot where the building now stands.
- <sup>2</sup>The 1884 Sanborn Insurance map shows the building.
- <sup>3</sup>Sanborn Insurance map, 1884.
- <sup>4</sup>Sanborn Insurance map, 1888.
- <sup>5</sup>Sanborn Insurance map, 1906.
- <sup>6</sup>Sanborn Insurance map, 1912.
- <sup>7</sup>Sanborn Insurance map, 1916.
- <sup>8</sup>Sanborn Insurance map, 1927 updated to 1960; see also The Northwest Pioneer, September 1937, p.11.
- <sup>9</sup>The Sanborn Insurance maps (1884,1888) show all these overflow buildings. Only 317 South Third Street remains.
- <sup>10</sup>Dudley, 1897, pp.63-64.
- <sup>11</sup>Sanborn Insurance map, 1888, 1892.