

NORTH DAKOTA CULTURAL RESOURCES SURVEY

Base Data Form

- 1. County Grand Forks, North Dakota 2. Site Number GF18
- 3. Site Name (s) New Hampshire Apartments
- 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: 105 N. <sup>3rd.</sup> Third St. Sec. 3 T 151 N / R 50 W  
 Plat: Original Townsite Block 18 Lot B, replat  
 UTMG: A. 14.647020.5309740. B. of Lots 9 & 10  
 C.  D.
- 7. Access: visible  
Location: the west side of North Third Street between the Security Trust Building and the Dinnie Block  
Acreage: less than one acre  
Verbal boundary: lot listed above, 44 X 100 feet (actual building)
- 8. A. General description of site: this is a three-story, flat-roofed, brick and ashlar commercial building of rectangular plan. The north and south walls sit close beside a five-story commercial building on the south and a three-story commercial building on the north. A part of the west wall has a one-story concrete block addition with a flat roof. The building is set back the width of the sidewalk on Third Street. The back wall overlooks a small parking area and the alley. This wall also has porches extended out on metal brackets on the second and third stories. (Cont.)  
 B. Condition of site: Fair
- 9. Owner's name/address: Bea McGary, Lance Morgue, Tracy R. Doe, Geo. M. Watkins, and Jack Caldis 407 DeMers Ave.
- 10. Occupant's name/address: Griggs Landing GF 58201
- 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 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: \_\_\_\_\_

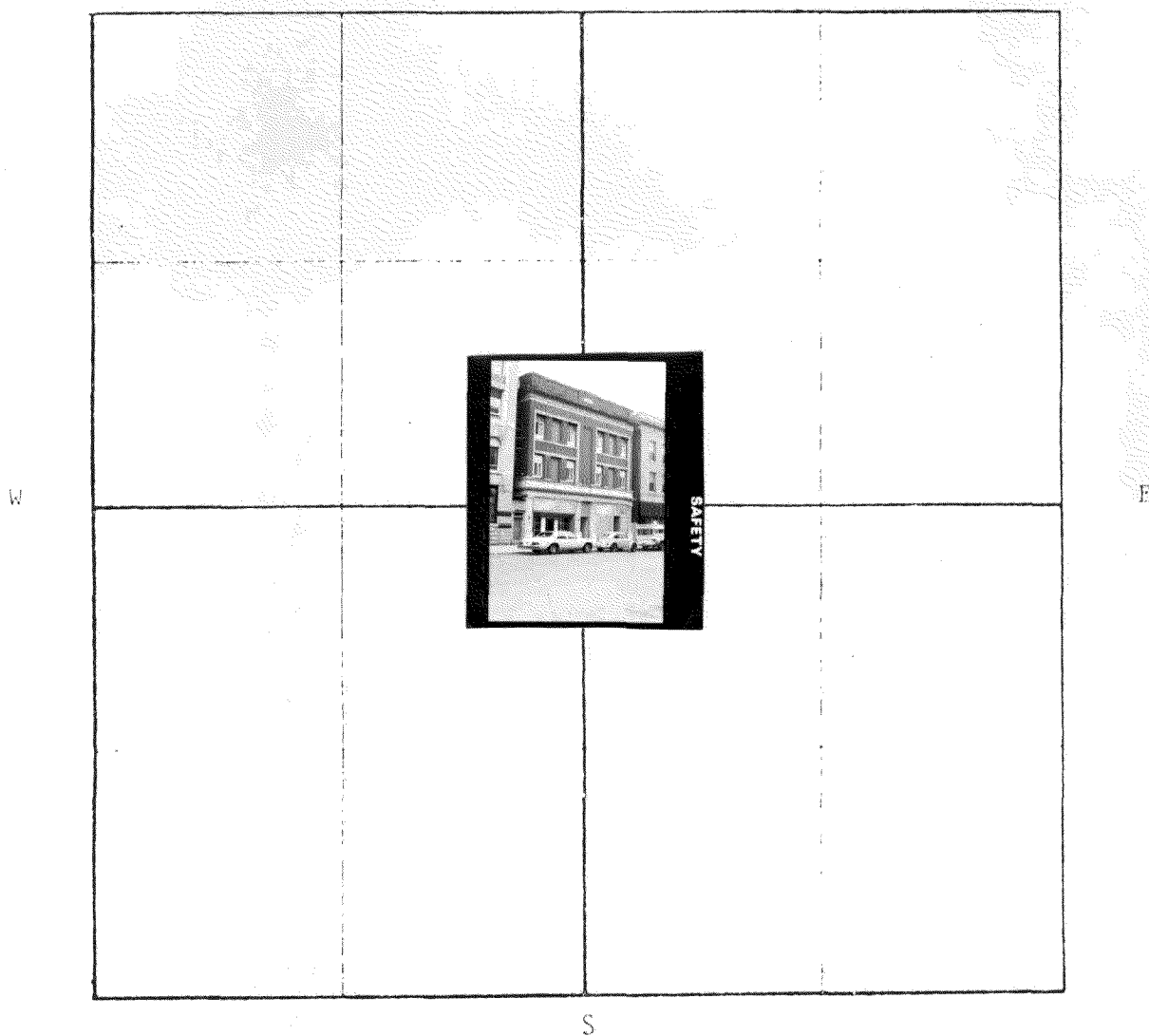
19. Photos: No B/W X Color Prints Slides Comments/ID code \_\_\_\_\_Contact Print: Roll 1 ,Frame 338 X 10 Glossies: Roll 51 ,Frame 1,2Negatives stored at: Division of Archaeology and Historic PreservationState Historical Society of North Dakota

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

20. Sketch Map of Site:

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

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Minneapolis, Minnesota 55419

27. Thematic category Architecture 28. Date or period 1904
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 Joseph Bell DeRemer
- C. Contractor/builder Dinnie Brothers
- D. Original use Commercial: tailor, music
- E. Present use Commercial
- F. Number of stories 3 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 2 Side \_\_\_\_\_ M. Plan shape Rectangular
31. Frontage 44' 32. Distance from road 0
33. Number of outbuildings None 34. Description of outbuildings \_\_\_\_\_

## 35. Changes

Signage for "Griggs Landing"; fenestration and infill on front facade; horizontal and vertical board infill in storefront windows.

## 36. Information sources/References

According to the Grand Forks Herald, Silver Anniversary Edition, June 26, 1904, p.60:

"The Security Improvement company has had plans made by Architect(sic)" (Cont.)

## 37. Reason for significance:

One of the few remaining commercial structures with classical detail in downtown Grand Forks designed by Joseph Bell DeRemer during his early practice in the city from 1902-1912. The New Hampshire is the earliest example of planned inter-connection by walkway at the second story with another building (Security Building).

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The main facade of the building is of commercial vernacular style with classical detailing. It is constructed of colonial red brick laid in white mortar in a Flemish bond with Bedford stone trim.<sup>1</sup> The first floor storefront has four base blocks supporting simple plinths, single-fluted pilasters, and squared ornamented capitals with egg and dart echinus beneath a wide stone frieze below a dentillated cornice. The frieze serves as a sill course for the second story.

The second and third stories are divided into two bays by molded stone surrounds which unify the second and third stories. Each of these bays contains three windows separated by brick pilasters, plain at the second floor and corbelled at the third floor. The windows are unified by a continuous stone lintel over the second floor windows and a continuous stone sill under the third floor windows. The two principal bays are separated by a two story recessed panel at the second and third floor with corbelled brick echoing the corbelled brick pilasters at the third story. This recessed panel is situated above the central apartment entry at street level.

A stone frieze of vegetal motif is surmounted by a metal bracketed cornice. The cornice is mounted below a brick parapet with corner pilasters which is topped with a stone coping. An inset central masonry panel with corbelling is vacant, but may have been designed for a date block at the center of the parapet.

Second and third story apartment windows on the main facade have been infilled or replaced with smaller windows. The two storefronts and the transom over the central entrance have been unsympathetically panelled in pine during the summer of 1981. The north and south facades are separated from adjoining buildings by air and light shafts of about six feet. The rear (west) facade is entirely visible. The side and back walls are of yellow common brick.

The New Hampshire apartment building was constructed in 1904<sup>2</sup> by Dinnie Brothers from plans by Joseph Bell DeRemer, at a cost of about \$26,000, by the Security Improvement Company.<sup>3</sup>

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"...DeRemer for a group of four new buildings of similar form and construction and all of design in keeping with the Security Trust building owned by the same company. These buildings will be 43 X 100 feet in size and three stories above a high basement. Three of them will be located on Third Street opposite the Hotel Dacotah on the site of the old Brevoort block and also extending over the ground now occupied by a two story building. The fourth building will front on Alpha avenue between the Security block and the new federal building. There will be an air and light space between each of the buildings of about six feet. The buildings, however, will be connected with each other and with the Security block by an archway and bridges between the second stories."

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With regard to the New Hampshire building, the Herald article continues:

"The contract has been let to Dinnie Bros. for the construction of the New Hampshire apartment building, and work is now under way. This building will occupy the site adjoining the Security block on Third street, and will be a very fine structure. It will be three stories above a high basement, and will have two stores on the main floor. The second and third stories will have four flats each. The structure will be modern throughout, the flats being provided with baths, hot and cold water, electric bells, speaking tubes, etc. The front of the main story will be of brown stone, and the second and third stories laid up with Colonial brick. It will be 44 X 100 feet in size, and will cost about \$26,000. The plans were made by J. Bell DeRemer."

Of the four buildings planned by the Security Improvement Company, only the New Hampshire was actually built. It is connected to the Security Building by a walkway on the second floor. The other three buildings, never constructed, were going to be named after other New England states.<sup>4</sup> The naming of these buildings appears to have been connected to George B. Clifford, a prominent Grand Forks businessman in mortgages and investment, who was an original organizer and officer in the Security Trust Company. Clifford was born in New Hampshire, educated in Massachusetts, and practiced law in Vermont before coming to Grand Forks in 1881.<sup>5</sup>

## Notes

<sup>1</sup> Grand Forks Herald, 1904, p.60.

<sup>2</sup> City Assessor's description #169.1.

<sup>3</sup> Grand Forks Herald, Silver Anniversary Edition, June 26, 1904, p.60.

<sup>4</sup> John Norby, Personal communication, August, 1981.

<sup>5</sup> History of the Red River Valley. Herald Printing Co., G.F. and C.F. Cooper and Co., Chicago. Vol.2(1909), pp. 991-993; The Record magazine, Fargo, N.D., Vol. 1, No. 3 (July 1895), p.39.