

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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

FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Administration Building

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

East Kansas Avenue

\_\_\_ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Fort Peck

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Second District, Scobey

STATE

Montana

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CODE  
30-0450-105

COUNTY  
Valley

CODE  
30-105

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

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

**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.

Recorder's 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 type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED temporary	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED	wings removed around 1950	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Permanent Administration Building houses the Montana Area Office of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and offices for other Federal agencies. The building is a solitary structure, located at the northeast end of a grass mall, facing the town flagpole. The Administration Building is basically rectangular, with the length of the rectangle facing the mall area. The building is Colonial Revival, built on a rectangular plan with flanking dependencies, and has a parapeted roof with a cupola. This two-story structure was constructed of cast-in-place concrete walls with a clay tile roof. The concrete is unfinished and the trim is painted.

The physical condition of this building is good. The temporary administration wings were demolished circa 1950. The structure was built in 1934 by the Madsen Construction Company.

The purpose of this building is and was the administration facility for the construction and maintenance of Fort Peck Dam and Lake. Fort Peck Dam generates electricity, provides flood control, facilitates navigation, and provides recreation along the Missouri River.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES      1934

BUILDER/ARCHITECT      Madsen Construction Co.

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Fort Peck Administration Building meets criteria A and C. Criterion A applies to exceptionally significant properties "that are associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history."

The Administration Building was the physical entity to house the administration of one of the largest New Deal public works projects, the construction of Fort Peck Dam. As many as 50,000 workers participated in the construction activities during the 1930's. President Roosevelt considered Fort Peck to be a major accomplishment of his New Deal Policies. Historians have agreed that the Fort Peck Dam stood as a symbol of the New Deal in Montana. The townsite was a major experiment in social engineering, much as the dam was an important experiment in civil engineering. The construction method used for the dam had never been attempted before.

Criterion C applies to exceptionally significant properties "that embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction . . . or that possess high artistic values . . ." The Administration Building is the only structure at Fort Peck which embodies the Colonial Revival style. The rest of the town is dominated by the Swiss Chalet style which was popularized in the western states by the National Park Service in the early 1900's to 1920's. The Administration Building, in Colonial Revival style, maintains the aura of an administration building while blending with the other styles.

This building is now 51 years old and can be considered for National Register nomination because of its contribution to Montana History during the 1930's. There is very little New Deal architecture in Montana. Fort Peck stands as the symbol of the New Deal in Montana during the 1930's. Since there is very little evidence of WPA government construction in the state, the significance of Fort Peck lies in the time frame in which it was built. The Administration Building represents the management of the New Deal and the Pick-Sloan Plan in Montana.

## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

MacDonald and Mack Partnership: "Cultural Resources Survey, Government Townsite Study." Report 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, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha District.

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than 1 acre

UTM REFERENCES

A	1, 3	3, 9, 42, 5, 0	5, 3, 18, 2, 0, 0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

From the intersection of East Kansas Avenue and North Missouri Avenue, proceed northeast for approximately 300 feet, then proceed southeast for approximately 320 feet. Then proceed southwest for approximately 300 feet. Proceed for about 320 feet northwest, back to the point of beginning on East Kansas Street.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Rebecca J. Otto Archeologist

August 1985

ORGANIZATION

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

DATE

FTS 864-3070 402-221-3070

STREET & NUMBER

6014 U.S. Post Office & Courthouse

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Omaha

STATE

Nebraska

## 12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES  NO  NONE

*Marcella Sharp* 2-14-86  
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*  
Chief, Office of Environmental Overview

HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFF DATE

15 April 1986

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

*See Continuation sheet for listing*  
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER