

NORTH DAKOTA CULTURAL RESOURCES SURVEY

Base Data Form

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- 1. County Grand Forks, North Dakota 2. Site Number GF13
- 3. Site Name (s) Roller Office Supply Location 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: 7 N. ^{3rd} Third St. Sec. 3 T 151 N / R 50 W
 Plat: Original Townsite Block 23 Lot N $\frac{1}{2}$ Lot 9
 UTMG: A. 14.647110.5309670. B.
 C. D.
- 7. Access: visible
 Location: it sits on the west side of N. Third St. between
Griffith's department store on the south and
Ruettell's on the north
 Acreage: less than one acre
 Verbal boundary: above city lot roughly 25 X 140 feet
- 8. A. General description of site: this is a two-story, flat-roofed,
rectangular plan brick commercial building. The north and
south walls abut those of the adjoining buildings. The east
and west elevations are entirely visible. A one-story brick
addition projects from the back wall. Set back the width of
the sidewalk on Third Street, the back (west) wall overlooks
a small parking area which connects to the alley. (Cont.)
 B. Condition of site: Good
- 9. Owner's name/address: James P. and Joseph G. Roller Box 1082 7 N.3rd St
- 10. Occupant's name/address: G.F. 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
 Other surveys in which included none Roberts
- 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:

17. Environment, Cont. Site Number GF13
 Ground Cover: _____
 Terrain: _____

18. Local contact person or organization: _____

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

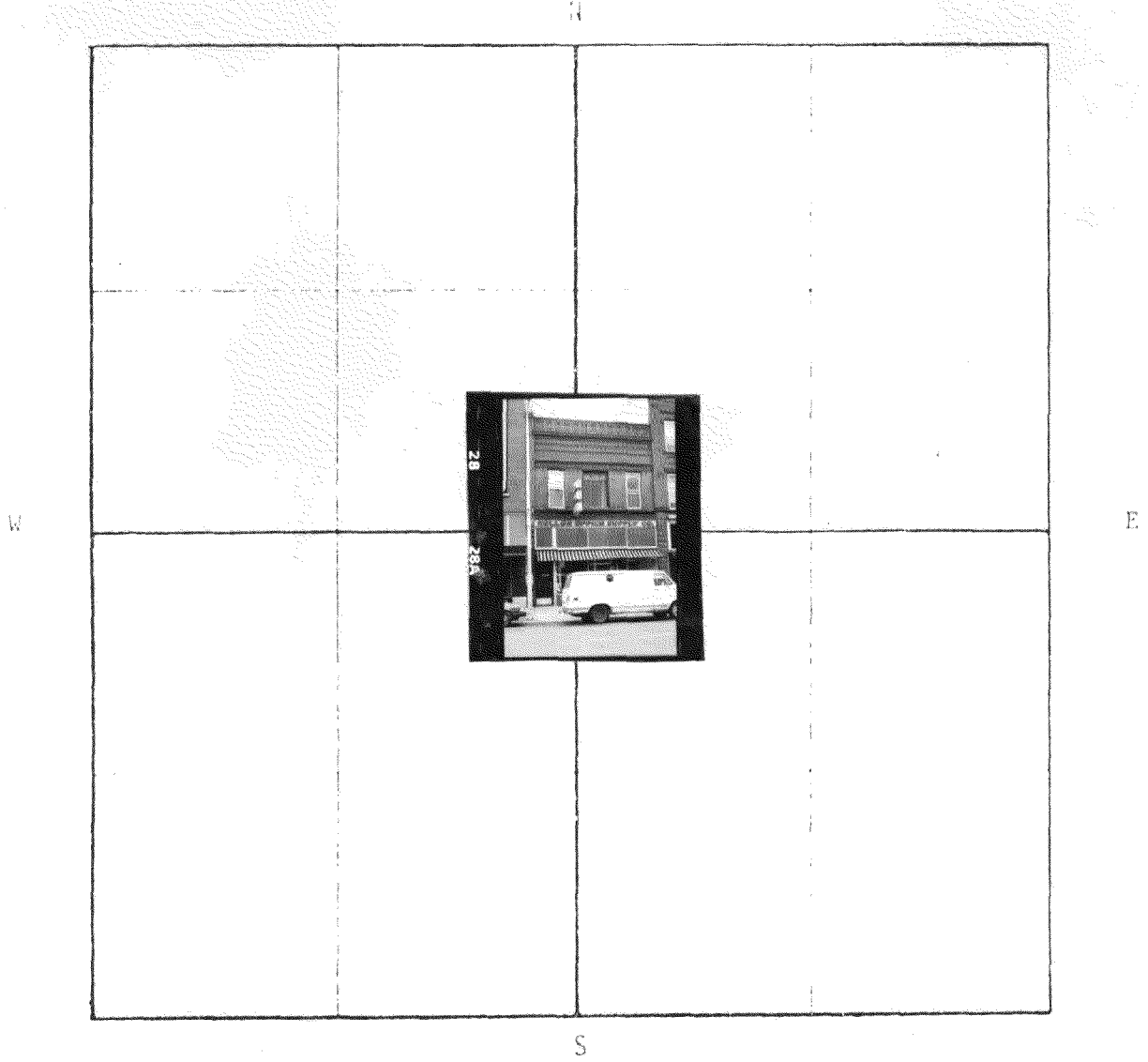
Contact Print: Roll 1 , Frame 28

8 X 10 Glossies: Roll 50, Frame 30, 31

Negatives stored at: Division of Archaeology and Historic Preservation

State 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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27. Thematic category Architecture/commerce 28. Date or period ca.1888-92
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 with classical detailing
- B. Architect/engineer _____
- C. Contractor/builder _____
- D. Original use Commercial/residential
- E. Present use Commercial/residential
- F. Number of stories 2 G. Basement: Yes No Partial _____
- H. Foundation Material _____
- I. Wall Construction Brick
- J. Wall Treatment Brick with sandstone trim
- K. Roof type and material Flat
- L. Number of bays: Front Side M. Plan shape Rectangular
31. Frontage 25' 32. Distance from road 0
33. Number of outbuildings _____ 34. Description of outbuildings _____

35. Changes

The one story addition to the rear and two wire and glass skylights on the roof were added ca. 1912-1916.¹ Between 1901 and 1916, this building was part of the locally renowned Ontario Department Store, the largest department store in the Red River Valley, established in 1882.² During the opening years of the twentieth century, this store housed its grocery department.³ (Cont.)

36. Information sources/References

See item #37.

37. Reason for significance:

This building is significant architecturally as one of two surviving examples in downtown Grand Forks of red brick/stone trimmed commercial vernacular construction in a business block of moderate size dating from the period 1888-1892.⁴ It closely resembles the adjacent Iddings Block (directly to the north) in style, material, and proportion. This structure is in virtually unaltered condition on the exterior and may well have been constructed by the same architect as the Iddings Block (See Site #GF14).

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Continuation form

Site Number GF13Item No. 8.A. General description of site (Cont.)

8.A. The style of the building is nineteenth century commercial vernacular. The exterior walls are faced in running bond red brick. The first floor storefront on the east (front) elevation has been altered with aluminum trim and aggregate under the windows; the transom above the windows has been retained. The building front is flanked by corner pilasters running the entire height of the building. The north pilaster is shared with the Iddings Block next door on the north. The first story portion of the pilasters is rusticated ashlar which supports stone base blocks from which spring the brick pilasters for the second story. The south pilaster has a decorative stone cap; the north pilaster runs to the top of the taller Iddings Block.

Above the storefront signage is a brick and vitreolite fill below a rusticated stone sill course which runs the entire width of the building between the pilasters. Second story fenestration is a central window with a leaded glass insert flanked by two narrower windows with aluminum storms. A heavy rusticated stone lintel course topped with a stone molding runs the full width of the facade above the second floor windows. Above the lintel line are a small stone molding and a course of stone ornament. A bracketed stone cornice is applied below a parapet. The parapet is decorated with recessed corbelled panels alternating with short brick piers. The parapet is capped with a rusticated stone coping. This building is similar in design to the Iddings Block to the north.

35. Changes (Cont.)

Only the first floor storefront has been altered (below the commercial plate windows) with a crushed rock aggregate. The glass above the awning is frosted. Signage is compatible with usual 19th century signage in placement and proportion and does not detract from the front facade.

Notes

¹Sanborn Insurance maps, 1912, 1916. The 1912 map shows no addition; the 1916 map does.

²Dudley, 1897, p. ; Sanborn Insurance maps, 1901, 1906, 1912, 1916.

³Sanborn Insurance maps, 1901, 1906, 1912, 1916.

⁴This structure is dated by the City Assessor's description #219 as 1888. However, it does not appear on a Sanborn Insurance map until 1892.