United States Department of the Interior Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

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street & number	203 1st Street I	West		
city, town	Jamestown	vicinity of	state	North Dakota 58401
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Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Executed in the Prairie School idiom of design, material and ornament, the Alfred E. Dickey Free Public Library is a rare and fine example of that influence in North Dakota.

The principal design element of the single-story brick structure is its horizontal movement. The lineality of the rectangular front facade is expressed in the running bond of the brickwork, stained glass ribbon windows, and terra cotta stringsource and cornice on the first story level. Three brick stringcourses and corbeling at the ground level are less obvious but reinforcing elements. Characteristic of the Prairie School design, the naturalistic motif, smooth finish and buff color of the terra cotta ornament contrasts with the rough surface and dark color of the brick. An Egyptian motif runs throughout the building, the lotus flower being the main component of the design.

Structurally breaking the movement of the front facade, a central projecting vestibule rises the full height of the facade and is crowned by a decorated parapet. However, the composition of the vestibule facade and the entrance which it surrounds is well integrated and actually resumes the visual movement of the whole facade. Framed within a surround of terra cotta tile and brick, two pilasters with Egyptian terra cotta capitols are combined with a ribbon of five tall stained glasswindows. Resting upon the surround is a terra cotta freize bearing the library's name. This arrangement is punctuated by the front entry which bridges both the lower and main levels. Originally unpainted, the white wood frame and glass panel doors detract from the intended balance of the vestibule. Two large terra cotta planters grace the stair rail ends completing the design of the vestibule in Prairie School Style.

Flanking the vestibule, the long rectangular shape of the front facade is emphasized by a band of five stained glass windows in terra cotta tile surrounds. The stylized lotus pattern and deep red, green and amber color of the windows are more than ornamental and contribute to the total composition of the building. The east and west end elevations are also punctuated by ribbon windows, taller than those of the front facade but harmonious with the shape of those walls. The basement level, distinguished from the main level by a terra cotta stringcourse, carries a row of inconspicuous three-over-one double sash windows.

The original building is divided into three main spaces; the vestibule which provides access to both the main and lower levels, the library proper, and office space. The vestibule is adorned with an egg-shaped stained and leaded glass globe of yellow opaline with a stylized amber, green and red lotus flower pattern. It hangs centrally from the high ceiling of the area. The space is lighted by three of the five tall stained glass windows which punctuate the vesitbule exterior. Only a straight wood handrail breaks the plain plastered walls which enclose the stairs treads of pink marble-like vinyl. The vestibule is closed from the library proper by a set of two panel wood and glass doors. Above the doors is a stained glass transom which repeats the stylized lotus flower pattern and color scheme.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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The library proper is a long rectangular room lined with six foot high bookshelves, above which stained glass windows light the room. At the center of the room is a stained glass skylight set into a space delineated by an octagonal wood moulding which is recessed into a plaster ceiling relief. Below the skylight, facing the vestibule is a five sided librarian's desk. Four oak pilasters with Egyptian gorge capitols visually support the skylight area and make it the central focus of the area. Behind the library proper are two office spaces which flank a central open area containing tables and wall shelves. The west end office is now a reading room.

The basement level houses the children's library, office space and washrooms. It lacks the woodwork and stained glass of the main level. The floors are bare hardwood and the plastered walls are painted bright chartreuse. Behind the librarian's desk at the south end is a small stage built into the space beneath the stairs.

In 1972 a brick addition was built into the rear north facade behind the main floor offices extending to the basement level. Six stained glass windows were removed from that wall and the central portion removed for access to the addition. The original main floor terrazzo floor was carpeted circa 1972 when the walls were papered in light green. Acoustic tile has been installed in all but the skylight area. In an early attempt to provide more shelf space in the library area, a doorway from the east office into the library was shelved over but is still in tact. Additional shelving also rises above the bottom third of the east and west end windows, though unobtrusively. Draperies have been hung in all the exterior windows and the same windows are protected by exterior plexiglass. An elevator is presently being installed in the front east facade and should be complete by May 1980; it will be accessible from the street level and will not visually intrude on the exterior facade above the Basement level stringcourse. However, its installation on the main floor has caused removal of the southeast oak pilaster and it is not known whether the pilaster will be replaced.

8. Significance

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Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

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The Alfred E. Dickey Free Library is significant both for its clear expression of an architectural style and its role in community education. The building is an excellent example of true Prairie School architecture, and is one of two known applications of that style to public buildings in North Dakota. The Egyptian decorative motif, one of many ancient stylized forms borrowed by Prairie School architects, is also a rarity in North Dakota. The building was designed in 1917 by the architectural partnership of J. H. Shannon and Henry J. Scherer, but it is believed that Scherer produced the actual design. Scherer may have been influenced by the Prairie School philosophy both in his education at St. Johns University in Minnesota and in his early employment with architectural firms in Chicago and Minneapolis.

The library was funded by and named for Alfred M. Dickey and his son, Alfred E. Dickey, who were very prominent in regional, commercial, financial, and political matters in the early settlement period of 1879-1900. The elder Dickey was a partner in the Wells-Dickey Land Company, which at one time controlled large areas in the James River Valley for speculative purposes. He also served as North Dakota's first Lieutenant Governor in 1889, and was honored by having Dickey County, North Dakota, named for him. In 1901 he pledged funds to support a permanent library in Jamestown, and after his death the same year his son renewed the pledge. The younger Dickey himself died in 1910 and willed \$30,000 for construction of a building and a library stock. The building was finally constructed in 1917, and has served as the community's only public library since that time.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

Ronald Ramsey, "Early North Dakota Designers, Builders . . . Architect's?" North Dakota Horizons, Fall, 1979.

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Liberty Memorial Building Bismarck, North Dakota 58505

South (front) facade and east elevation, looking NNW

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Terra cotta planter on front (south) facade stair rail end

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Center of main floor reading room, looking south toward front entrance.

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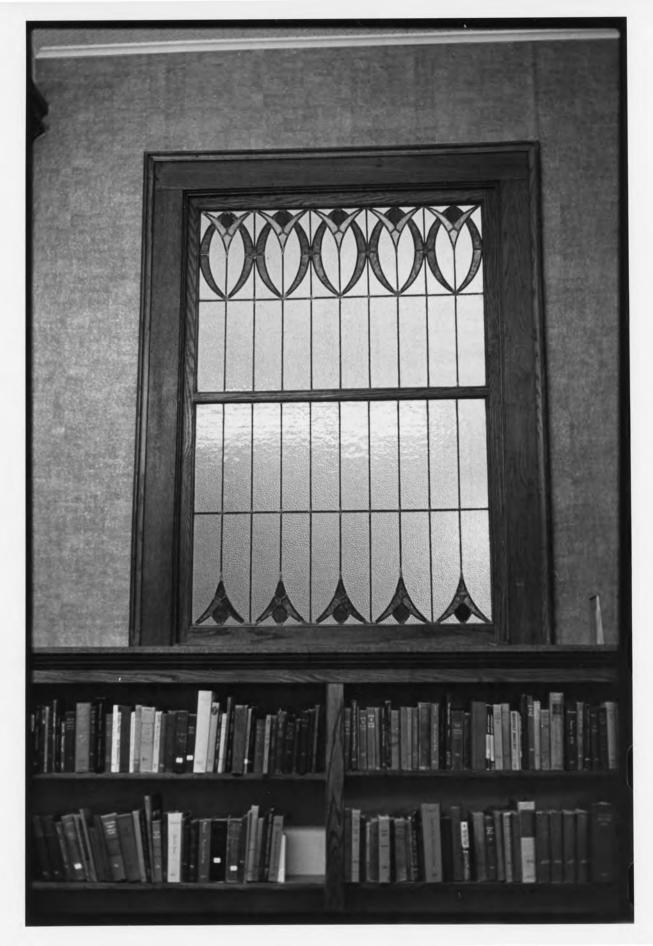
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Main floor reading room, looking east, NE

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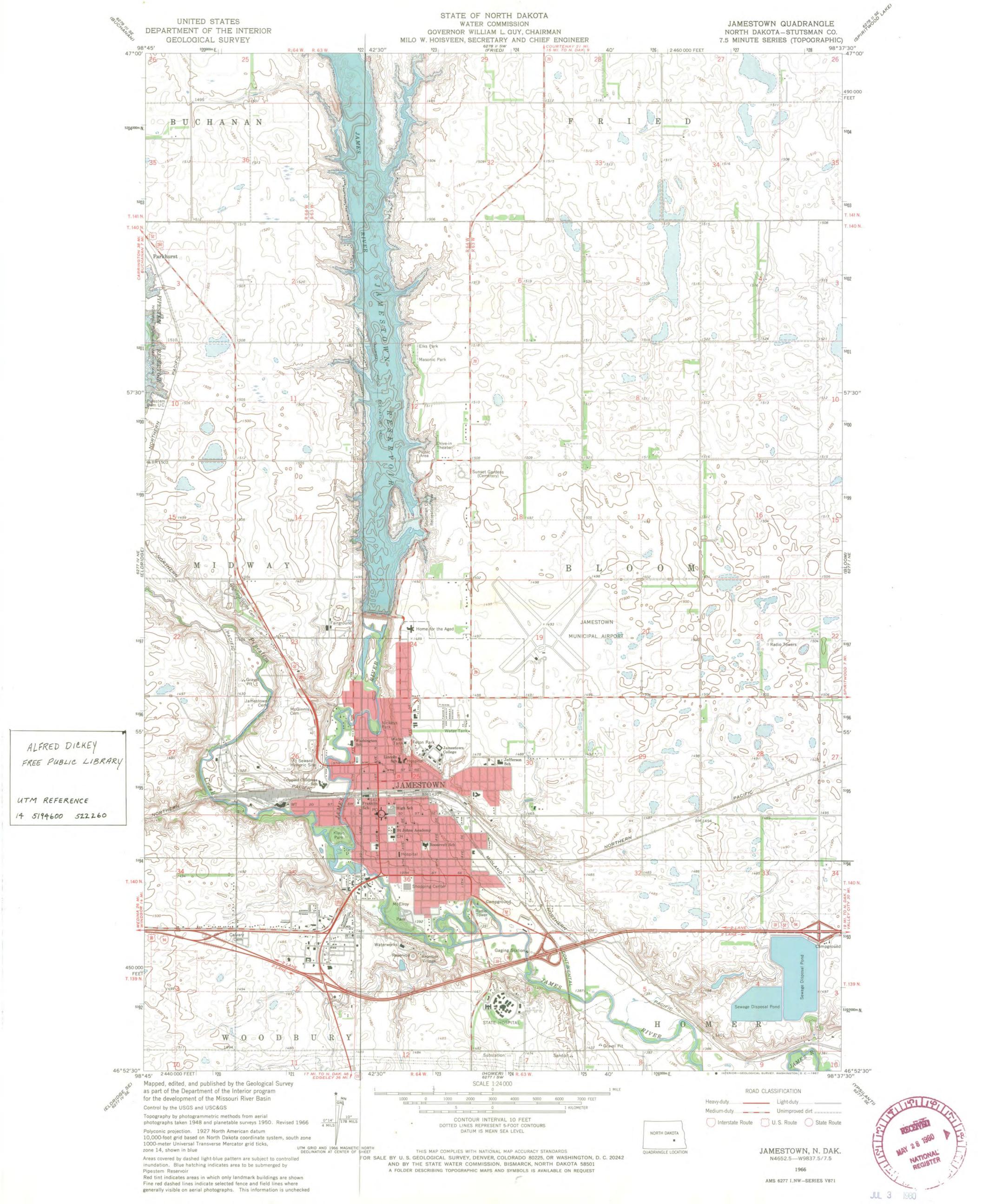
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Detail, window in main floor reading room.

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National Register of Historic Places

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Additional Documentation: 2019

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions.

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National Park Service / National Register of Historic Places Registration Form NPS Form 10-900 Alfred Dickey Free Library Stutsman North Dakota Name of Property County and State 4. National Park Service Certification I hereby certify that this property is: entered in the National Register determined eligible for the National Register determined not eligible for the National Register removed from the National Register other (explain:) 5. Classification **Ownership of Property** (Check as many boxes as apply.) Private: Public - Local Public - State Public - Federal **Category of Property** (Check only one box.) Building(s) District

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Alfred Dickey Free Library Name of Property		Stutsman North Dakota County and State
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(Describe the historic and current physical appearance and condition of the property. Describe contributing and noncontributing resources if applicable. Begin with a summary paragraph that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, type, style, method of construction, setting, size, and significant features. Indicate whether the property has historic integrity.)

Summary Paragraph

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	E.	A reconstructed building, object, or structure	
	F.	A commemorative property	
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Significant Person (Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)	
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Alfred Dickey Free Library
Name of Property
Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph (Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance, applicable criteria, justification for the period of significance, and any applicable criteria considerations.)

The library's name was listed in error in the original National Register of Historic Places nomination form. The correct name of the library is Alfred Dickey Free Library. Alfred E. Dickey was the son of the man for whom the library is named.

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United States Department of the Interior

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National Park Service / National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

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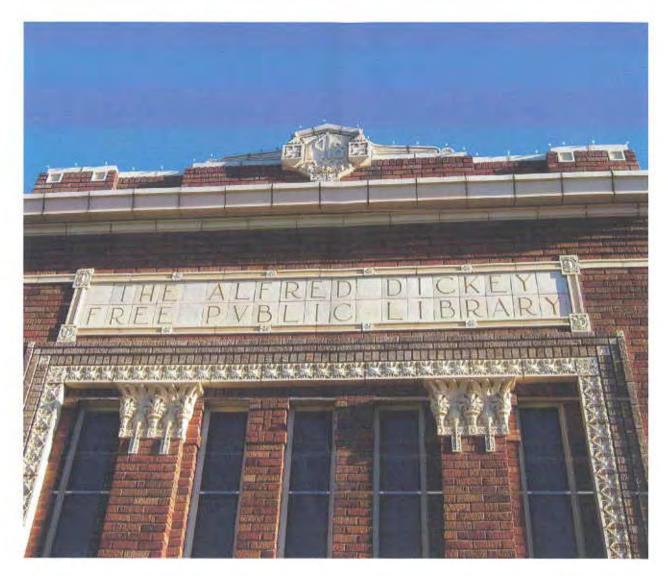
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Front plaque with correct name of library. Photo provided by Bill Kennedy, Development Director, James River Valley Library System. Provided in January 2019.



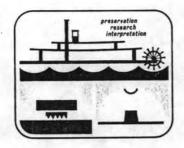
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Correspondence

The Correspondence consists of communications from (and possibly to) the nominating authority, notes from the staff of the National Register of Historic Places, and/or other material the National Register of Historic Places received associated with the property.

Correspondence may also include information from other sources, drafts of the nomination, letters of support or objection, memorandums, and ephemera which document the efforts to recognize the property.

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May 20, 1980

Ms. Carol Shull Acting Keeper of the National Register National Register of Historic Places Heritage Conservation & Recreation Service United States Department of the Interior Pension Building 440 G Street Washington, D.C. 20243



Dear Ms. Shull:

Enclosed please find four completed and documented forms nominating four properties to the National Register of Historic Places. The properties are identified as follows:

Huff State Historic Site (32M011) Morton County, North Dakota Molander State Historic Site (320L7) Oliver County, North Dakota Alfred E. Dickey Free Library, Jamestown, North Dakota O'Connor House, St. Thomas, North Dakota

The properties have been reviewed by the North Dakota State Historic Preservation Review Board, who after reviewing the historical, architectural, and archeological facts pertaining to the properties and after applying the criteria for eligibility to them unanimously agreed that the criteria were met and recommended that the properties be nominated.

The owner of the properties have been notified by letter of the proposed nomination action and have been invited to comment. Copies of all responses are included with the nomination forms or will be forwarded to your office.

Sincerely,

Louis N. Hafermehl

Director, Division of Archeology

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Also Notified

Honorable Milton R. Young Honorable Quentin N. Burdick Honorable Mark Andrews State Historic Preservation Officer Mr. James E. Sperry Superintendent, State Historical Society of North Dakota Liberty Memorial Building Bismarck, North Dakota 58501

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For further information, please call the National Register at (202)343-6401.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Requested Action:	Additional Documenta	tion	
Property Name:	Dickey, Alfred, Free Library		
Multiple Name:			
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Reference number:	AD80004545		
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