## 1 NAME

**HISTORIC**

Administration Building

**AND/OR COMMON**

## 2 LOCATION

**STREET & NUMBER**
East Kansas Avenue

**CITY, TOWN**
Fort Peck

**STATE**
Montana

**CODE**
30-0450-105

**VICINITY OF**

**CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**
Second District, Scobey

**COUNTY**
Valley

**CODE**
30-105

## 3 CLASSIFICATION

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## 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

**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

**DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS**
U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha District

**CITY, TOWN**
Omaha

**STATE**
Nebraska
DESCRIPTION

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.
SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD
PREHISTORIC
1400-1499
1500-1599
1600-1699
1700-1799
1800-1899
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AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW
ARCHAEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC
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SPECIFIC DATES 1934

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.
**IMAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**


**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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**ZONE EASTING NORTHING**

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.

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**CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION**

**STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

YES ___ NO ___ NONE ___

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**FOR NPS USE ONLY**

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

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

KEEPer OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER