UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM
FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

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

1 NAME
HISTORIC
Garage and Fire Station

AND/OR COMMON
Security Center (Fire & Police) & Vehicle Storage

2 LOCATION
STREET & NUMBER
Gasconade Street

CITY, TOWN
Fort Peck

STATE
Montana

3 CLASSIFICATION
CATEGORY
— DISTRICT
— BUILDING(S)
— STRUCTURE
— SITE
— OBJECT

OWNERSHIP
PUBLIC
PRIVATE
BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
IN PROCESS
BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS
X OCCUPIED
UNOCCUPIED
WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
YES: RESTRICTED
YES: UNRESTRICTED
NO

PRESENT USE
AGRICULTURE
COMMERCIAL
EDUCATIONAL
ENTERTAINMENT
GOVERNMENT
INDUSTRIAL
MILITARY
MUSEUM
PARK
PRIVATE RESIDENCE
RELIGIOUS
SCIENTIFIC
TRANSPORTATION
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

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
The Garage and Fire Station building houses the fire and police stations. It also provides space for vehicle storage. This building was constructed in the Swiss Chalet style and is a one-story building. It is an "L" shaped plan with a gable roof. The building is a wood frame structure with wood horizontal siding, and a composition roof. The Garage and Fire Station is painted. Originally, all the Swiss Chalet buildings at Fort Peck were stained either brown or gray. The trim was painted blue, green, red, or maroon.

There is some minor timber bracketing on the structure.
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Garage and Fire Station building is significant in the manner in which it contributed to the construction of Fort Peck Dam and Lake. The structure provided the necessary services of fire prevention and police protection during and following the construction of this huge New Deal project. This building is associated with an event that changed much of the Missouri River basin. As the dams associated with the Pick-Sloan Plan began to be constructed, flood protection became a reality for towns like Bismarck, Mandan, Pierre, Sioux City, Council Bluffs, and Omaha. Electricity was produced in large amounts as a result of the construction of the Pick-Sloan Plan. Recreation eventually became available to a number of people as a result of the filling of the reservoir.

This building possesses the distinctive characteristics of the Swiss Chalet style and meets Criterion C. The Swiss Chalet style of this structure possesses the "distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction . . ." The Swiss Chalet style, popularized in the western states by the National Park Service between 1900 and 1920, is a rustic style, reminiscent of our past on the Plains.

This building is now 51 years old; it is associated with an event of major importance in our history. That event was the construction of Fort Peck Dam. The effort consisted of a monumental construction project which employed 50,000 people during the construction camp era. The employment which was created helped to bring Montana out of the Depression. This is one of the few WPA-era projects which remains in Montana as a symbol of the New Deal.
MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

MacDonald and Mack Partnership, "Cultural Resources Survey, Government Townsites Study." Report prepared for the Omaha District, Corps of Engineers 1 May 1980. Published by the Omaha District. Copies available upon request.


GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: less than 1 acre

UTM REFERENCES

A

ZONE

EASTING

NORTHING

B

ZONE

EASTING

NORTHING

C

ZONE

EASTING

NORTHING

D

ZONE

EASTING

NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

From the intersection of Osage Avenue and Gasconade Street, proceed approximately 325 feet north northwest. Then proceed approximately 175 feet southwest. The proceed approximately 150 feet northeast. Then proceed approximately 150 feet northwest.

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

STATE CODE COUNTY CODE

STATE CODE COUNTY CODE

FORM PREPARED BY

NAME/TITLE

Rebecca J. Otto Archeologist

ORGANIZATION

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

DATE

August 1985

STREET & NUMBER

6014 U.S. Post Office & Courthouse

STATE

Nebraska

CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES

NO

NONE

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

TITLE Chief, Office of Environmental Overview

DATE

15 April 1986

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER