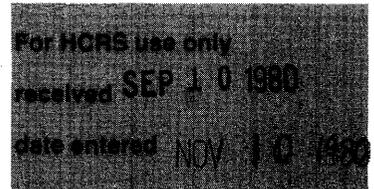


**United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form**



See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

**1. Name**

historic Dr. S. W. Hill Drug Store (Preferred)

and/or common Hettinger County Historical Society Museum

**2. Location**

street & number Off ND 21 \_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Regent \_\_\_ vicinity of congressional district 1

state North Dakota code 38 county Hettinger code 041

**3. Classification**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property**

name Hettinger County Historical Society

street & number \_\_\_\_\_

city, town Regent \_\_\_ vicinity of state North Dakota 58650

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Register of Deeds

street & number Hettinger County Courthouse

city, town Mott state North Dakota 58646

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title None has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_ federal \_\_\_ state \_\_\_ county \_\_\_ local

depository for survey records \_\_\_\_\_

city, town \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_

## 7. Description

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Dr. S. W. Hill Drugstore is a two-story frame and false front building that faces the main street of Regent. Its plain exterior and ample window space are typical of a genre of early twentieth century commercial architecture built throughout North Dakota and now visible in only some of the state's less developed communities. Once a combination drugstore, pharmacy and doctor's office, it now serves as the Hettinger County Historical Society Museum.

The first-story level of the front facade is comprised of tall display windows on a low paneled wall. The main entry is recessed and slightly off-center while another entry, which gives access to the second-story doctor's office, is flush with the facade and is located at the extreme east end of the elevation. Both doors have tall glass panels and brass hardware. The second story level displays four evenly spaced windows in a clap-boarded surface below a flat parapeted roofline. Both side elevations are also clap-boarded and stepped at the roofline. The west elevation is punctuated by a double sash window in the second story front bay. Four identical windows are spaced across the rear facade. The original rear exit is obscured by a metal museum structure which occupies the next lot and the north half of the drugstore lot.

The interior is virtually unchanged in terms of structure, material finish and furnishings. The main floor is comprised of a single rectangular room divided into two spaces by a five panel wood screen. The smaller rear space contains the pharmacy which is equipped with tall wood cabinets which are hidden by the screen. The east wall of the front retail area is furnished with a marble encased soda fountain complete with original nickle-plated brass fixtures. Behind the fountain, three refrigerator units are built in below a marble mantel and above, a hardwood frame with blue and white stained glass sidelights surrounds a large mirror. Two square stained glass fixtures hang from the mirror cornice and compliment the sidelights. North of the soda fountain, built-in drawers and glass-doored shelves line the wall. An elaborately worked brass cash register and marble topped scale with brass dishes sit on a solid wood counter. The west wall is finished with similar drawers and shelves, each drawer square and numbered. A short dado of Lincrusta-Walton fills the space between the shelving and the front display area.

The central floor space was originally open and unfurnished except for stools at the soda fountain and two wrought iron and wood icecream tables and chairs. Two glass display cases now occupy the central area. The floors are original hardwood tongue and groove and the plaster walls retain an early orange paint. Four simple light fixtures with opaque glass globes hang from an impressive pressed metal ceiling with wide border. Throughout the drugstore, original brand name dispensers and display cases reflect a continuity of different eras from turn-of-the-century to the 1930's.

Four rooms divided by an east-west hallway and transomed doorways comprise the historic living/office space of the second floor. They are finished with hardwood floors, plain window surrounds and plastered walls and ceilings. The living quarters are now used as museum display area. The examination room is untouched since Dr. Hill's retirement in 1965 and is filled with 1910 vintage medical equipment including a portable delivery table, washstand and sterilizer, examination chair and table and medical instruments.

# 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) Medicine
	<input type="checkbox"/> invention			

**Specific dates** 1911

**Builder/Architect** Art Simon, builder and contractor

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**

Dr. Hill's practice in Regent began in 1911 and spanned some fifty years and several generations of community life in Regent. Hill was 80 years old at retirement and a familiar and respected figure in the area.

The drugstore edifice, built in 1910, remains unchanged in the last half century, and represents some of the earliest commercial wood frame architecture in Regent. The period furnishing and equipment of the examining room are outstanding and reflect an earlier, less sophisticated era in the practice of medicine. The portability of much of the equipment is indicative of the changing relationship of doctors to their surrounding community; from a time when house calls were routine to an age when medical attention is specialized and geographically centralized.

The S. W. Hill drugstore, with its remarkable integrity of original design, materials, and furnishings, is not only a period piece in architecture, but a total historic environment that can be experienced as well as visualized.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Our Fifty Years Regent, N.D. 1911-1961

UTM NOT VERIFIED

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than one acre

Quadrangle name Regent ND

Quadrangle scale 7.5'

### UMT References

A 

1	3	6	8	7	8	8	5	5	1	4	3	6	5	0
Zone		Easting				Northing								

B 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

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Zone		Easting				Northing								

### Verbal boundary description and justification

The nominated property occupies the front forty-five feet of Lot 6, Block 3, of the Original Townsite Plat of Regent, North Dakota.

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state code county code

state code county code

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Mrs. DeLores Tollefson and Jackie Sluss, Historical Assistant

organization State Historical Society of North Dakota date June 11, 1980

street & number Liberty Memorial Building telephone (701)224-2672

city or town Bismarck state North Dakota 58505

# 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national  state  local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

*James E. Henry*

title State Historic Preservation Officer, (North Dakota) date August 21, 1980

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

*Bruce D. Dwyer* date 11/12/80  
Keeper of the National Register

Attest: *Heula Stover Reed* date 11/7/80  
Chief of Registration