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SITE IDENTIFICATION

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City: Huff

Street Number: 5466

Street Name: Huff St

Urban Legal Description: LOT D OF E 1/2 SE 1/4

SITE DATA

Total # **Architectural** Features: 1

Fieldwork Date: 08/19/2019

Reconnaissance Survey Intensive Survey

Project & Principal Investigator:

BEK South Morton County Fiber Optic Line, Alex Atkinson (PI)

Report Title & Author(s):

A Class III Cultural Resource Inventory of the BEK South Morton County Fiber Optic Line in Morton and Burleigh Counties, North Dakota
by Amanda Baker

Contracting firm or Agency completing the form:

Beaver Creek Archaeology, Inc.

Additional Information:

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Complete one Page 2 for each architectural feature at the site.

Architectural Feature # 1

Construction Date _____ Feature Type 40 Condition 7
Feature Date 3 Context 7 Plan Shape 5
Structural System 25 Primary Exterior 15 Style Other Style
Original Owner's Ethnicity _____ Secondary Exterior N/A Architect/Builder _____

Other Information: Currently a dwelling, formerly the Bonanza School #1 schoolhouse

Foundation Concrete Stories 1.5

Roof/Cornice Hip, gable

Window Original openings and windows removed

Dating Method(s): Newspaper research

Feature Preservation Recommendation(s) (Check all that apply):

- Individual nomination
Contributes to a potential district
No nomination potential
Will not contribute to a district
Potential district—feature would be a contributing element if other properties constitute a district
Thematic nomination potential
Component of a historic site or landscape
Moved (specify all applicable choices)—a) relocation occurred within a historic period; b) recreates original site, orientation, landscape, & spatial relationships; c) compatible in context with neighboring structures; d) relocation has damaged eligibility
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SITS# 32 MO 1558**Complete a Page 3 for each feature.****1. Feature Description, Integrity, Eligibility:**

Feature 1 is a single-family dwelling, formerly the Bonanza School House No. 1 in Huff, ND. It was first recorded by Kathy Wilner in August 2019. Built ca. 1911, it has a concrete foundation, horizontal steel siding, and a hip roof shingled with standing-seam metal. The ridge line of the house runs northwest to southeast, with a concrete block chimney emerging south of the ridge line just southeast of the center. It is characterized by a gabled, enclosed portico addition with a wooden entry deck on its southeast (entry) elevation, as well as the addition of gabled eyebrow dormers on its southeast and southwest elevations (entry and side). The addition of stairs and a loft inside the building have made the formerly one-story schoolhouse into a 1.5-story house.

A Bismarck Tribune newspaper article of June 21, 2009, written by LeAnn Eckroth, the daughter of the former owner of the schoolhouse, about its renovation into a dwelling by its current owner (Randy Cermak), goes into significant detail and includes a photograph of the interior (see attachment). The newspaper article also discusses outhouses associated with the school building that remain extant, and part of one of these was captured in a photograph of Feature 1 during the site visit of August 19, 2019. However, as these are outside of the survey and project area, they are unevaluated.

The southeast (entry) elevation is characterized by a small wooden deck with five stairs, elevated over the top of the schoolhouse's original stairs (as Eckroth explains, "An east addition overlaps the school's original steps, but they are still visible outside"). A storm door on the south side of the gabled portico addition obscures the entry door. To the north is a fixed glass picture window with two panes. Above the gable of the addition is the gabled eyebrow dormer.

The southwest (side) elevation features four windows, all roughly square but different sizes. The two smaller windows are each two-pane sliding sash windows; the larger ones are three-pane fixed or casement windows, and one is centered within the southwest-facing gabled eyebrow dormer.

The northwest (rear) elevation features only a fixed octagonal porthole window on its north side. A large antenna is mounted to this elevation.

The northeast (side) façade is characterized by a short gabled addition on its north side that is nearly flush to the elevation; a horizontal, rectangular sliding-sash window is centered below this gable. There are two other windows, and all fenestration is mismatched: a smaller horizontal rectangular sliding-sash window on the south side, and a tall, vertical rectangular fixed window with four lights roughly centered on the elevation.

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(Feature 1 description, integrity, eligibility continued)

Feature 1 has been drastically and unrecognizably renovated since its days as a schoolhouse. In spite of the information available on its history, it in no way resembles the schoolhouse it once was: the window openings and fenestration have been changed, the roofline is different, the plan altered, and the exterior finishes replaced. Due to a complete disruption of its historic integrity, Feature 1 is recommended ineligible to the NRHP.

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SITS# 32 MO 1558**Complete one Page 4 for the entire site.**

2. Owner's Contact Information:

Randall W. Cermak
5466 Huff St
Mandan, ND 58554

3. Access (to rural areas):

4. Site Area (ft²): _____5. Description of **SETTING**:

The house is located in Huff, a rural community. It is approximately 1,000 feet southwest of the Missouri River and 230 feet southwest of Highway 1806. A modern garage and shed is located to the northwest. The area immediately surrounding the site is residential in nature, with St. Martin's Catholic Church located across Huff Street to the southwest. Agricultural land surrounds Huff.

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SITS# 32 MO 1558**6. Summary of ALL Site Features & Evaluation of Significance:**

Site 32MO1558 is a site with one feature: a dwelling, formerly a schoolhouse, built ca. 1911.

Under Criterion A, a site would be considered for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) nomination if it can be associated with an event that is significant to history. At one time, site 32MO1558 was associated with the state, regional, and local history of rural education in North Dakota and the Mandan school district. However, it has been unrecognizably modified and no longer resembles a school. Therefore, it is not eligible under Criterion A.

Under Criterion B, a site would be considered eligible if it can be associated with the lives of significant persons in our past. Based on existing deed searches, site 32MO1558 was once owned by John Huff, the namesake of Huff, ND. However, the land passed out of his hands before the construction of the school. No individuals of prominent significance are associated with the site. Therefore, site 32MO1558 is not eligible under Criterion B.

Under Criterion C, a site could be considered eligible if it: (a) embodies a distinctive characteristic of a type, period, or method of construction; (b) represents the work of a master; (c) possesses high artistic value; (d) represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction. As a rural schoolhouse, site 32MO1558 has lost all integrity, and it currently serves as a dwelling. Therefore, site 32MO1558 is not eligible under Criterion C.

Under Criterion D, if a site has yielded or is likely to yield information important to our history or prehistory it could be eligible for the NRHP consideration. Based on a site visit, site 32MO1558 is not likely to possess information potential. Therefore, it is not eligible under Criterion D.

7. References/Comments:

Bismarck Tribune archives (Newspapers.com)

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Table 1: Morton County Deed Search: T136N R79W Section 6 NW1/4 NE1/4 SE1/4 (Lot D E1/2 SE1/4)

Book #	Page #	Date	Grantor	Grantee	Deed Type
15	407	4/11/1907	USA	John S. Huff	Patent (Lot 12 section 5, E ½ SE, and SW SE of Section 6)
24	74	8/31/1908	John Huff	Missouri River Railway Company	Warranty
34	202	6/21/1911	John Huff	William Muller (Miller), Charles J. Kuenster	Warranty (1/3 interest)
2	8	7/5/1911	John Huff, William Miller (Muller), Charles Kuenster	Public	Plat
35	290	12/7/1911	John Huff, William Miller (Muller), Charles Kuenster	Huff Farmer Elevator Company	Warranty
37	435	12/13/1912	William Muller	H. G. Kuenster	Warranty (1/3 interest)
42	69	12/13/1912	John Huff, C. J. Kuenster	St. Martin's Catholic Church	Warranty (NESE)
47	2	7/24/1913	John Huff	C. J. Kuenster and H. G. Kuenster	Warranty (1/3 interest)
48	301	7/15/1915	C. J. Kuenster and H. G. Kuenster	Mrs. O. J. Dahl	Warranty (1.5 acres NE SE)
47	319	5/14/1915	C. J. Kuenster and H. G. Kuenster	Bonanza School District #12	Warranty (1.5 acres)
136	479	12/20/1977	Mandan Public School District #1 (Successor of Bonanza School District #14)	Adam P. Eckroth and Phyllis Eckroth	Quit Claim (1.5 acres)
294498		5/1/1986	Phyllis Eckroth	Randall W. Cermak	Quit Claim (1.5 acres)

A father's DREAM

Tribune staff writer LeAnn Eckroth's father bought the former Huff area schoolhouse in 1977 as an intended fishing retreat and future home. Because of illness his dream was not fulfilled, but the sale of the school helped send his son to college. Today, Eckroth tells what happened to the schoolhouse, her mother's reaction and her father's legacy.

A local carpenter held true to a promise made to a widow two decades before and has restored a former one-room schoolhouse into a dream home for most outdoorsmen.

The sale of the 99-year-old structure also seeded the higher education of its previous owner's son.

Randy Cermak vividly remembers vying for the former Bonanza School House No. 1, 23 years ago in a closed bid. He had made a low offer, but put more money on the table. The widow selling then came out.

"She said, 'I suppose you'll rip the schoolhouse down and put something else there,'" he said. Cermak said he planned to make it a home. "She told me, 'if you wouldn't have said that you wouldn't be buying this place.' It had sentimental value to her because of her late husband."

Cermak had won out over a bidder who planned to install garages there.

The widow told Cermak she was selling the property to help fund her son's college education, but the building had been her late husband's dream.

The widow is my mother, and the dream belonged to my father.

Adam Pius Eckroth, better known as "Adam P." to his wife, Phyllis, never strayed far from his rural roots in the Fort Rice-Huff area, south of Mandan.

Raised on a family farm with 14 children near the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers land now known as the Eckroth Bottoms, he eagerly honed his skills in fishing and hunting.

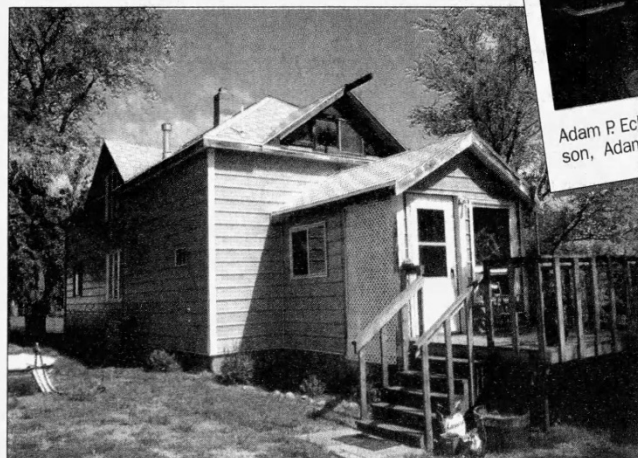
After the Army, he moved to nearby Mandan, but his ties to the Missouri River never waned.

Mom describes him as a religious fisherman. "He was just a regular guy who liked to hunt and fish. ... That was his main hobby." He got up early in the morning, went fishing all day, would take a quick trip to Mandan for church and then go back to fishing.

Dad made a decent living for his family as a pipefitter at nearby power plants, but stuck to his self-sufficient roots. "There was never a lack of game or fish in the freezer. He liked to make



WILL KINCAID/Tribune
Randy Cermak stands in front of his school house home in Huff. Cermak has been living in and fixing up the former Huff school house for the last 24 years.



WILL KINCAID/Tribune
The front entrance to Randy Cermack's schoolhouse home in Huff.

deer sausage, to keep his family well-supplied. ... He liked to keep up a vegetable garden," Mom said.

A generous host, he also offered company homemade wares of pickled fish, smoked fish, deer sausage, deer steak or tomatoes from his garden.

In 1977, when Dad

learned the former schoolhouse was available near the Missouri River, he bought it. Straight to the north, flowed the Missouri. To the south, purple buttes brazed the skyline. "He decided he would remodel it and eventually live out there," Mom said.

"It wasn't in too bad of

condition. It didn't have any running water. It needed cleaning, but had a lot of potential." They furnished it with camping supplies, dishes and a couch. A friend carved out a wooden "Adam's Hideout" sign for its front.

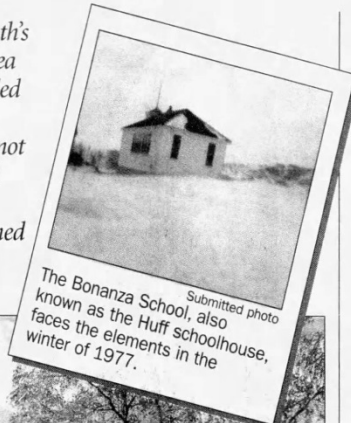
Yet, his dreams were not to be. In June of 1978, he was

diagnosed with terminal lung cancer.

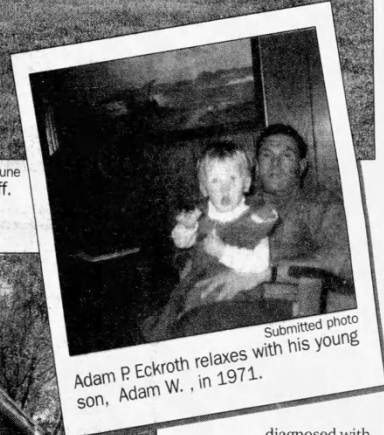
Dad's co-workers helped the family out all they could. "They all got together one weekend when he got out of the hospital and painted that schoolhouse for him. They got it all done in one day. It was a special thing they were doing for their buddy or brother," Mom said.

Despite surgery, treatment and a valiant effort, Dad lost his fight with cancer in March of 1979.

Mom kept the schoolhouse for a time, but had three children to finish raising — between grade school and college age. A former teacher of a similar one-room school herself, she was determined they all three finish college. Her two daughters, Lenore and myself, earned their degrees, but she wanted the same for her son, Adam W. *Continued on 10A*



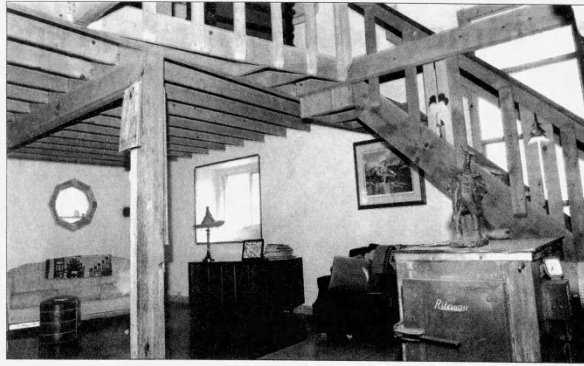
Submitted photo
The Bonanza School, also known as the Huff schoolhouse, faces the elements in the winter of 1977.



Submitted photo
Adam P. Eckroth relaxes with his young son, Adam W., in 1971.

BY REPORTER LEANN ECKROTH / BISMARCK TRIBUNE

Figure 1: The Bismarck Tribune June 21, 2009, page 1A.



Randy Cermak, a carpenter by trade, built a second level inside the former school.

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A father's dream

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Unable to restore the school, she sold it. "I felt we could better take the money and invest it for my son's education."

Mom remembers the young man who bought the school. "He said he was going to fix it up. ... I told him Adam wanted to make it into something to live in."

The schoolhouse crossed her mind over the years. Had it been bulldozed? It was beyond her control.

Mom's questions were answered in the summer of 2008. Her niece Melinda Miller, Cermak's neighbor, arranged for the two to meet.

Mom was in for a pleasant surprise. "He had done a marvelous job with this school and retained the rustic, outdoors type feel. I was really impressed by how it had been transformed. It looked like a bachelor pad, but very neatly kept."

"He added a loft — the type thing where you go into a stairway to the sleeping area. He had made a kitchen area. He had made the cabinets himself. ... The original floor is still there. He polished it up, made it really nice and shiny."

The same couch my parents had bought remained in the living room, blended with modern features such as a flat screen TV and newer furniture.

Mom also discovered two original spruce trees that she and Dad had planted now towered over the school house.

"He fixed on it as he had money through the years. He didn't have it done all at one time. He did what he could as he could afford to."

Cermak heard of the schoolhouse sale in 1986 from a friend. The carpenter saw big possibilities for it. "I did what I felt was the right thing to do here," he said.

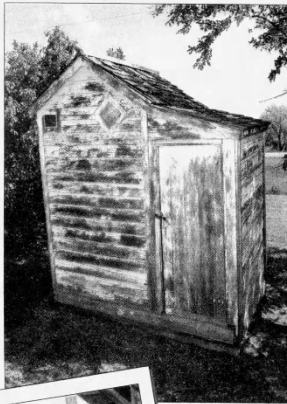
He appreciates the heritage of the workmen who crafted it. "They made the codes for builders. Houses today are built the way this place is. I think they came up in packs, lived with people in the area, built their chalets for them and moved on."

Cermak was tenacious, eking out his future home on a carpenter's wages. For many years, he simply lived by the schoolhouse in a trailer.

"Immediately when I seen it, I knew what I wanted to do with it. It took me 20 years to get to it. ... I just kept picking at it. I just started nipping everything off the walls," Cermak said.

After gutting the building, he created the second-floor loft. The new area functions as his sleeping area and where he keeps musical instruments. A wooden staircase leads to his nighttime retreat. It has been fitted with a second bathroom. "I wanted more space."

He added modern utilities to make his future home comfortable. "I rewired it and replumbed it, put electrical in it. There was no well here. I



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The former girls' outhouse behind the Huff school. Randy Cermak says that several people have tried to buy the building, but it is not for sale.

the school's exterior from the extremes. Pieces of the original window glass are integrated throughout the home.

The schoolhouse's former coal room has been transformed into the home's main bathroom.

Once a "city boy," Cermak said he has found home. "I thought it was good for a guy's spirit. It was the birds, the animals, the critters. ... I'm a fisherman. I like feeding the birds in the winter."

"It's a beautiful view of the river. We get all our cold winds coming off the water. It changes by the buttes. You can see the snow blowing by the highway," he said.

He said the 40-minute commute to Bismarck is worth it because of his warm, friendly rural neighbors.

"I feel Adam & I would be pleased to know it didn't just become a junk heap or an old shack," Mom said. "The finished product is certainly pleasing. It is very nice to know it's still there after all these years."

"Something good had come of my husband's dream. ... It pretty much turned out the way he would have wanted it," she said.

"Like the way it looks. ... It's taken care of me," said Cermak, a Vietnam-era Army veteran. "There's nothing like having a place like this to call home. The first 30 years of my life, I lived on the road after I got out of the service."

Cermak asked Mom if her son ever went to college. He did, earning an accounting degree. Adam W. is the proud father of A.J. (Adam John), age, 3 and Sarah, 5.

Mom is now the grandmother of six.

(Reach reporter LeAnn Eckroth at 250-8264 or leann.eckroth@bismarcktribune.com.)



Submitted photo
Phyllis Eckroth, the former owner of the Huff schoolhouse, meets with its current owner Randy Cermak in 2008, 23 years after she sold it to him.

put in the septic tank in. "It took me 20 years. ... I did most of it myself. I did get help with the ceiling from friends. I couldn't lift it up there."

An inheritance five years ago from his father spared the final stages of his mission. "Then I really got to work. I hit it 24-7 and got it all done in three months," Cermak said.

He covered the kitchen with a new tiling. The original wooden floor is varnished.

Original brick from the wall was torn down and is now the centerpiece in the kitchen area. A wooden cook stove that belonged to Dad's parents, John and Angeline, is a focal point below. An older wood heating stove on the other side of the brick was bought at a sale.

Nearby in the kitchen are pine knot cabinets and modern kitchen island, both built by Cermak. Its wooden dinette set was made by his late father and adds to its earthy theme. Modern kitchen appliances make everything complete.

Cermak eyes the living room and pictures youngsters piling into the prairie school. "The teacher would have the best view of the river to the north," he said. "I've seen a picture from the early 1900s with the kids sitting out on the steps." An east addition overlaps the school's original steps, but they are still visible outside.

Steel siding now protects

Memories of school

Melinda Miller, a former student at the Bonanza School No. 1 for part the 1960s, researched the building and said it was built around 1911, shortly after the Huff post office was first completed. The building lies directly below St. Martin's Catholic Church.

"There were usually about 18 students attending — first through eighth grade," she said. "It had a coal room where coal was brought to heat the school. Later, a different heating system was installed as well."

Her father-in-law, William, and all his 11 children attended there and provided stories about its early days.

"The students had duties, such as getting water from the pump, ringing the bell, pouring water from the picher so the others could wash their hands before lunch, etc.," she said. "There were two outhouses — one for the boys and one for the girls."

The owner of the school, Randy Cermak, said several offers have been made to purchase the outhouses, but he won't sell.

"We did have a swing set and teeter-totter. A special treat was when the Bookmobile would come — we had to stand in line and get to check out two books," Miller said.

She remembers the old school fondly. "The teacher would have a bench in the front and call each grade up and teach them. We had Christmas programs that our parents would come and watch."

She said in the summer, the building was used for two weeks as catechism school. "The nuns would come and teach us religion."

"Students came from about a three-mile radius when the school first opened, and later on about a seven-mile radius."

The book, "St. Martin's Huff: 1910-1985," reports there were 28 students who attended there in its early days. "Some walked across the ice on the Missouri River in winter," Miller said.

Listed as some of its teachers are names like Frona Schmidt, Elfreda Ziniel, Mary Rambow, John Syler and Sylvia Bliese.

"We did get bus service for the first time in 1969, and students gradually started to go to grade school in Mandan," Miller said.

She said Bonanza School No. 1 closed about 1975.

Figure 2: The Bismarck Tribune June 21, 2009, page 10A.



Figure 3: Feature 1, looking northeast, August 19, 2019.



Figure 4: Feature 1, looking north, August 19, 2019.

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Reconnaissance Survey Intensive Survey

Project & Principal Investigator:
Country SchoolHouse Project

Report Title & Author(s):

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Condition

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Context

Plan Shape

Structural System

Primary Exterior

Style

Original Owner's Ethnicity

Secondary Exterior

Architect/Builder

Other Information:

Foundation

Stories

Roof/Cornice

Window

Dating Method(s):

Feature Preservation Recommendation(s) (Check all that apply):

- Individual nomination
- Contributes to a potential district
- No nomination potential
- Will not contribute to a district
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Complete a Page 3 for each feature.

1. Feature Description, Integrity, Eligibility:

The feature is a one room prairie school on a basement of poured concrete. The school is in the original location. It has been completely redone and is now a home. The roof is covered with metal sheeting and there is a grey brick chimney on the west facing slope of the roof. There is a skylight on the north facing slope. The building measures 42 feet north to south and 20 feet east to west. The entry measures 10 feet by 11 feet.

The siding is horizontal metal. In refurbishing the building the owner kept very little of the original interior. The entry was added at the time it was refurbished. The walls were twelve feet high and the owner lowered it to about 8 feet and the ceiling is open floor boards and support boards for the upstairs. The floor at the north half of the first floor is original tongue and groove hardwood. There is a brick chimney in the middle of the open space and it is built of the original chimney bricks. A wood stove used to heat the space. It is now heated by a propane furnace. There is a open wood stairway going up the east wall just inside a long, tall window made of up four fixed panes of glass. The glass came from the old school windows. It allows lots of light inside. Other windows in the house are two, three pane side sliding windows on the west wall as well as two more smaller two pane windows. There is a fixed glass octagonal window on the north wall, more windows on the east wall and in the entry. The walls and ceiling are all finished with sheetrock. The upstairs is open north to south with a bedroom located at the south end. There is a dormer window at that south end with again some of the old glass as part of that window. The blackboards have been removed.

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2. Owner's Contact Information:

Randy Cermak
5466 Huff St
Mandan ND 58554

3. Access (to rural areas):

Driving south of Mandan on 1860 the village of Huff is about 22 miles south. You drive into Huff on a street by that name and it curves up by a lovely stone church. The building is just across the road to the east and a bit south.

4. Site Area (ft²): _____

5. Description of **SETTING**:

The building is surrounded by the village. There are houses to the east and south and a shed/garage to the north. A church sits to the west, on top of the hill.

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SITS# 32

6. Summary of ALL Site Features & Evaluation of Significance:

7. References/Comments:

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South Side

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North Side





West Side

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East Side





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