

Fort Totten Commissary
Fort Totten State Historic Site
12 miles southwest of Devils Lake City
off Route 57
Devils Lake Vicinity
Benson County
North Dakota

HABS No. ND-16

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DESCRIPTIVE ARCHITECTURAL DATA

Historic American Buildings Survey
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service
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STATE NORTH DAKOTA	COUNTY BENSON	TOWN OR VICINITY DEVILS LAKE VICINITY
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) FORT TOTTEN COMMISSARY		HABS NO. ND-16
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE FORT TOTTEN COMMISSARY STOREHOUSE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) Fort Totten State Historic Site, 12 mi. SW of Devils Lake City off Rt. 57.		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1868	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Contractors Smyth and Nash	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) An excellent, well-preserved example of a military post of the Indian War period in the trans-Mississippi West.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) The walls are brick painted white. The structure system consists of load-bearing brick masonry walls.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE)		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Arched brick lintels are over the openings. A gable roof shelters the building, with a shed roof over the rear addition.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES		
PRESENT CONOITION AND USE The building is presently used as a shop and garage by the site caretaker.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE See Fort Totten State Historic Site, HABS No. ND-17, for additional report of the buildin		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDE LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) National Register listing.		
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