

Fort Totten, Company Barracks, Building 11
Fort Totten State Historic Site
12 miles southwest of Devils Lake City
off Route 57
Devils Lake Vicinity
Benson County
North Dakota

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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 COMPANY BARRACKS, BUILDING No. 11		HABS NO. ND-13
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE FORT TOTTEN COMPANY QUARTERS		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 12 mi. SW of Devils Lake City off Rt. 57		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1868-70	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Contractors Smyth and Nash built the first struct and Dale and Stead the others.	
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) Brick wall construction is painted white to protect its poor quality. The structural system is load-bearing brick walls with wooden interior framing.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) This rectangular building measures 97'-7" (ten-bay front) x 32'-2", and is two stories high.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE The entire west facade includes a long roofed porch with wooden columns painted white, and a wooden cornice with decorative wooden brackets, two at each end. There are stepped buttresses with copings at north and east elevations.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Stepped brick buttresses were later added to support north and east elevations.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE The over-all condition of the buildings is good.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE See Fort Totten State Historic Site, HABS No. ND-17, for additional report of the building.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDE LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Data is based from HABS Architect's Work Sheet, written August 21, 1972; information from drawings. National Register listing.		
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