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To: The Local Historical Societies of North Dakota
RE: Historical monuments

Greetings, historians!

Enclosed with this letter is a survey form requesting your assistance in the location of historical monuments--many of them matters of local knowledge, and unknown to the broader public--across North Dakota.

Just what constitutes a historical monument? Well, you know it when you see it. We encourage people to think rather broadly about this. Most monuments are set in place by established authorities--government bodies or organized associations. Others, however, often obscure ones, are placed by individuals or small, informal groups that happen to have strong feelings of remembrance about something.

If you know of historical monuments in your locality that should be researched and added to our website, *Remembrance in Stone* (heritagerenewal.org/stone), and thereby brought to the attention of the public, we'd appreciate your help. The form can be returned to us using the enclosed return envelope, or alternatively, we're happy to receive information via the email address given at the top of this letter.

Regards,

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A Heritage Tourism Initiative of the
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The Center for Heritage Renewal is organizing research on historical monuments of the northern plains and disseminating the results through its website, Remembrance in Stone (heritagerenewal.org/stone). NDSU History students conduct archival and field research on the monuments; center staff then adapt the student research for web dissemination. This compilation is intended as a resource for grassroots heritage tourism, bringing to light forgotten stories of the prairies for the benefit of travelers and residents alike. Help us out by identifying forgotten monuments in your locality! Perhaps, then, they will no longer be forgotten.

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Mail this form to: NDSU Center for Heritage Renewal
PO Box 1390, Fargo ND 58107-1390

Your monument will go on the list of sites to be researched and added to Remembrance in Stone. Thank you!

Your name & contact info: __________________________________________________________