

You've Come A Long Way, MANFRED!

Prior to the establishment of Manfred History and Preservation, Inc. (MHP, Inc.) in 2000 when it began its urgent mission to help rescue history and historic buildings of Manfred, the lament of "Poor Manfred" was heard. But in recent years, the dramatically positive improvements have caused exclamations such as "Look at Manfred." Manfred, you've come a long way already, with more marvelous things to come!

Wonderful to see renewal in Manfred

From this



To this



Melby
Rogness
House



Johnson
Jacobson
Ostrem
House



Solheim
Station



Hotel
Johnson



History Shared Right Where The History Took Place

A prefect duo for Manfred → History and Preservation

History is the foundation of the Manfred projects. The collection of historic materials is going very well in the care of historian Audrey Solheim. Your history and photo contributions are most welcome to her at: Audrey Solheim, 1026 S. 3rd St, #3, Bismarck, ND 58504 asolheim@bis.midco.net 701-223-7891.

Preservation of the physical site of Manfred provides a way by which to share its historic story in a very real, tangible, and meaningful way right where this history took place. Coming into its bright new future, Manfred is serving as a delightfully unique educational experience for visitors of all ages.

A remarkable team manifesting the pioneer spirit

The restoration projects for the benefit of Manfred are enjoying great success because of a remarkable team consisting of contributors like you, local volunteers and contractors, state historians and preservationists, and local non-profit organizations.

Manfred History and Preservation, Inc. (MHP, Inc.) continues to be at the heart of the projects taking the lead with restoration, first with the Melby-Rogness House and now has chosen to add into its care the regionally significant historic First State Bank building constructed for banking giant T. L. Beiseker. This building later served as Olaf Anderson's Office, and then as the Manfred Post Office. With the help of financial contributions, MHP, Inc. will soon submit a matching grant application to begin restoration work on this building.

Other non-profits are also helping with restoration in Manfred: Johnson-Jacobson-Ostrem House for the Ostrem House; Melby Heritage Society for the Olaf and Caroline Anderson House, Hotel Johnson, and Johnson's Place-Cash Store; and Rural Vestige Alliance for the Rogne-Soderback-Solheim House and the Manfred School.

Exciting educational exhibit plans for Manfred

MHP, Inc.'s plans include developing interior and exterior educational exhibit and artifact displays for Manfred's historic buildings to help tell the story of Manfred. Each historic building will feature the history of its occupants and former use, and also the following:

Melby-Rogness House	Overview of Manfred and its history (In the process of completion)
Melby-Rogness Garage	Farming history (In the process of completion)
Vang Lutheran Church	History relating to the church (Installed in 2006)
First State Bank	Commercial history
Johnson-Jacobson-Ostrem House	History featuring the life of the settlers
Manfred School	School history and additional community history
Solheim Station	The station history and its earlier lumber company history
Olaf and Lena Anderson House	Exterior exhibit on history of house, featuring mason work of foundation
Hotel Johnson	History of building to be installed in picture windows at front of building
Johnson's Place/Cash Store	History of building to be installed in show windows at front of building
Three Privies about town	Exterior exhibits on the privies
Other Manfred historic sites	Exterior exhibit panels

