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**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM**

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Saint Onge State Bank
other names/site number The Rancher

2. Location

street & number 214 Center Street not for publication
city or town Saint Onge vicinity _____
state South Dakota code SD county Lawrence code 081 zip code _____

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this x nomination ___ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property x meets ___ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant ___ nationally ___ statewide x locally. (___ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Jay D. Vogt 09-12-2005
Signature of certifying official Date

SD SHPO
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property ___ meets ___ does not meet the National Register criteria. (___ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting or other official Date

4. National Park Service Certification

- I hereby certify that the property is:
- entered in the National Register.
 - See continuation sheet
 - determined eligible for the National Register.
 - See continuation sheet
 - determined not eligible for the National Register
 - removed from the National Register.
 - other,
(explain:)

Signature of the Keeper: Edson H. Beall Date of Action: 10.26.05

5. Classification

Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register
 Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.) N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat:	Financial	Sub:	Bank
	Institution		

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat:	Work in	Sub:	
	Progress		

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Commercial Style

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation	Concrete
roof	Steel
walls	sandstone
other	

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or a grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture _____

Period of Significance

1910 _____

Significant Dates 1910

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation n/a

Architect/Builder n/a

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

See Continuation Sheets

9. Major Bibliographical References

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS)

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey #
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #

Primary Location of Additional Data

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository: n/a _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Less than one

UTM References

(place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.) See Continuation Sheet

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.) See Continuation Sheet

11. Form Prepared By

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Saint Onge State Bank
Name of Property

Lawrence County, South Dakota
County and State

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name Ken Nelms
street & number 43 3rd Street telephone 605-722-6775
city or town Lead state SD zip code 57554

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The Saint Onge Bank is located on Center Street in Saint Onge, Lawrence County, South Dakota. The bank is located on a corner lot and faces what is left of the business district. The bank is built of sandstone and had a concrete foundation and a steel roof. There is a cornice line and parapet that extends on all elevations except the east. The roof line on the east elevation is a stepped parapet in five sections.

The façade (south elevation) has a central double recessed entry on the first floor; there are two doors leading into opposite sections of the building that have transom windows. The bay to the west of the entry is divided into two openings that have been infilled with wood and windows. The bay to the east of the entry is a single bay that has been infilled with wood and a window. The second floor of the façade has six window openings; there is some decorative corbelling near the top of the window openings. The cornice line has some decorative brick work and the centered date "1910."

The first floor of the west elevation has three one-over-one windows with transoms and a recessed entry with large fixed pane windows towards the northwest corner. There is an awning over the recessed entry. There is a belt course of brick that separates the first and second floors. The second floor has six one-over-one double hung windows with transoms.

The north elevation has an entry and three window opening on the first level and four window openings on the second level.

The east elevation is stucco and has no openings. Another building used to border this elevation.

The interior of the building is divided into two even sections on the first floor. Both of the sections have a pressed tin ceiling. The second floor has a large open area with a wood dance floor.

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The St. Onge State Bank is eligible for the National Register under Criterion C for its sandstone construction and its Commercial Style architecture.

St. Onge is located in Lawrence County, South Dakota, and lies just northeast of the Black Hills. The Pioneer Townsite Company surveyed the area in 1890 and constructed a depot, which was the first building in town. St. Onge is a small community of farmers and livestock producers who supported the mining industry in the Black Hills. Agriculture remains the primary economic activity in the area.

The St. Onge State Bank was constructed in 1910. The sandstone was quarried locally from deposit located near neighboring Piedmont. The bank was one of two sandstone buildings constructed in St. Onge, both of which came from the quarry near Piedmont. The Saint Onge State Bank is one of the two architecturally significant buildings remaining on Main Street in Saint Onge.

The St. Onge Bank closed in 1937 as a result of the Great Depression. The building housed several small businesses for the next several years including a store and a barber shop. Public dances and movies were also hosted on the second floor of the building as well as community events. The Saint Onge Supper Club was located in the building until 1969, when a restraint/bar called the Rancher was opened. The Rancher was fixture in St. Onge for several years before closing in ?.

Local sandstone was a popular building material in the Black Hills during the late 1800s and early 1900s, but its use diminished over the years. The expense and effort to quarry the material was soon replaced by affordable standardized materials brought by the railroad and eventually the highway. Conversely, it is for these very reasons the native sandstones were not used elsewhere in South Dakota. The eastern and central parts of the state received material mainly from the railways loaded with building materials from the east.

Sandstone construction in the Black Hills was primarily done inside the community, usually on or bordering the main commercial street. The northern Black Hills towns of Spearfish, Belle Fourche and Lead have sandstone buildings in their commercial areas in the Victorian Romanesque, Victorian Revival, and Richardsonian Romanesque styles, but sandstone construction seldom extends beyond these commercial areas. Furthermore, sandstone was used mostly in towns and cities and was rarely

used in a rural setting.¹ The St. Onge Bank is a fine example of the Commercial Style used in a small town commercial district in the northern Black Hills.

The Commercial style in South Dakota is identified generally by multiple stories. Most are constructed of masonry and have multiple bays with large storefront windows and an entryway. Most Commercial style buildings have been altered, particularly the storefronts and interior areas. The building fits into the Commercial style trends of South Dakota. It is a two story building, constructed of masonry with multiple bays. Unlike most commercial buildings in South Dakota, this building has not been extensively altered as the original entry way and windows retain their original size and orientation, although they have been infilled with wood over the years to protect the windows.

The Saint Onge State Bank is eligible for the National Register under criterion C for its sandstone construction and for its Commercial Style architecture. It is also significant for being one of two buildings left in the commercial district of Saint Onge that retains architectural significance.

¹ David Erpsted and David Wood. *Building South Dakota: A Historical Survey of the States Architecture to 1945*. (Pierre: SD, South Dakota State Historical Society Press, 1997), 30.

Saint Onge State Bank
Name of Property

County, South Dakota
County and State

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Lawrence County Historical Society. *Some Lawrence County History*. State Publishing Press, Pierre: SD, 1981.

Verbal Boundary Description

Boundary Justification

The boundary encompasses the area historically associated with the Saint Onge State Bank building.