

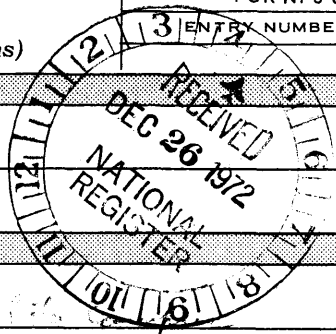
**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

STATE:
South Dakota

COUNTY:
Clay

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(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)



1. NAME

COMMON:
Old Main

AND/OR HISTORIC:
University Hall (original)

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Clark Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Vermillion

STATE: **South Dakota** CODE: **40** COUNTY: **Clay** CODE: **027**

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC	
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments	

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
University of South Dakota

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Vermillion

STATE:
South Dakota CODE: **40**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Register of Deeds, Clay County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Vermillion

STATE:
South Dakota CODE: **40**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
South Dakota Historic Sites Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: **1968** Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
South Dakota Historic Preservation

STREET AND NUMBER:
W. H. Over Dakota Museum, University of South Dakota

CITY OR TOWN:
Vermillion

STATE:
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ENTRY NUMBER: **APR 24 1973**

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated
(Check One)		(Check One)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Old Main is constructed of broken coursed, cut stone of local origin called Sioux Falls Quartzite. It is a three-story structure, exhibiting a variety of architectural types. The front of the building presents a large central section with two related, but smaller wings to each side. The center section is based on an apse and transept plan. Georgian cupolas, offset to the outside of each wing, tower over a pediment complete with boxed cornices, decorated friezes and brackets. All decorations are of stamped sheet metal.

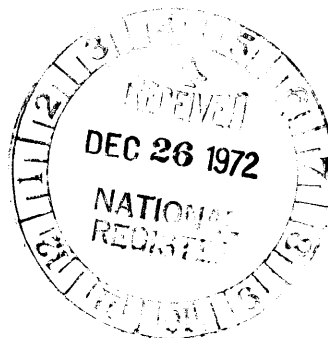
Main and third floor windows are surrounded by sandstone quoins and are double hung with sandstone mullions. Second-story windows have transoms. The main entrance is surrounded by an enclosed porch which rises to provide a balustrade to the second and third floor. The main door is like the windows with sandstone lintel and quoins.

Each wing measures 48 ft. x 62 ft. and is attached to the main building by a narrower extension, also of two stories. A single cupola rises above a facade on the outer side of these wings.

The rear of the building forms an apse containing a small theatre. The uppermost part of the third story above the domed roof of the theatre is of wood.

The original building (1883) exhibited a Scandinavian influence not evident in the existing structure. Its destruction by fire in 1893 and subsequent rebuilding resulted in many major modifications. It appears that the architecture was adapted to available materials. Many decorative features came from buildings of the World Columbia Exposition of 1893 held in Chicago.

The interior contains classrooms and a theatre. Restoration plans call for gutting the building and installing more efficient classrooms and work areas. Old Main has 45,404 sq. ft. of floor space of which 30,421 could be made useable.



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SIGNIFICANCE

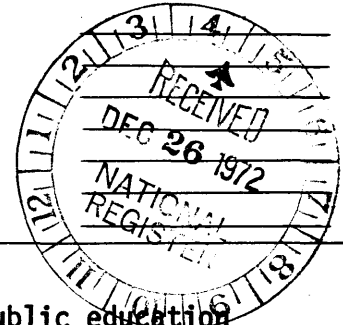
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian | 16th Century | 18th Century | 20th Century
 15th Century | 17th Century | 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1883 (original) 1893**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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Old Main was the first building of higher public education constructed in Dakota. The First Dakota Territorial Legislature authorized the location of a territorial university at Vermillion on April 21, 1862. Little was accomplished toward the establishment of the University until 1881 when Congress granted 72 sections of land to Dakota for a University when admitted as a state. This official action stimulated Vermillion citizens to form a corporate association to establish the University of Dakota. As the result of efforts of this group, Clay County issued \$10,000 in bonds on March 13, 1882.

The Vermillion Association used the proceed of the bonds to construct the west wing of University Hall (Old Main) in 1883. That same year the legislature ratified and sustained the action and accepted the building as a free gift. In 1884-1885, the center portion of the building was constructed, and the east wing was added in 1887.

Old Main is constructed of a pink quartzite which is locally quarried near Sioux Falls, South Dakota and is no longer used for building stone. Mr. W. L. Dow of Yankton, later Sioux Falls, served as the architect for the entire structure.

In October of 1893, Old Main was gutted by fire. The basic shell remained and the building was immediately rebuilt. Clay County contributed \$30,000, with the City of Vermillion and its citizenry contributing an additional \$12,500. Incorporated into the reconstruction were materials and decorations from buildings at the World Columbia Exposition. These included items such as a series of stamped metal friezes on the exterior front of the building.

Old Main served as the center of activity for the University for a number of years. The building remains as one of the few surviving structures that are both sound and significant in the heritage and traditions of this area.

As the original structure of the University of South Dakota, Old Main serves as an expressive tie to every graduate with the past. Present plans call for a complete renovation of the interior and restoration of the exterior. It is intended to use the structure, once restored, for administrative offices and classrooms.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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A personal interview with Dr. Cedrick E. Cummins, Department of History, University of South Dakota, July 10, 1972.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

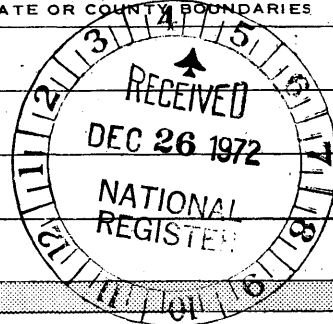
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **less than one acre**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Paul Putz, Researcher

ORGANIZATION: **South Dakota Historic Preservation** DATE: **12-12-72**

STREET AND NUMBER:
W. H. Over Dakota Museum, University of South Dakota

CITY OR TOWN: **Vermillion** STATE: **South Dakota** CODE: **40**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name: *James E. Gillihan*
Title: State Liaison Officer

Date: December 12, 1972

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Robert W. Utley
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 4/24/73

ATTEST:
[Signature]
Keeper of the National Register

Date: 4.18.73