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DATA SHEET

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC \*  
\* Dell Rapids Historic District  
AND/OR COMMON

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 335 East Fourth to 536 East Fourth St. NOT FOR PUBLICATION  
CITY, TOWN Dell Rapids VICINITY OF 1st CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
STATE South Dakota CODE 046 COUNTY Minnehaha CODE 099

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Multiple (see listing)  
STREET & NUMBER  
CITY, TOWN Dell Rapids VICINITY OF STATE South Dakota

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Minnehaha County Courthouse  
STREET & NUMBER North Dakota Street  
CITY, TOWN Sioux Falls STATE South Dakota

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE South Dakota Historic Sites Survey  
DATE 1976 FEDERAL X STATE COUNTY LOCAL  
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Historical Preservation Center  
CITY, TOWN Vermillion STATE South Dakota

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Dell Rapids Historic District consists of 39 buildings in the town's business center. The district includes both sides of East Fourth Street from 335 to 536 and one building on Orleans. La Delle crosses East Fourth on the west while State does the same on the east; East Fourth is a narrow street with high curbs and parallel parking.

Visually the district reflects a late 19th century town with 26 of the buildings being built prior to 1903. Seven structures were constructed between 1908 and 1920 while two have erection dates in 1934, only four have erection dates after 1945.

All of the structures are either one or two stories tall with the latter having 24 buildings and the prior 15. Another interesting facet of the district is the use of Sioux Falls Quartzite as a main facing material on 15 structures; this material is of a pink and purplish hue and is probably the most visually striking element of the historic district. It is found on many of the larger structures including three banks, an opera house, and a string of commercial buildings that covers a half of a block. The remaining building facing material consists mostly of brick veneer, some wood, and also some modern siding such as tin.

District materials do show that modernization has influenced some of the buildings, however, many structures have retained their original appearance including first and second story. From this stand point the historic district in Dell Rapids presents a better picture of what life was like in the late 19th century than most cities in South Dakota. Period appearance, modernization and visual significance within the district were used in classifying the structures into one of five groups.

Sixteen buildings were designated as exceptional structures and thirteen are good period examples; these edifices have undergone only slight modernization and are the strength of the district. Buildings that blend in the district make up the third category which includes three structures. The fourth and fifth groups are characterized by distracting or very distracting qualities; three are in the first category and four in the second. These buildings have a negative effect on the district but they are only 9% of the historic area, while 91% consists of either excellent/good period buildings or blending structures.

The historic district begins at the intersection of La Delle and East Fourth. At the southwest corner of these crossroads stands the Rimes Food Store(1) which is a large two story Sioux Quartzite faced building. Some of its features includes bull's eye and round headed windows on the second story. The next building to the east is the Union Block(2) which is a two story three bay wide structure that also utilizes the quartzite facing. This 1894 building has three separate store areas and reflects a Victorian influence with a stamp metal cornice, a pseudo palladian window and segmental surrounds.

Adjoining this building is the 1901 Dieson Block another rock faced building which is two stories tall and three bays wide. A denticulated store cornice, round arched windows on the second level and a period store front are the structures highlights. Sharing

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a common wall with this building to the east is still another two story stone structure the Augustine-Johnson Block(4), built 1888. It has two period store fronts with a pseudo gable dormer at the roof's center. Window surrounds are segmental except for the central round arched window; another feature is the denticulated cornice. Two buildings to the east is the J.E. Irwin building(6) which has brick facing and a Neo-Classical motif with swag decoration in the cornice.

One of the outstanding buildings of the district is the quartzite faced Opera House(9). This two story, three bay wide building still contains a second story theatre. Its exterior has a Romanesque Revival appearance with three round arched windows flanking a similar headed but larger opening at the center of the second story. The structure also displays elaborate stone work and a stepped false front gable at the center of the building.

Another imposing structure appears at the southeast corner of Orleans and East Fourth. This former First National Bank also utilizes the native stone and is one bay wide but three bays long. A corner three tiered tower has the round arched entry at the first level, a wrought iron balcony with double doors at the second and miniature crenulated towers on the third. The fenestrations on the first level have segmental surrounds while the second's utilize round. Other characteristics include the use of a dark granite to highlight certain parts of the building and ornamental stone cornice.

Adjoining the bank is a two story Post Office(13) which is one bay wide and contains a good period store front topped by three round headed windows with an elaborate bracketed stone cornice. One building down is the Dells Theatre, despite being built in 1934 this building contributes to the historic district because it is an excellent example for South Dakota of an Art deco theatre. It utilizes a tile covering and a bright marquee with windows reflecting the arts and craft movement(15). Next to this is the 1901 Tribune Building(16) which is a large one story structure with wood siding. Two large windows and scalloped shingles combined with the well maintained structure give this building an excellent period appearance.

At the northeast corner of East Fourth and State Street stands the Dell Rapids Hotel (24). This two story Sioux Quartzite faced structure has a symmetrical facade and lacks ornamentation; a wooden porch with square pillars appears on the front facade. On the northwest corner of the same intersection stands the Cooley Building(25) which also utilizes the same purplish stone and is two stories in height. Constructed in 1885 the building reflects a combination of Victorian and Neo-Classical elements the latter probably being added on in the 20th century. Some of the outstanding

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features of this 1885 building are two store fronts unmarred by modernization, polychromed stone work and a window surrounds and a decorative cornice.

Directly to the west is the Peoples State Bank(27), constructed 1885, which features three round arched surrounds over all of its openings. To the west of this building is the Cadd Block(28) which is more Victorian in character and was constructed in the 1890's. It also features an unaltered first floor and round headed arches with applique designs in the heads. The third building to the west of Cadd Block is the Doctor Sawyer's building(31). This 1890's structure also reflects elements of Victorian Commercial buildings again using round arched surrounds, decorative cornice, and a period store front also remains. Again skipping two buildings to the west is the Collins Block(34) a large three bay two story high structure which contains three stores. This is probably the largest of the stone buildings in the historic district; it has an ornamental cornice along with segmental window surrounds on the second floor. This 1901 structure also has period store fronts.

On the northeast corner of East Fourth and La Delle stands the Smith Block(38) which was constructed in 1888. This elaborate building reflects the Victorian tastes more than other structures in the district. It utilizes a polychrome quartzite facing along with a dark brick around the windows and other openings. Its cornice features a checkerboard type of stone work along with some vertical and diagonal stone work. Two round arched entryways and one window are found on the first floor; the remaining buildings at this level have segmental surrounds. Second floor again combines the use of segmental and round arched openings and all fenestrations use lugsills. A corner polygonal tower is also apparent; at one time it was topped by a pyramidal termination.

1. Rimes Food Store/335 East Fourth: 1889, two story, Sioux Quartzite faced.
2. Union Block/405 East Fourth: 1901, two story, Sioux Quartzite faced, stamp metal cornice.
3. Dieson Block/407-409 East Fourth: 1901, two story, Sioux Quartzite faced, decorative cornice, and round headed windows.
4. Augustine-Johnson Block/411-413 East Fourth: 1888, two story, Sioux Quartzite faced, decorative cornice, and period store fronts.
5. Tressider Building/415 East Fourth: 1890's, two story, brick, decorative cornice.

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6. J.E. Irwin Building/417-419 East Fourth: 1890's, brick faced, Neo-Classical cornice, two large segmental windows, and a pedimented second story window.
7. Taylor's Barber Shop/421 East Fourth: 1890's, modernized one story.
8. W.E. Parker Building/423 East Fourth: 1890's, two story, Sioux Quartzite faced, and decorative cornice.
9. Opera House/425-429 East Fourth: 1888, two story, Sioux Quartzite faced, round headed windows on second level, highly decorative stepped cornice, and a fairly good period store front.
10. Winjums Building/431 East Fourth: 1895, two story, brick faced, and a bracketed stamp metal cornice.
11. Standard Gas Station/433 East Fourth: 1954, modern gas station.
12. First National Bank Building/501 East Fourth: 1889, two story, Sioux Quartzite faced, three bays in length, highly decorative cornice, and a corner entry was with tower.
13. Old Post Office Building/503 East Fourth: 1890's, two story, Sioux Quartzite faced, decorative cornice, and a period store front.
14. Krause Building/505 East Fourteenth: 1934, one story, stone faced and period appearance.
15. Dell Rapids Theatre/511 East Fourteenth: 1934, art deco, and arts and crafts decoration.
16. Tribune Building/513 East Fourth: 1901, one story, wood siding and scalloped shingled facing, two large segmental windows, and has a period appearance.
17. Chong Laundry Building/523 East Fourth: 1888, two story, gable, and clapboard facing.
18. Telephone Building/525-527 East Fourth: 1960's.
19. H.R. Mohrman Garage/529 East Fourth: 1908, one story, brick faced and has decorative panels.

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20. Apartment Buildings/535 East Fourth: 1887, 1950, two story brick, concrete.
21. Milarky Apartments/536 East Fourth: 1910, two story, clapboard facing, Neo-Classical appearance, and two open porches.
22. Gordon Lovell House/524 East Fourth: 1951, modern house.
23. Old Dell Rapids Community Hospital/ 514 East Fourth: 1914, one story with high basement, brick faced, and Prairie School influence. (Second story was removed in the 1940's.)
24. Dell Rapids Hotel/504 East Fourth: 1908, two story, Sioux Quartzite faced, and large opened porch.
25. Cooley Building/434 East Fourth: 1885, two story, Sioux Quartzite faced, decorative cornice, round headed and flat headed windows, and two period store fronts.
26. Apartment Buildings/State Street: 1900, two story, brick, and a period building.
27. Peoples State Bank/432 East Fourth: 1885, one story, Sioux Quartzite faced, and three round headed openings.
28. Cadd Block/430 East Fourteenth: two story, brick faced, period first floor, decorative cornice.
29. Mark's Market/420 East Fourth: 1910, modernized front.
30. Olson Restaurant Building/426 East Fourth: 1920's, one story, modernized store front.
31. Dr. Sawyer Building/420 East Fourth: 1890's, two story, brick faced, period store front, decorative cornice and window surrounds.
32. Fargo's Hardware Building/422 East Fourth: 1890's, one story, some modernization, decorative cornice.
33. Johnson Jewelry Store Building/420 East Fourteenth: 1920, brick faced, one story.

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34. Collins Block/414-418 East Fourth: 1901, two story, three bay, Sioux Quartzite faced, three large segmental windows, decorative cornice.
  35. Millerke-Beto Building/412 East Fourteenth: 1890's, two story, brick faced, decorative cornice and window surrounds, modernized front.
  36. City Meat Market/410 East Fourth: 1903, one story, brick faced, decorative cornice, and modernized store front.
  37. Ben Franklin Store/406 East Fourth: 1946, modern store.
  38. Smith Block/400-404 East Fourth: 1888, two story, Sioux Quartzite faced, decorative stone work, polygonal tower on second story, round arched and segmental windows, and period appearance.
  39. Silkensen Hardware Building/336 East Fourteenth: 1900, one story, Boom Town front.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

In a two block area in Dell Rapids, South Dakota there are many well preserved examples of late 19th and early 20th century commercial buildings. These structures are not only significant for the display of period commercial architecture but also because this area has been and is the business center of the town.

The main architectural influences displayed within the district are Victorian, Romanesque Revival, and Neo-Classical Revival. However, a more important visual quality is the feeling of structural unity. This is achieved through three methods: the factor of rhythm and scale, the prevalent use of quarry faced Sioux Quartzite, and the building dates for the vast majority of the structures occurs in a twenty-five year period.

Dell Rapids obtained its name from the dells and rapids of the Big Sioux River that flows through the town; also it reminded the early settlers of the Wisconsin dells. The city is located in the Big Sioux River Valley about twenty miles north of Sioux Falls, the states largest city. Although the area was first surveyed in 1859 and subdivided in 1864, settlement did not occur until 1868 with the boom period beginning in 1871.

In June of that year Peter Morse of Osage, Iowa visited the site and because of its beauty, water resources and good soil he believed it was a good location for a town. He returned to his home and convinced three other men Dennis and Frank Rice and B. D. Graves to settle in what was called Dell City. A year later the town's name was changed to Dell Rapids and had a population of 100.

The late 1870's and early 1880's represented the initial boom period in the town's history with the business people spending \$26,000 on business property. Most of the construction occurred on what was then called Pearl Street; today this is an historical area along East Fourth. Another factor for the growth and stability was the arrival of the railroad in 1880.

In the next 20 years other railroad lines entered the city which enhanced the development of Dell Rapids' main industries quarrying and agriculture. Several quarries opened during these early years creating numerous jobs and a sound economic center. The trains allowed quartzite materials such as paving blocks and rock faced ashlar for building construction to be shipped elsewhere in the state. Agriculture benefited by allowing the farmers to receive supplies and ship their goods.



# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

(See Continuation Sheet)

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2 acres

UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Scott Gerloff - Survey Coordinator

ORGANIZATION

Historical Preservation Center

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Vermillion

STATE

South Dakota

## 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

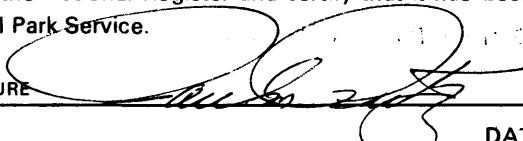
NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE



10/18/77

TITLE

Acting Director/Paul M. Putz

DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER



DATE

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ATTEST:



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A second building boom occurred from 1888 to 1901 but was not caused so much by the economic activity but by a fire that destroyed the entire south side of main street. Therefore this portion of the district was rebuilt during these years and the majority of stone buildings were constructed then. Perhaps an indicator that it was a disaster rather than business boom that caused growth is that the population from 1885 to 1900 increased only from 1,000 to 1,255.

Although there has been major building periods in the last thirty years there's been little effect upon the old main business area. Today Dell Rapids has a population of about 2,000 with a strong central business area. Almost all the buildings along the two block district area are occupied which is unusual for most small towns in South Dakota.

Dell Rapids provides one the states best examples of what a commercial area looked like 80 years ago. Because of this quality and architectural integrity of the area Dell Rapids Historic District should be placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

FORMER BUSINESSES AND PRESENT OWNERS

1. H.O. Rimes Food Store, 1899-1922. Rimes Food Store run by Charlotte Rime and Edgar Elliot from 1922-1930's.  
Carl Forshe, General Merchandise Store, late 1930's.  
Creamery and downstairs 1930's.  
Tim's Clover Farm Grocery, present occupant.  
Mary Turchen, 619 South Lake, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, present owner.
2. Union Block, Section A, Putnam Billiard Hall, 1924.  
Sherdin Pool Hall.  
Joe Huntimer ran a saloon here at some time.  
Fashion Corner, present occupant.  
John and Minnie Sheridin, present owners, 401 East Fourth, Dell Rapids, SD.  
  
Section B, Several cafes.  
Red Owl Grocery, 1900's.  
Theatre, run by John Harlan.  
Council Oak Grocery, 1930's, Martin Morse, Manager.  
St. Mary's Hall on second floor.  
Kroeger's Cafe, present occupant.  
John and Minnie Sheridin, present owners, 401 East Fourth, Dell Rapids, SD.

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Section C, Engelson Drug Store, 1897.

J. Engels Clothing Store.

Hermanson Furniture and Undertaking, 1903.

Rumrill Drug, 1910-1917.

Voy-Paulson Drug, 1917-1922 (George Paulson).

Voy Drugs, 1922-1976 (W.F. Voy), present occupant.

✓ John and Minnie Sheridin, present owners, 401 East Fourth, Dell Rapids, SD.

3. Dieson Building, M.A. Dieson, General Store, 1902-1923. Harry, Ben, and Emma Dieson ran from 1923-1957.

Gary Brown had a department store from 1957-1963.

Sward Department Store, 1963.

Family Store, 1960's.

Ken's Super Value, present occupant.

✓ Harry K. Miller, present owner, 1119 Harrison, Dell Rapids, SD.

4. Augustine-Johnson Block, 1888.

C.J. Johnson Hardware and Machine Shop.

Herman Wanganess Saloon.

Cy and Lowell Williams Hardware Store.

Gambrel's Store, late 1930's.

Dell's Apparel and Senior Citizens Center, present occupants.

✓ John Hermanson, 512 North Garfield, Dell Rapids, SD and Eldon E. Arnold, 702 East Fifth, Dell Rapids, SD, present owners.

5. Tressider Building, 1890's.

M.A. Dieson, General Store, 1890's-1902.

Medin Furniture, prior to 1906.

H.J. Hermanson and John Hermanson Furniture and Undertaking, 1910-1968.

Kahler Furniture, present occupant.

✓ James W. Kahler III, 107 West Fourth, Dell Rapids, SD, present owner.

6. J.E. Irwin Building, 1890's.

J.E. Irwin Jewelry Store, 1895.

E.J. Elliot Feed Store, 1895-1920.

Charlie Blow's Feed Store, 1920-1930's.

Wagner's Meat Store, 1930's.

Marion's and Faris Jewelry, present occupants.

✓ Merlin J. Davis, Rural Route, Dell Rapids, SD and Ernest Greening, 408 North State, Dell Rapids, SD, present owners.

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7. Taylor Barber Shop, 1890's.  
Ed Taylor Barber Shop, 1890's-1912.  
Henderson Grocery, 1920's.  
Tris Center-Grocery, 1930's.  
Howard Graves Milk Store, 1930's.  
Ruth's Flower Shop, present occupant.  
✓E.E. Arnold, 702 East Fifth, Dell Rapids, SD, present owner.
8. Parker Building, 1890's.  
W.E. Parker Drugs, 1890's.  
Bert Clapper Drug Store.  
Millnery Store, 1925.  
Dells Cafe, 1930.  
Greening Brothers Drug, 1945-1962.  
Peterson Drug, present occupant.  
✓Ernest and Nellie Greening, 408 North State, Dell Rapids, SD, present owners.
9. Opera, 1888, three sections.  
Cooley-Kenafleck Opera House, 1888.  
Billy Mitchell operated theatre in 1912.  
Post Office, 1906.  
The O'Leary Brothers operated theatre.  
The Grand Cafe.  
The Mint Cafe.  
Briley Hardware.  
Rooney Brothers General Store.  
Coast to Coast Store, present occupant.  
✓Frank Greening, present owner, 612 Fourth, Dell Rapids, SD.
10. Winjum Building, 1900.  
Winjum Grocery, 1900.  
Hermanson, Winjum, and Ness Dry Goods, 1909.  
Monarch Grocery.  
Toby's Lounge, 1974.  
The Huddle, present occupant.  
✓Kenneth R. Tobin, present owner, Dell Rapids, SD.
11. Standard Gas Station, 1954.  
✓Amoco Company, 4940 Viking Drive, Minneapolis, Minnesota, present owner.

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12. First National Bank, 1889.  
W.M. Housman, M.D. and Surgeon.  
First National Bank, 1889-1925.  
Northwest Bank, 1928-1976.  
✓Roger Rickman, 501½ East Fourth, Dell Rapids, SD, present owner.
13. Post Office, 1890-1900's.  
Costello Furniture.  
Post Office, 1920.  
Cramer Law Offices, 1975-1976.  
Vacant.  
✓Northwest Security Bank, present owner.
14. Krause Building, 1934.  
T.R. Krause Law Offices.  
Homer Krause Law Offices.  
Krause-Van Buran Law Offices.  
Van Buran and Vogt Law Offices.  
✓W.P. Vogt Law Offices, 505 East Fourth, Dell Rapids, SD, and Allen B. Brown, Dell Rapids, SD, present owners.
15. Dell Rapids Theatre, 1934.  
Mr. Underwood built.  
✓Justin Lane King, 511½ Fourth, Dell Rapids, SD, present owner.
16. Tribune Building, 1901.  
Dell Rapids Tribune, 1901-1974.  
✓Virgil M. Smith, 400 North Tate, Dell Rapids, SD, present owner.
17. Chong Laundry, 1888.  
Chong Laundry, 1880's and 1890's.  
Andrew Christenson, 1928-1955, Wood Shop.  
✓Yerna Jorgensen and Vera Lovell, present owners, 522 East Fourth, Dell Rapids, SD.
18. ✓Sioux Valley Telephone Company Building, 525 East Fourth, Dell Rapids, SD.
19. H.R. Mohrman Garage, 1918.  
H.R. Mohrman built and ran garage in 1918.  
Rapids Motor Company.  
T.W. Tonlye Garage  
Maxwell Garage  
Dearduff Chevy, present occupant.  
✓Northwest Leasing Company, Madison, SD, present owner.

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20. Apartments, 1887.  
Apartments for a long time, later addition.  
✓Clyd Crain, present owner, 535 East Fourth, Dell Rapids, SD.
21. Milarky Apartments, 1910.  
Doctors Office, prior to 1914.  
✓Gordon Lovell, 524 East Fourth, Dell Rapids, SD, present owner.
22. Gordon Lovell House, 1951.  
✓Gordon Lovell, 524 East Fourth, Dell Rapids, SD, present owner.
23. Dell Rapids Community Hospital, 1914.  
Dr. J.B. Fagan and A.F. Grove, Supervisors.  
✓Dell Rapids Clinic, present occupant, 514 East Fourth, Dell Rapids, SD.
24. Dell Rapids Hotel, 1908.  
Dell Rapids Hotel, 1908-1965 owned by community.  
Tieson Hotel, 1965-present.  
✓Lena Tieson, 504 East Fourth, Dell Rapids, SD, present owner.
25. Cooley Building, 1885 (several businesses have been here).  
Robertson and Dougherty Lawyers.  
Dell Rapids Hotel.  
J.M. Nisbet Harness Shop, 1900.  
Dell Rapids Times, 1885.  
Attorney Albion Thorne, 1900.  
Dr. I.N. Lucas, 1900.  
Dr. O.O. Sawyer, 1900.  
R.W. Howland Store, 1935.  
Fargo Store, 1935.  
Evans Grocery.  
✓George Dixon, 1600 South Wind, Flandreau, SD, present owner.
26. ✓ Apartments.  
Millnery Shop, 1924.  
Northern States Power, 1920's.  
✓George Dixon, 1600 South Wind, Flandreau, SD, present owner.

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27. Peoples State Bank Building, 1885.  
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Post Office, 1885.  
Telephone Company, 1909.  
Morse Shoe Store.  
First National Bank.  
Milk Station.  
Worthington Creamery Company.  
Helberg Jewelers, present occupant.  
✓ Melroy Helberg, 804 North Vermont, Dell Rapids, SD, present owner.
28. Cadd Block, 1890's.  
Henry Cadd Drug Store, 1890's.  
E.C. Bent Drug Store, 1898-1924.  
Greening Drug Store, 1924-1948.  
Dells Cafe, present occupant.  
✓ Jack Wing, 430 East Fourth, Dell Rapids, SD, present owner.
29. Mark's Market, 1910.  
Frank Fish Barber.  
Mark's Grocery (Mark Morse).  
✓ Mike's Market, 428 East Fourth, present owner.
30. Anderson-Olson Restaurant, 1890's.  
Olson Restaurant, 1895-1900.  
Mark Shrimmer Barber Shop, 1906.  
Veterinary Clinic, present occupant.  
✓ Robert and Betty Merkley, 426 East Fourth, present owners.
31. Dr. Sawyer Building, 1890's.  
Dr. O.O. Sawyer, Dentist, 1906.  
Dr. Catlin, Watchmaker.  
Donald Graves Drycleaning.  
Donald Nesby Cleaning.  
Titus Unger Cleaning.  
Dell Rapids Cleaners, present occupant.  
✓ Elden Arnold, 702 East Fifth, Dell Rapids, SD, present owner.

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32. Fargo Hardware, 1890's.  
A.D. French Jeweler, 1900.  
Hartman Shoe Shop, 1910.  
Irvine Shoemaker Shop, 1920's.  
Dells Beauty Shop, present occupant.  
✓ Ernest Peterson, 422 East Fourth, Dell Rapids, SD, present owner.
33. Johnson Jewelry Store, 1920.  
Ed Johnson Jewelry Store, 1923.  
Music Store, 1923.  
Amdahl Construction, present occupant.  
✓ Dean Amdahl and Cornelius Van Holden, 505 East Fifteenth, Dell Rapids, SD, present owners.
34. Collins Block, 1901, 3 Sections.  
Fred Barbour Harness Shop and later Auto Top Repair, 1906.  
Pfister Bakery and Grocery, 1906.  
Ann Devine Cafe.  
Joe Thompson Grocery.  
Theatre for awhile.  
George's Clothes, Cengas and Bakery present occupants.  
✓ Oscar N. Emly, 508 North Garfield, and Ernest and Nellie Greening, 408 North State, Dell Rapids, SD, present owners.
35. Millerke-Beto Building, 1890.  
Shuttacks Meat Market, 1890's.  
Millerke-Beto Meats, 1903.  
Riverside Hatchery, 1930.  
Schwebach's Appliance, 1935-1977.  
✓ Mary Schwebach, 813 North Orleans, Dell Rapids, SD, present owner.
36. City Market Building, 1900, Frank Newell owned.  
W.H. Beto Meat Market, 1930's-1953.  
Park Meats, present occupant.  
✓ Verdus A. and Kenneth E. Park, 207 Nineth, Dell Rapids, SD, present owners.
37. Ben Franklin Store, 1946.  
✓ Louis Bogdas, 406 East Fourth, Dell Rapids, SD, present owner.



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38. Smith Block, 1888, 2 Sections (several occupants).  
Granite City Bank, 1888-1925.  
Rimes Grocery, 1888.  
R.H.J. Meis, 1900.  
Dr. K.R. Hofflund.  
Francis Goodale Saloon, 1919.  
Dell Rapids Times.  
Dell Rapids Hospital, until 1914.  
Drummonds Barber Shop, 1935.  
McFarland Card Shop, 1935.  
Medin's Cafe, 1935.  
T.N. Michelson Land Office, 1940.  
Metz Beer Place, 1950.  
Ben Franklin Store, present occupant.  
✓ Roger and Florine Rickman, 501½ East Fourth, Dell Rapids, SD, present owners.
39. Silkenson Hardware, 1902-1935.  
Fritz and Schwebachs, present occupants.  
✓ Francis J. Schwebach, 505 Nineth, Dell Rapids, SD, present owner.

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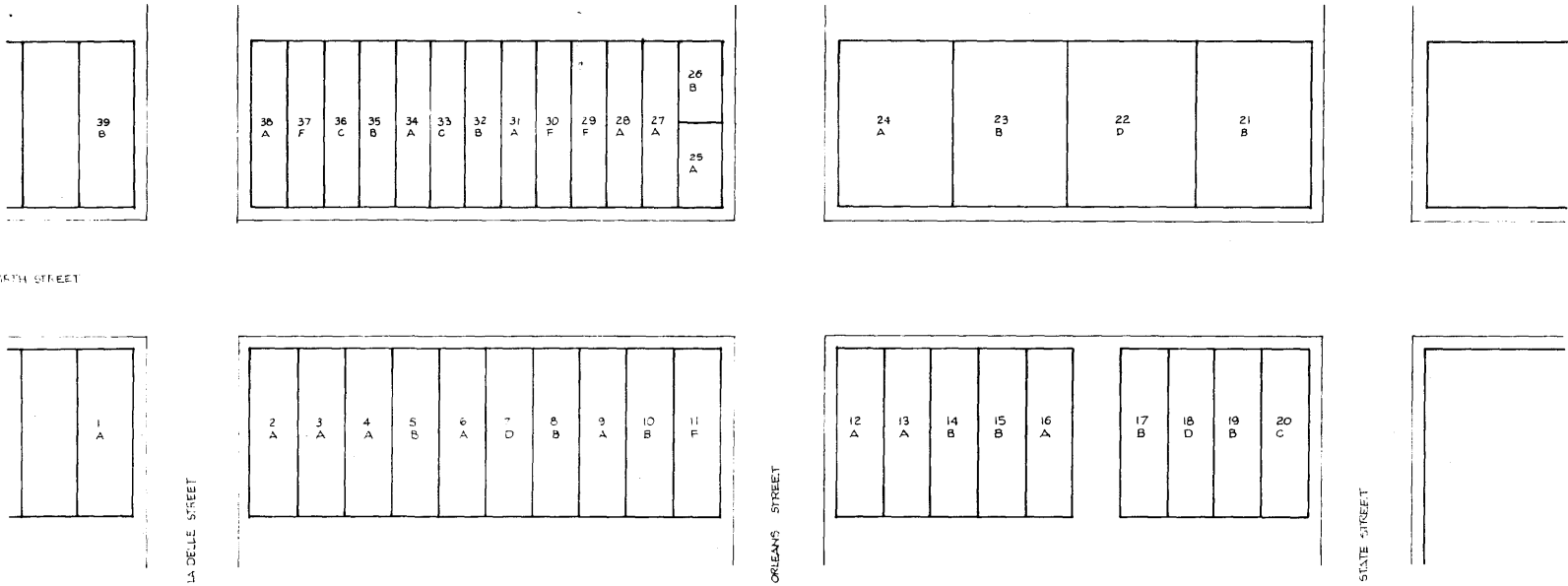
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DELL RAPIDS HISTORIC DISTRICT, Dell Rapids, South Dakota - Verbal Boundary

The Dell Rapids Historic District includes all of that area within a line beginning at the alley south of East Fourth Street between LaDelle Street and State Street, and following that alley between those streets, the line turns north up State Street to the point where it meets the alley running north of east Fourth Street between State and LaDelle Streets. Where the alley meets LaDelle Street to the west, the line continues across LaDelle to the first lot on the corner of east Fourth and LaDelle and continues south along the western boundary of that lot. Where the line encounters the first lot on the southwest corner of LaDelle and Fourth. it also continues south along the western boundary of that lot until it once again encounters the alley where it turns east to LaDelle.

A sketch map of the district is enclosed.



**IDENTIFICATION KEY**

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|-----------------------------------|---|
| 1 RILES FOOD STORE, 1899          | 21 MILKBY APARTMENTS, 1910              |
| 2 JENIN BLOCK, 1884               | 22 GORDON LOVELL HOUSE, 1951            |
| 3 DEHN BLOCK, 1901                | 23 DELL RAPIDS COMMUNITY HOSPITAL, 1914 |
| 4 AUGUSTINE JOHNSON BLOCK, 1888   | 24 DELL RAPIDS HOTEL, 1888              |
| 5 TREASURER BUILDING, 1890'S      | 25 GATLEY BUILDING, 1885                |
| 6 THE BANK BUILDING, 1890'S       | 26 APARTMENTS                           |
| 7 COLLARD'S BARBER SHOP, 1890'S   | 27 FEE FLES STATE BANK, 1895            |
| 8 W.E. PARKER BUILDING, 1900      | 28 CARGO BLOCK, 1890'S                  |
| 9 DEHN'S HOUSE, 1888              | 29 MARK'S MARKET, 1910                  |
| 10 W. J. JIM BLDG, 1912, 1905     | 30 GRYNN RESTAURANT, 1922               |
| 11 STANDARD OILS, 1954            | 31 CR. SAWYER BUILDING, 1900'S          |
| 12 FIRST NATIONAL BANK, 1899      | 32 PARKER'S HARDWARE, 1890'S            |
| 13 POST OFFICE, 1900              | 33 ED. JOHNSON JEWELRY STORE, 1927      |
| 14 HEALTH BUILDING, 1934          | 34 COLLINS BLOCK, 1901                  |
| 15 DELL RAPIDS THEATRE, 1924      | 35 MILLERKE & BERTS PAINTING, 1900'S    |
| 16 TRUBNE BUILDING, 1901          | 36 CITY MEAT MARKET, 1902               |
| 17 CHURCH BUILDING, 1888          | 37 BEN FLEMING TREE, 1947               |
| 18 THE BENTLEY BUILDING, 1907     | 38 SMITH BLOCK, 1890                    |
| 19 WILSON WARE, 1892              | 39 THOMAS JENSEN HARDWARE, 1900         |
| 20 APARTMENT BUILDING, 1910, 1911 |   |

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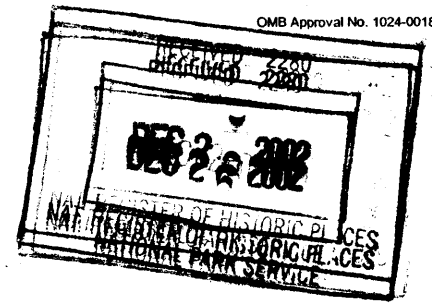
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In the 1978 National Register nomination for the Dell Rapids Historic District, the period of significance was 1875 to 1924. The ending date was an arbitrary 50-year cut-off. The designations for properties were excellent, good, blending, non-historic and intrusion. As these are terms that are no longer appropriate and lend themselves to great confusion, a re-evaluation has been completed on the district.

In re-evaluating the district, it has been determined that the period of significance should date from 1875 to 1934, the time when the last contributing buildings in the district were constructed. The district is significant for its architectural merit as well as its contribution to the development of the commercial core of Dell Rapids.

The main architectural influences in the district include: Commercial, Romanesque Revival, and Neo-Classical Revival. More importantly, in this district, the unity that is presented by the building materials, Sioux Quartzite and Brick. Quartzite, which is often referred to as Sioux jasper or Sioux quartzite, is native to the Big Sioux River Valley. The stone was valued for its hardness and durability. Stone quarrying became one of the most important industries in Dell Rapids. The first quarry opened in the early 1880's. After the Panic of 1893 in South Dakota, the quarries industry dried up around the United States but remained a popular building material in Dell Rapids because of its local ties. Being quarried locally made the stone a cheap building material.

The first building boom dated from 1875 to the mid-1880's. This building boom also coincides with the first population boom in Dell Rapids. The early 1870's saw a population of 260 and by the mid-1880's the population increased to 900. The second building boom dates from 1888 to 1901 when a fire destroyed the south side of the main commercial center. During this period, the population of Dell Rapids had increase to 1,500 people. Building continued in the district when new business were needed such as the Meat Market in 1903, the hotel in 1908 and the theater in 1934.

The evaluations of the buildings were based on their condition at the time of listing in 1978. Only three buildings have changed status. These include: 335 East Fourth, 401-405 East Fourth and Chong Laundry (523 East Fourth) which has been demolished. After the 2001 re-evaluation, there are 29 contributing buildings and 10 non-contributing buildings.

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1. Rimes Food Store, constructed 1889  
335 East Fourth Street  
Dell Rapids, Minnehaha County  
Non-Contributing

Since 1978, the building has seen serious alterations. The historic storefront has been removed and all first floor windows have been closed in with T-111 siding. All but one bull's eye windows on the second floor have been enclosed. The serious nature of the alterations have compromised the integrity of this building.

2. Union Block, Constructed 1884  
401-405 East Fourth Street  
Non-Contributing

Second floor windows on the central portion have been removed and boarded shut or bricked in and reduced in size. Finally, the decorative cornice of the building is no longer present. It existed at the time of the 1978 nomination and has since been removed. This cornice was a major element on the building and therefore, its removal has compromised the building's integrity.

3. Dieson Block, constructed 1901  
407-409 East Fourth Street  
Contributing
4. Augustine-Johnson Block, constructed 1888  
411-413 East Fourth Street  
Contributing
5. Tressider Building, 1890's  
415 East Fourth Street  
Contributing
6. J.E. Irwin Building, constructed 1890's  
417 East Fourth Street  
Contributing

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7. Family Fun Center (Taylor's Barber Shop), constructed 1890's  
421 East Fourth Street  
Non-Contributing

The façade of the building was significantly altered prior to the 1978 nomination. The building is completely unrecognizable as a 1890's building.

8. W.E. Parke Buidling, constructed 1890's  
423 East Fourth Street  
Contributing
9. Opera House, constructed 1888  
427 East Fourth Street  
Contributing
10. Winjum Building, constructed 1895  
429 East Fourth Street  
Contributing
11. Standard Oil (Phillips 66), constructed 1954  
431 East Fourth Street  
Non-Contributing
12. First National Bank, constructed 1889  
501 East Fourth Street  
Contributing
13. Post Office, constructed 1890's  
503 East Fourth Street  
Contributing
14. Krause Building, constructed 1934  
505 East Fourth Street  
Contributing



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15. Dell Rapids Theatre, constructed 1934  
507 East Fourth Street  
Contributing
16. Tribune Building, constructed 1901  
509 East Fourth Street  
Contributing
17. Chong Laundry, constructed 1888  
Demolished
18. Telephone Building, constructed 1960's  
515 East Fourth Street  
Non-Contributing
19. H.R. Mohrman Garage (Pontiac Garage), constructed 1918  
517 East Fourth Street  
Contributing
20. Apartment Building, constructed 1887, 1950  
519 East Fourth Street  
Contributing
21. Milarky Apartments, constructed 1910  
536 East Fourth Street  
Contributing
22. Gordan Lovell House, constructed 1951  
524 East Fourth Street  
Non-Contributing

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23. Dell Rapids Community Hospital, constructed 1914  
East Fourth Street  
Contributing
  24. Dell Rapids Hotel, constructed 1908  
East Fourth Street  
Contributing
  25. Cooley Building, constructed 1885  
434 East Fourth Street  
Contributing
  26. Apartments, constructed 1900  
Orleans Street  
Contributing
  27. Peoples State Bank, constructed 1885  
432 East Fourth Street  
Contributing
  28. Cadd Block, date of construction unknown  
430 East Fourth Street  
Contributing
  29. Mark's Market, constructed 1910  
428 East Fourth Street  
Non-Contributing
  30. Olson Restaurant, constructed 1920's  
426 East Fourth Street  
Non-Contributing

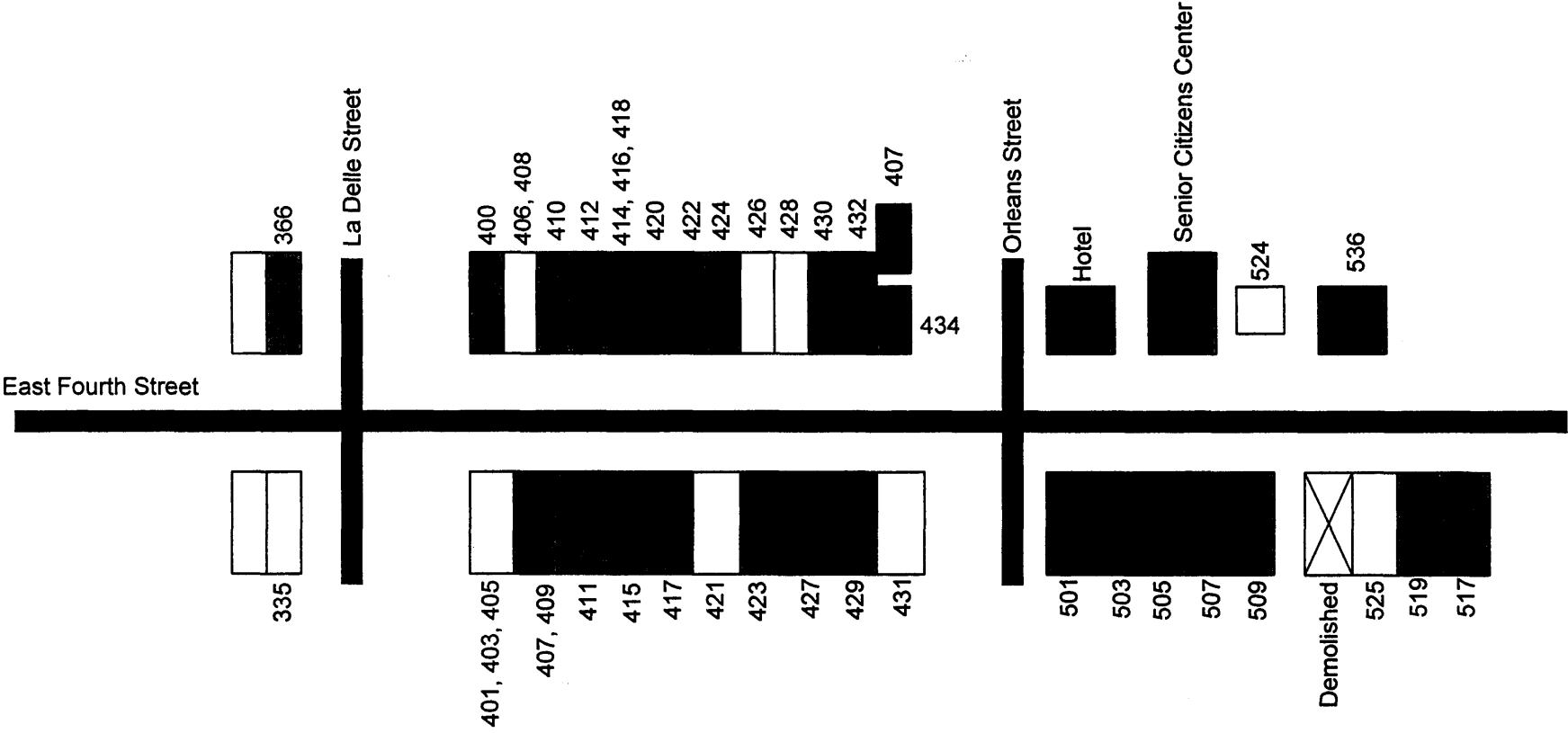
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- 31. Dr. Sawyers Building, constructed 1890's  
424 East Fourth Street  
Contributing
- 32. Fargo's Hardware, constructed 1890's  
422 East Fourth Street  
Contributing
- 33. Ed Johnson Jewelry Store, constructed 1920  
420 East Fourth Street  
Contributing
- 34. Collins Block, constructed 1901  
414 East Fourth Street  
Contributing
- 35. Millerke and Beto Building, constructed 1890's  
412 East Fourth Street  
Contributing
- 36. City Meat Market, constructed 1903  
410 East Fourth Street  
Contributing
- 37. Pizza Ranch, constructed 1946  
406 East Fourth Street  
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336 East Fourth Street  
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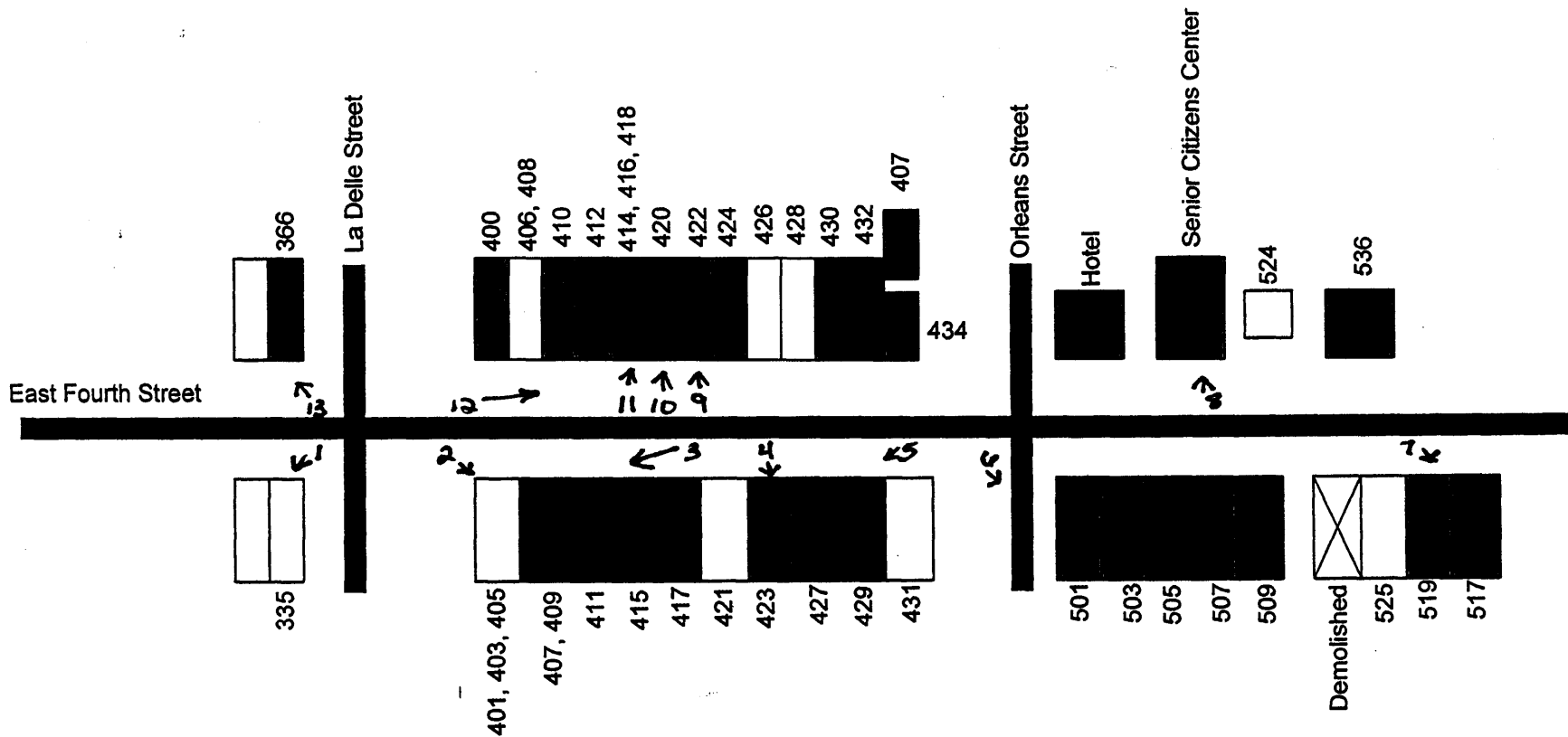
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