

9. Major Bibliographical References

City Council Proceedings
Diamond Jubilee - Roscoe, SD 1883-1958, 1958.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property Less than one acre

Quadrangle name Roscoe

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

A

1	4	4	7	3	6	1	0	5	0	3	2	7	8	0
Zone				Easting				Northing						

B

Zone				Easting				Northing						

C

Zone				Easting				Northing						

D

Zone				Easting				Northing						

E

Zone				Easting				Northing						

F

Zone				Easting				Northing						

G

Zone				Easting				Northing						

H

Zone				Easting				Northing						

Verbal boundary description and justification

Block 12, S 501 of Lots 13, 14 and 15, original plat of Roscoe.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
N/A			

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Mayor Leland N. Treichel (with the assistance of Melaine Betz)

organization City of Roscoe date March 30, 1984

street & number Box 95 telephone 605/287-4451

city or town Roscoe 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.

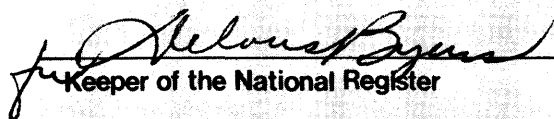
State Historic Preservation Officer signature 

title Director, Office of Cultural Preservation date 06/30/84

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

Entered in 85a National Register date 8-1-84


Keeper of the National Register

Attest: _____ date _____

Chief of Registration

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1934 **Builder/Architect** Roland R. Wilcken **Important role as** community center

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Roscoe Community Hall is significant for its important role as a community center for the town of Roscoe.

The town of Roscoe began its history when Charles Purchase Morgan (with Joe Parmley) set up a tent hotel in 1883 on the site where the St. Paul Lutheran Church presently stands.(1) After the coming of the railroad, the number of pioneers increased rapidly in the Brown County area including immigrants from Russia and Germany and migrants from the Eastern States.(2) Roscoe witnessed a boom growth during the early twentieth century as a result of this new wave of people into the area. However, the Great Depression of the 1930's effected the growth of the town and Roscoe's population remained small thereafter.

In response to the hardships of the Depression, the Conservation Corp used local unemployed people to build a new community hall which was a great economic boost for the town. Henry Huether, Jr. of Ashley, North Dakota, served as contractor for the building, and plans and specifications were drawn up by Roland R. Wilcken of Watertown, South Dakota. Constructed in 1934, the building served the town of Roscoe (which now has about 400 people) in many ways including use as a theater, community meeting hall, a gymnasium for the local school, a roller skating rink, a public dance hall, area meeting hall, off-sale liquor store, a City Council meeting room and the local cafe.

Today, the Roscoe Community Hall retains many of its original features including its brick facade, decorative pilasters, and front facade window openings. It is still an important building in town which is easily indentified as the central meeting place for local events.

¹Diamond Jubilee - Roscoe, SD, 1883-1958. 1958, Pg. 6

²Ibid.

7. Description

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Located in the center of town, the Roscoe Community Hall is a brick rectangular structure with a barrel vault roof. Decorative brick pilasters placed at regular intervals on the front and side facades create a three-part composition. The central portion includes a brick parapet, a canopied entranceway and three small rectangular windows on the upper level. Flanking the entranceway are paired rectangular windows with six over six sash. Above the windows and entranceway are decorative arches. Located between the decorative brick pilasters are large rectangular windows on the north and south (side) facades which have been enclosed with glass block. A chimney projects at the rear of the building. The interior space contains a large gymnasium with stage and balcony following the side as well as a kitchen area, which was expanded in March of 1971.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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date entered AUG 1 1984

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Roscoe Community Hall

and/or common Roscoe City Hall

2. Location

street & number 202 Mitchell Street N/A not for publication

city, town Roscoe N/A vicinity of

state South Dakota code 46 county Edmunds code 045

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	N/A in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: Meetings

4. Owner of Property

name City of Roscoe

street & number Box 95

city, town Roscoe N/A vicinity of state South Dakota

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Register of Deeds Office

street & number Edmunds County Courthouse

city, town Ipswich state South Dakota

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title N/A has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date N/A federal state county local

depository for survey records N/A

city, town state