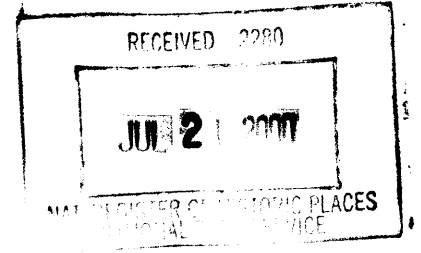


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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM**

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.

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1. Name of Property

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historic name Edmunds County Courthouse
other names/site number N/A

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2. Location

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street & number Second Ave between 2nd & 3rd Streets not for publication n/a
city or town Ipswich vicinity n/a
state South Dakota code SD county Edmunds code 045 zip code 57451

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3. State/Federal Agency Certification

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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, SHPO 07-18-2007
Signature of certifying official Date

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

name of property Edmunds County Courthouse county and state Edmunds Co., SD

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register

Edson H. Beall 6/16/00

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):

Edson H. Beall

Signature of Keeper Date of Action

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>1</u> buildings
<u> </u>	<u> </u> sites
<u> </u>	<u> </u> structures
<u> </u>	<u> </u> objects
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u> Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

Name of related multiple property listing Federal Relief Project in South Dakota 1929-1941 and County Courthouses in SD MPL

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6. Function or Use

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Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Government Sub: Courthouse

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Government Sub: Courthouse

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Modern Movement: Art Deco

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Concrete

roof tar

walls brick and stone

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)

- X 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.
X 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
Politics/Government
Social History

Period of Significance 1934-1941

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Significant Dates 1934

Significant Person N/A

Cultural Affiliation N/A

Architect/Builder Wilcox, Roland R. - architect
Grey Construction Company – Builder

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

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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(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: South Dakota State Historic Preservation Office, Pierre, SD

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10. Geographical Data
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Acreage of Property 1.5 acres

UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
1	14	498005	5032251	3	_____	_____
2	_____	_____	_____	4	_____	_____

____ See continuation sheet.

Map Ipswich

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

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

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11. Form Prepared By
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name/title Michelle C. Saxman
organization South Dakota State Historical Society date June 2000
street & number 900 Governors telephone 605-773-6296
city or town Pierre state SD zip code 57501

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Additional Documentation
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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)

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Property Owner

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

name/title _____
street & number _____ telephone _____
city or town _____ state _____ zip code _____

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Description

The Edmunds County Courthouse is a three story brick and stone building, with a three and one-half central tower. The courthouse is in the Art Deco style. Art Deco is identified by smooth wall surface usually of stucco; zigzag, chevrons and other stylized geometric motifs occur as decorative elements on facade; towers and other vertical projections above the roof line give a vertical emphasis. This style was popular from late 1920s-1940.

The building features tan brick and a natural Bedford stone exterior. The Courthouse is three stories in height with a basement rising one-half level above grade. All elevations feature symmetrical fenestration. The Bedford stone is used in the fluted pilasters on the corner of the building and tower. These pilasters have decorative motifs at the tops. All of the windows were replaced circa 1975, but the building retains good integrity.

The main façade features three sections. The center section has three levels. The third and second levels have five window openings with a basketweave brick pattern below. Two windows on either side of the main entrance are on the main level. The main entrance is an example of an ornamented door surround with an inscription that reads "Edmunds County Court House" and decorative molding. The other two section features a vertical row of three windows evenly spaced with a basketweave brick pattern between the third and second floor windows.

The side elevations are identical. Four evenly spaced one-over-one double hung windows appear on basement level. The side is divided into three sections. The center area features two large brick pilasters extending the height of the building and two smaller brick pilaster between them. Three windows opening appear in between the four center pilasters on each floor with a basketweave brick pattern between each floor. The other two section of the elevation features a vertical row of three windows evenly spaced with a basketweave brick pattern between the third and second floor windows.

The rear elevation is divided into three balanced masses. The center section features a five-fenestration pattern each divided by six pilasters. The corners pilasters are stone pilasters and the four remaining are brick pilaster capped with stone. The fourth level of the center area has five window openings; they are featured between the two main stone pilasters and four brick pilasters. Below these five windows is a basketweave brick pattern. The third level features a window next to the stone pilasters that are equal to most openings on the buildings. The next three openings are longer and currently exhibit smaller windows than the originals. Two panels cover the openings to allow for a smaller window. Below this third story windows is also the basketweave brick pattern. The second level has five window openings, one between each pilaster. The middle three windows are

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lower than the two end windows. The main level features a centered entrance made of Bedford Stone with a window on either side of the stone and brick pilasters. The other two section features a vertical row of three windows evenly spaced with a basketweave brick pattern between the third and second floor windows.

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Statement of Significance

The Edmunds County Courthouse is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places under criteria A and C. The building is historically significant for its role as the symbolic and functional seat of government for Edmunds County. The courthouse is the most important single physical elements in the historic and contemporary government of Edmunds County, and is an important local reminder of the importance of county government. It is also significant historical because of its association with the WPA era.

The Edmunds County Courthouse is architectural significant as a representative example of early twentieth-century public and institutional architectural in South Dakota. The building uses the Art Deco style that is typical of a WPA era building. The building represents of an excellent example of an Art Deco style building.

Historic Context

Edmunds County was organized on July 26, 1883 at which point a small stone and brick building was constructed. When the county offices out grew the building in the 1930s, officials discussed building a new courthouse. A bond issue failed due to the Depression. Despite the lack of support by the citizens of Edmunds County, the officials were able to secure funding for the building from the United States Government. The county officials tapped into their building fund of \$61,000. They would use the building funds to purchase bonds and in return, the U.S. government would issued grant to the county for labor and material through the National Industrial Recovery Act.

Before construction of the new building started, the county faced two problems. One problem the officials faced was where to place the building. They determined that the best location was on the 1883 courthouse site. Therefore, the building would be torn down to make way for the new building. With this decision made the county faced their second problem, where to house governmental offices and records until the new building was completed. The county rented two building to serve the county needs until completion of the new courthouse.

The county hired Roland R. Wilken of Watertown as the architect of the building. His design called for the use of stone, brick, concrete, steel, and tile. The style of the building is a representative example of an Art Deco building. To accomplish the construction of the building, the county hired Gray Construction to actually build the structure.

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When completed on January 7, 1935, the interior included pink Tennessee marble and a courtroom with a modern ventilating system. The county offices moved into the new building on January 16, 1935.

This Art Deco building has suffered few alterations. The original windows were removed circa 1977. Despite this alteration, the building retains a high degree of integrity. The exterior retains its geometric shapes and decorative fluting pilasters. The interior changes are cosmetic only including carpeting, wiring, paint, and air conditioning.

Bibliography

Maliszewski-Pickart, Margaret. Architecture and Ornament. Jefferson, NC: McFarland & Company, Inc. 1998.

Petersen, Charlotte. Ed. Ipswich 1883-1983 Aberdeen, SD: North Plains Press. 1983.

Verbal Boundary Description:

Lot 1-24 of Block 3 of the Original plat of the City of Ipswich.

Boundary Justification:

The nominated property includes courthouse building, garage and the surrounding property. It coincides with the legal description of the tract of land historically set aside as the courthouse grounds.