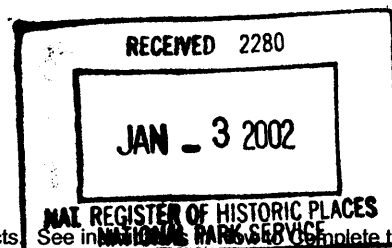


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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
REGISTRATION FORM

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions on the back of the form. 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 Clark County Courthouse  
other names/site number N/A

2. Location

street & number 200 N Commercial St not for publication n/a  
city or town Clark vicinity n/a  
state South Dakota code SD county Clark code 02 zip code 57225

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. Voigt 01-02-2002  
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.)

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Signature of commenting or other official Date

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

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register Linda McCulland 2/15/02  
 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 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
	sites
	structures
	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 County Courthouses in SD MPL and Federal Relief Project in South Dakota 1929-1941

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

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6. Function or Use
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Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Government Sub: Courthouse

Multiple horizontal lines for entering historic functions.

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Government Sub: Courthouse

Multiple horizontal lines for entering current functions.

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7. Description
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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Modern Movement: Art Deco

Horizontal lines for architectural classification details.

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.)

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### **Description**

The Clark County Courthouse is a three story brick and stone building. The courthouse is an Art Deco style building. 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 Artstone exterior. The Courthouse is three stories with a raised foundation wall of Artstone about one-half level above grade. All elevations feature symmetrical fenestration. The Artstone stone is used in the fluted pilasters on the main entrance. These pilasters have decorative motifs at the tops. All of the windows were replaced circa 1975, but the building retains excellent integrity. All of the windows now are a large fixed panel above with two smaller awning windows. The building also features a belt course between the first and second floor and lintel course at the third level.

The main façade features the main entrance with a three step entrance. The main entrance is an example of an ornamented door surround with an inscription that reads "Justice To All" and a stone eagle. On either side of the entrance, there are three window openings. The third and second levels have eight window openings with a basketweave brick pattern below. The two windows above the center entrance on the second and third floors are smaller compared to the remaining six.

The side elevations are identical. A center entrance features a simpler eagle. On either side of the entrance, there are three window openings. The second level has six windows. The two center windows have a fixed panel above with an awning window in the lower section. Five evenly spaced windows are on third level with a basketweave pattern between the third and second floor windows.

The rear elevation also features a center entrance similar to the other elevations. The first floor has three windows on either side of the rear entrance. A chimney interrupts the fenestration pattern. The chimney is located on the west side of the rear elevation between the fifth and sixth windows. The second and third floors have seven windows evenly spaced; however, the chimney is located between the sixth and seventh windows. The cornice features a center window along with an elevator shaft on the roof. The shaft has quoins and a small window.

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

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

Significant Dates 1934-1935

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\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Person N/A

Cultural Affiliation N/A

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Architect/Builder Hugill & Blatherwick. - architect  
Gray Construction - 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

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

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10. Geographical Data  
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Acreage of Property .85 acres

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

Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing  
1 14 600040 4970100 3 \_\_\_\_\_  
2 \_\_\_\_\_ 4 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_ See continuation sheet.

Map Clark North

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 2001  
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)

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

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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Statement of Significance

The Clark 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 Clark County. The courthouse is the most important single physical element in the historic and contemporary government of Clark County, and is an important local reminder of the importance of county government. It is also significant historically because of its association with the PWA era.

The Clark County Courthouse is architecturally significant as a representative example of early twentieth-century public and institutional architectural in South Dakota. The building is representative of an excellent example of an Art Deco style building.

Historic Context

Clark County was established in circa 1872. On May 23, 1881, an organizational meeting took place. This meeting appointed a probate judge, a register of deeds, a sheriff, a treasurer, and a surveyor. All the government offices were housed in the Clark House until a fire destroyed the building in 1882. County offices moved to the second story of the Clark County Bank building in Clark. The town of Clark became the official county seat of Clark at their first election of 1882. The bank served the county government offices until 1888 when the county built a new building on the western edge of Clark.

When the county offices out grew the 1888s building in the 1930s, officials discussed building a new courthouse. The county hired Hugill and Blatherwick as the architects of the building. Their 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. The county hired Gray Construction to build the structure.

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.

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Centennial History of Clark County 1881-1981 S.l. : s.n., 1981?. 1981.

**Verbal Boundary Description:**

Lots 6-14, Block 2, original town, City of Clark, Clark County Courthouse.

**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.