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SITE           HN-10

NAME                           Little Missouri Bank Building

LOCATION                        Located on Main Street, Block C, Lot 9-12  
Camp Crook, Harding County (063), South  
Dakota (046)

OWNER                         Joseph Long  
Box 136  
Camp Crook, South Dakota 57724

CLASSIFICATION                Building, private, NA acquisition,  
occupied, restricted access, commercial

DESCRIPTION                    Very good, slightly altered, original  
site

The Little Missouri Bank Building is located in downtown Camp Crook on the northwest corner of the intersection of Main Street and First Street.

The building is a large wood-frame rectangular pen (contributing) with a flat roof and a false front. A projecting cornice wraps around the structure at the roof level on the facades which face the street. The front facade features a centered door which is flanked by two pairs of single pane windows on either side. When originally constructed there were multi-paned windows above all the windows and the door. These were covered with clapboard at an unknown date which creates a horizontal emphasis across the front facade. A large sign located over the door reads "Camp Crook Grocery Store".

The south elevation has five large single pane windows with multi-paned windows above, one door and three double-hung windows. A red brick chimney is located in the center of the north elevation which has no openings.

The interior space of the structure is divided into four spacial units: a large open room used as a store, the office at the rear of the store with its vault, a storage room, and the lavatory.

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SIGNIFICANCE 100-Present, commerce, local history, 1918

DATE: 1918

BUILDER: Unknown

The Little Missouri Bank building is architecturally significant to rural Harding County as one of the best preserved bank buildings in the county. In the town of Camp Crook, the Little Missouri Bank was the only bank which operated in the community. The building is of local importance as it is the most impressive commercial structure still standing in Camp Crook.

One of the oldest businesses established in Camp Crook, the Little Missouri Bank opened on September 10, 1902. The bank was started by John Clay and Associates with Clay as President; R.L. Chuning, Vice-President; A.R. McDermott, Cashier; and HESSIE Sherrill, stenographer. By December of 1915 the Little Missouri Bank had deposits of \$307,545.34. For a town with a population of 133, the deposits made Camp Crook the richest per capita in the country at \$2,312.37 per capita.

The Little Missouri Bank moved its location across the street to a new building in December 1918. One of the most modern buildings in the county, the bank was equipped with an electric lighting plant, a water and steam heating system, and first-class plumbing facilities.

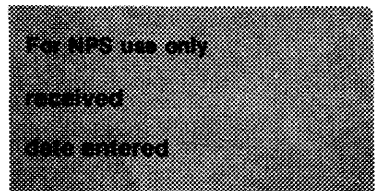
Due to the small volume of business which the Little Missouri Bank handled the directors and stockholders decided to consolidate the bank. On April 2, 1932 the bank transferred their business to the Butte County Bank in Belle Fourche about sixty miles south of Camp Crook.

The structure has operated as a grocery store for the past several years. At the present time it is the only grocery operating in town to serve the residents and the local ranchers.

The site is in very good condition and well maintained by the present owner.

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QUADRANGLE NAME Camp Crook, SD

UTM 13/ 580060/ 5044390

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

ACREAGE Less than one

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

The site is bounded by the limits of Lots 9, 10, 11 and 12 of Block C of the Camp Crook Original Townsite. The site is located in the NW quarter of the SW quarter of Section 2, Township 18 North, Range 1 East in Harding County.

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