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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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

1 NAME

HISTORIC ~~***~~ Old Fort Pierre School

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Corner of Second Avenue and Second Street

CITY, TOWN Fort Pierre

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT No. 2

STATE South Dakota

VICINITY OF CODE 046

COUNTY Stanley

CODE 117

3 CLASSIFICATION

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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Edward V. Duffy

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN Fort Pierre

VICINITY OF

STATE South Dakota

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Register of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER

Stanley County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN Fort Pierre

STATE South Dakota

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE South Dakota Historic Sites Survey

DATE 1977

FEDERAL 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input 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 old Fort Pierre School was constructed just before 1900. As originally constructed, the school building had a small entry porch and a belfry on the roof that housed the school bell. In 1909 the building was remodeled into apartments. At this time the belfry was removed and a large porch added. The dormer window on the roof was also modified and the double window on the second floor facade was replaced by a door. At the same time a portion of the front porch was enclosed.

As it appears today, the building is basically Georgian Revival in design. The symmetrical facade and plan, hipped roof, double hung windows and doorway details are all Georgian Revival characteristics clearly visible through the remodelings and additions.

As one might expect in a frontier situation, the house has little ornament. The paired porch columns, which were added as part of the 1909 remodeling, are the most prominent ornamental features.

Some general characteristics include clapboard facing, poured concrete foundation, and a wood shingled truncated hip roof. Lintels and slipsills appear on most windows. Bell caste hip dormers are used on each facade. A single stack chimney appears on the roof's rear slope. The rear facade has two enclosed entries on the second level and a flight of wooden stairs that lead to them.

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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES ca. 1900; altered 1909 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Historically, the structure is significant as the first high school in Fort Pierre and one of the first in western South Dakota. Therefore, the structure is of educational importance to the city.

On May 31, 1892, the Bad River School District #5 purchased the property for use as a school site but apparently ran into financial difficulty and disbanded, selling the property to the Fort Pierre Independent School District on September 28, 1896. The Fort Pierre District paid one (1) dollar for the site and agreed to retire five thousand (\$5,000) of bonded indebtedness incurred by the Bad River District. The President of the Fort Pierre Independent School District at the time of purchase was Mr. C. L. Millet.

There is no record that a school building had been erected on this site previous to construction of the old High School but it is possible as records do indicate that a school was built in Fort Pierre in 1892.

In 1899 the old high school was constructed and began operation. Mary L. Whiting was the principal and one of three teachers. From 1899 until 1905 only ten grades were offered (two years of high school prep and eight elementary).

In 1902 the school board separated the high school prep and elementary program and began the implementation of a full four year high school curriculum. Miss Belle Munger was the high school principal.

The old high school continued to function until 1909 when a new building was finished. This rapid turnover in school buildings is evidence of the growth of Stanley County during the early 1900's.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

PRAIRIE PROGRESS IN WEST CENTRAL SOUTH DAKOTA, Historical Society of Stanley County, 1968.
 BIENNIAL REPORTS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA, PIERRE. Robinson Museum Library.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than 1 acre

UTM REFERENCES None Available

A	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
B	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
D	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Latitude $44^{\circ} 21' 11''$
 Longitude $100^{\circ} 22' 33''$

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Lawrence J. Sommer, Assoc. AIP

ORGANIZATION

Planning & Historic Preservation Consultant to Ft. Pierre CD Dept./1977

STREET & NUMBER

407 A Alworth Building

DATE

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Duluth, Minnesota

STATE

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

Lawrence J. Sommer Sept 21/1977

TITLE

Acting Director/Historical Preservation Center

DATE

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

Robert B. Rettig

DATE

11/25/77

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

Charles H. ...

DATE

11-23-77

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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Latitude Correction: 44⁰ 21' 17"