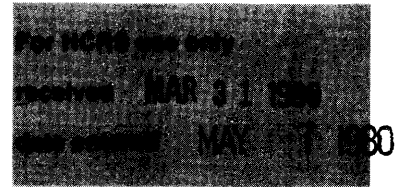


**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**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 St. Charles Hotel

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 207 East Capitol Ave. not for publication

city, town Pierre vicinity of congressional district Second

state South Dakota code 46 county Hughes code 065

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"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Michel Delon and Beverly Delon

street & number 207 East Capitol

city, town Pierre vicinity of state South Dakota

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Hughes County Courthouse

street & number

city, town Pierre state South Dakota

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title 1979 Historic Sites Survey has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1979 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 type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" 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 St. Charles Hotel is a five-story, rectangular block structure built of yellow brick and trimmed with glazed terra cotta tile on the first and fifth stories. Composed of seven bays on the axial, front facade and five bays along the north facade, the building is capped with a projecting cornice, featuring acanthus leaf motif antefix and block modillions. A glazed terra cotta belt course marks the division between the fourth and fifth stories. Decorative panels cap the unadorned pilasters, which articulate the division of bays. The flat, terra cotta frieze and even, horizontal coursing of the tile on the first floor create a strong horizontality in the building. A one-story portico shelters the main entrance, which is given further emphasis by the flanking brick pilasters, laid in an alternating projecting and recessed pattern. The south and west facades of the building are virtually unadorned, while the first floor commercial area of the east and north facade has suffered remodeling. In c. 1920 a three-story addition was added to the north. Although this addition does not detract from the building, it is architecturally undistinguished.

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Erected in 1911 for Pierre's most energetic promoter, Charles L. Hyde, the St. Charles Hotel is significant in the areas of 20th century hotel architecture and commerce, and is regarded locally as a landmark for its association with early Pierre politicians and businessmen. On January 1, 1911, the St. Charles was opened at a reception hosted by Governor Vessey and Lt. Governor Byrne. Until the governor's mansion was completed in the 1940's, the St. Charles served as residence for a number of governors including Vessey. Many other state politicians have lived here as well.

The hotel may be most famous, however, for its association with its builder, Charles Hyde. Moving to Pierre in 1887, two years before South Dakota became a state, Hyde immediately set out to promote Pierre as a major metropolitan city. Hyde bought and sold large tracts of land and erected nine brick business blocks in anticipation of Pierre's commercial future. In 1911, however, Hyde was indicted for fraudulent advertising through the U.S. mails. His case created enough controversy to carry it to the White House, and Hyde was finally pardoned for his schemes by President Taft.

The St. Charles was obviously built as the premier hotel in Pierre and therefore uses much of the design vocabulary of the commercial and civic monuments of early 20th century. The relatively flat surfaces are enlivened with Neo-classical motifs done in elegant white, glazed terra cotta. While much of the tile is smooth rectangular blocks, sculptured cartouches decorate the bay divisions along the fifth story. The leafy scrollwork of these cartouches is found as a pleasant surprise along the front lower portion of the columns on the portico. As with much commercial architecture of the early 20th century, this building is a straightforward rectangular box and no attempt is made to carve the space into a more lively plastic form. Instead, ornamental details are applied along the exterior walls in long flat strips. Yet the overall appearance of the building is a pleasing combination of controlled proportions and simple, elegant details.

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10. Geographical Data

UTM NOT VERIFIED

Acreege of nominated property one acre

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Quadrangle name Pierre, S.D.

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UMT References

A

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B

Zone		Easting				Northing								

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H

Zone		Easting				Northing								

Verbal boundary description and justification

see continuation sheet

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

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Carolyn Torma, Historic Survey Coordinator

organization Historical Preservation Center date March, 1980

street & number U.S.D. Alumni House telephone 605/677/5314

city or town Vermillion 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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature John G. Little

title Director, Historical Preservation Center date 3/11/80

For HCRS use only	
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register	
<u>W. Ray Juce</u>	date <u>5/7/80</u>
Keeper of the National Register	
Attest: <u>William H. Brabham</u>	date <u>5.6.80</u>
Chief of Registration	

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Lot Four (4) and the Northerly one half ($N\frac{1}{2}$) of Lot Five (5) in Block One (1) of the First Railway Addition to the City of Pierre, and Lots Four (4) and Five (5) in Ballard's Subdivision of Lot Six (6) and the South One-half ($S\frac{1}{2}$) of Lot Five (5) in Block One (1) of the First Railway Addition to the City of Pierre, which property includes to the center line of that certain alley heretofore existing on the East at the above described property and between the said property and Lot Three (3) in Block One (1) of the First Railway Addition.