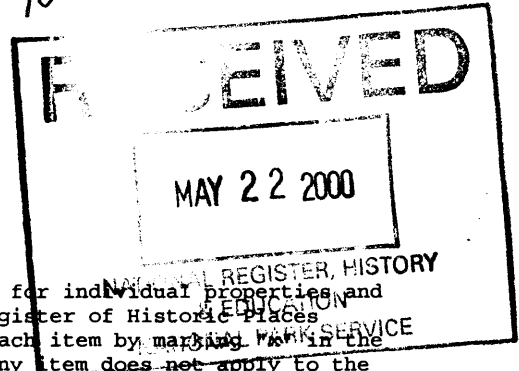


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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM**



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 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 Municipal Building / City Hall

other names/site number N/A

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2. Location

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street & number 206 Main Street not for publication N/A
city or town Faith vicinity N/A
state South Dakota code SD county Meade code 093 zip code 57626

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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
Signature of certifying official

05-16-2000
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 Municipal Building/City Hall

County and State Meade Co., SD

Federal Relief Construction in South Dakota, 1929-1941 (MPDF)

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4. National Park Service Certification
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I, hereby certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register _____

____ 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 W. Beall
Signature of Keeper

6/22/00
Date of Action

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5. Classification
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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>	_____ buildings
_____	_____ sites
_____	_____ structures
_____	_____ objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register N/A

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.) Federal Relief Construction in South Dakota, 1929-1941

Name of Property Municipal Building/City Hall County and State Meade Co., SD
Federal Relief Construction in South Dakota, 1929-1941 (MPDF)

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

Cat:	Sub:
<u>GOVERNMENT</u>	<u>city hall</u>
<u>GOVERNMENT</u>	<u>municipal building</u>
<u>CORRECTIONAL FACILITY</u>	<u>police station</u>
<u>COMMERCE/TRADE</u>	<u>restaurant/bar</u>

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat:	Sub:
<u>GOVERNMENT</u>	<u>city hall</u>
<u>GOVERNMENT</u>	<u>municipal building</u>
<u>CORRECTIONAL FACILITY</u>	<u>police station</u>
<u>COMMERCE/TRADE</u>	<u>bar</u>
<u>HEALTH CARE</u>	<u>ambulance dispatch center</u>

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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 ASPHALT; CONCRETE
walls CONCRETE; STUCCO; BRICK
other GLASS BLOCK; GLASS; METAL

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

See Continuation Sheets

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8. Statement of Significance
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Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- 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.
- 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)

SOCIAL HISTORY
ECONOMICS
ARCHITECTURE
COMMERCE
COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

Period of Significance 1940-1941

Significant Dates 1941

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above) N/A

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8. Cont'd.
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Cultural Affiliation N/A

Architect/Builder U.L. Freed; Works Projects Administration

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

See 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

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10. Geographical Data
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Acreage of Property less than one acre

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

Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing

1 13 733355 4989651 3 _____

2 _____ 4 _____

See continuation sheet.

Map Faith

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.) **See Continuation Sheet**

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.) **See Continuation Sheet**

Name of Property Municipal Building/City Hall County and State Meade Co., SD
Federal Relief Construction in South Dakota, 1929-1941 (MPDF)

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11. Form Prepared By
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name/title Megan D. Eades date April 2000
street & number 1039 Magnolia Street telephone (912)746-6510
city or town Macon state GA zip code 31201

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

name City of Faith
street & number 206 Main Street telephone (605)967-2261
city or town Faith state South Dakota zip code 57626

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Paperwork Reduction Act Statement: This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470 et seq.).

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VII: ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The City of Faith municipal building is located at 206 Main Street, at the southeast corner of Main and Second Avenue, in downtown Faith, South Dakota. The large concrete building features a rectangular, block plan composed of the primary, two-story section that fronts Main Street, and the one-story ell that faces Second Avenue. Built in 1941, the reinforced concrete building is characterized by its flat roof, smooth cladding, and corner orientation with curved center bay that features scored concrete cladding and a centered, glass-block window. Other features include a raised concrete beltcourse at basement level, a recessed beltcourse on the second story elevations (at window level), and a large mural on the north elevation.

The building consists of three primary sections: the two-story section along Main Street, the center bay, and the one-story ell facing Second Avenue. The two-story section, or west elevation, is very slightly set-back from the two-story center bay and features smooth concrete cladding as opposed to the scored surface of the center section. Fenestration consists of a wide, recessed side entrance with beveled walls on either side of the single, half-glass and wood door. A metal plaque is located on the right (southwest) side of the door and reads:

Municipal Building
built by
City of Faith
and
Works Progress Administration
Project Number 4073
Nineteen Hundred Forty One

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A narrow, rectangular opening with fixed-panes is located to the right of the entrance. The second story contains two sets of paired, one-over-one sash windows which are contemporary replacements for the originals, but the openings are intact. The flat wall surface around the window area is slightly recessed from the upper and lower sections of the wall.

The two-story center bay faces the corner of Main Street and Second Avenue and is the most decorative section of the building. Unlike the other elevations, this section features scored concrete cladding on the upper facade and smooth cladding on the lower level. A recessed entrance contains a single plate-glass door with metal framing and is surrounded by brick infill. A single, fixed pane window is also framed by this same brickwork and lies to the right (south) of the entrance. This opening originally contained larger windows and could easily be returned to its historic appearance. A large metal awning currently shades the window.

The facade's second story is dominated by the large section of glass-block surrounded by smooth concrete cladding (the original opening has been enclosed with concrete on each side, but the overall shape and character is intact) and stylized letters that read "MUNICIPAL BUILDING." Beveled piers flank this center section and divide it from the scored concrete cladding. Two paired windows with vertical sashes are located within the scored concrete walls on either side of the curved bay.

The one-story north elevation is characterized by smooth wall surfaces and the long, rectangular mural that covers most of the wall. A single glass and metal door is located at the far west end of the elevation. A multi-colored mural features an open book at

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the far east end and depicts early South Dakota history. Native Americans, tee-pees, farmers, wildlife, and cowboys are the dominant images against a background that illustrates the rolling terrain of the northwestern part of the state.

The rear elevation faces an alley and is largely obscured by undergrowth and trees. This section consists of a one-story ell with of smooth concrete cladding and a flat roof. A single door and two single windows are also located on this elevation.

The interior, which features concrete walls, floors, and ceilings, houses several different agencies and serves various purposes. The interior plan, including size and placement of rooms, is very much intact. The primary entrance (curved center section) opens to the bar, which originally served as a combination bar and municipal liquor store. Directly above the bar, also within the curved section, is a large conference room/library used by the city council. To the left of this second story council room is a narrow stairwell with the original stairs and banister. Municipal offices are located to the right (south) of the stairs (in the second floor of the west section of the building), and consist of one large room with two smaller offices at the end.

The city police department is located on the lower level of the west portion of the building, next to the community room/Chamber of Commerce, telephone office, and ambulance dispatch department. Police department storage areas are located in the basement.

The Faith Municipal Building is an intact example of W.P.A. construction projects completed during the Great Depression and is a good representation of Art Deco inspired design applied to utilitarian architecture.

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VIII. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Municipal Building in Faith, South Dakota is historically significant for its association with social history and economics in Faith and northwestern South Dakota during the Great Depression. As a Federal Relief project, the property is significant because it is directly associated with federal programs designed to provide work for unemployed segments of the population and to supplement the depressed economy of many rural communities.

Prior to the economic crisis of the early 1930s, little or no federal funding was available for community-based construction activity. The Federal Emergency Relief Agency instituted programs that filtered money for improvement projects through various agencies. The projects, approved and executed by organizations such as the Civilian Works Association (CWA), Public Works Administration (PWA), Works Progress Administration (WPA), and Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), also contributed to the substantial increase in the number of public-related construction projects and community improvements. As a result of federal funding and local labor, a vast proportion communities in South Dakota erected public buildings and recreational facilities that promoted pride and local support during the economic crisis.

Within the context of the Multiple Property Listing, *Federal Relief Projects in South Dakota, 1929-1941*, this property is notable as an individual property type (Municipal Buildings) under the category of Government Buildings. The multiple property listing stipulates that, in addition to social history and economics, the Municipal Building is significant in the areas of politic/government, community planning/development, and architecture.

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Historical Background and Significance

Faith is located in the far northeastern corner of Meade County, in the rural environs of northwestern South Dakota. This rugged landscape has historically been less populated than the southeastern and eastern regions of the state, and is best suited for ranching and farming. Faith was established in 1910 with an area of 30 blocks and was the terminus for the Cheyenne Branch of the Milwaukee Railroad. Although it did benefit from this railroad connection, Faith never became a major trade center or seat of political activity.

The town's history and development follows an established model rooted in the settlement patterns and economic trends that affected the entire state. Since Faith was established somewhat later than many of the towns in eastern South Dakota, it did not really benefit from the Great Dakota Boom of the 1880s, or the depression during the early 1890s. Instead, Faith slowly grew as more settlers sought land for ranching and as the railroads provided the necessary transportation of goods to these far reaches of the state.

With an agriculture-based economy that relied on good weather conditions for raising crops and livestock, Faith suffered not only from the effects of the stock market crash in 1929, but more greatly from the severe drought, dust storms, and grasshopper infestations that occurred during the 1930s. Fortunately, many of the farmers and ranchers in the area were able to participate in

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federal relief projects that provided them with not only money but employment. A considerable amount of activity, including various roadwork and remodeling projects as well as the construction of the new municipal building helped sustain Faith and surrounding communities.

Several newspaper articles dating from 1938 through 1941 testify to the W.P.A. and P.W.A. activity that includes a \$100,000 filtration project (WPA), the remodeling of the school and plant (PWA), remodeling of the Anderson lumber yards and Sheep Exhibition Rooms (WPA), construction of a sewage disposal plant, reservoir, and road improvements, with a total expenditure of over \$58,000 between 1934 and 1940.

The Municipal Building was built from late 1940 to early 1941 and was one of the last federal relief projects in the area. Architect Ursa Louis Freed of Aberdeen, South Dakota prepared the architectural plans for the building and submitted them in late 1939 for W.P.A. approval. In early 1940, the city of Faith agreed to contribute \$11,000 toward the total budget of \$43,000 for the new building, and the remaining balance was met by the federal government.

Prior to the initiation of federal relief programs, large-scale community improvements were considerably less frequent. Federal funds, however, allowed small towns to construct facilities that

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SIGNIFICANCE, Cont'd.

did not exist previously, despite the potential or actual need. The Municipal Building represents that effort to provide local government and civic facilities that were not available. As was common in this type of property, the Municipal Building provided space for multiple agencies. It is also notable that this particular building is a rather rare example of a civic facility that originally incorporated a liquor store into its design.

The property has local and statewide significance not only for its connection with federal relief programs but also for its local importance as one of the most prominent buildings in town, and one that enhanced the community by expanding municipal functions and programs through the new city hall, police department, civic offices, and meeting rooms.

As an intact historical resource, the municipal building is also architecturally significant because it embodies distinctive features associated with the Art Deco style, and it is representative of the type of construction frequently utilized by the W.P.A. The reinforced concrete building is both utilitarian and well-designed, and all the features associated with its period of construction are intact. This property is also notable as an extant example of the architectural skills of Aberdeen architect U.L. Freed.

In sum, the Municipal Building in Faith, South Dakota, meets all the general registration requirements stipulated in the associated Multiple Property Document, *Federal Relief Construction in South Dakota, 1929-1941*, in that it was financed by the federal government under the auspices of the Works Progress Administration; it was substantially complete by 1941; it is locally significant; and it retains its historic integrity.

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X. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Verbal Boundary Description

The nominated property is located on Block 9, Lot 16 R in Sections 3 and 10 of Township 12, Range 17.

Verbal Boundary Justification

The nominated property includes the entire parcel historically associated with the Municipal Building in Faith, South Dakota.

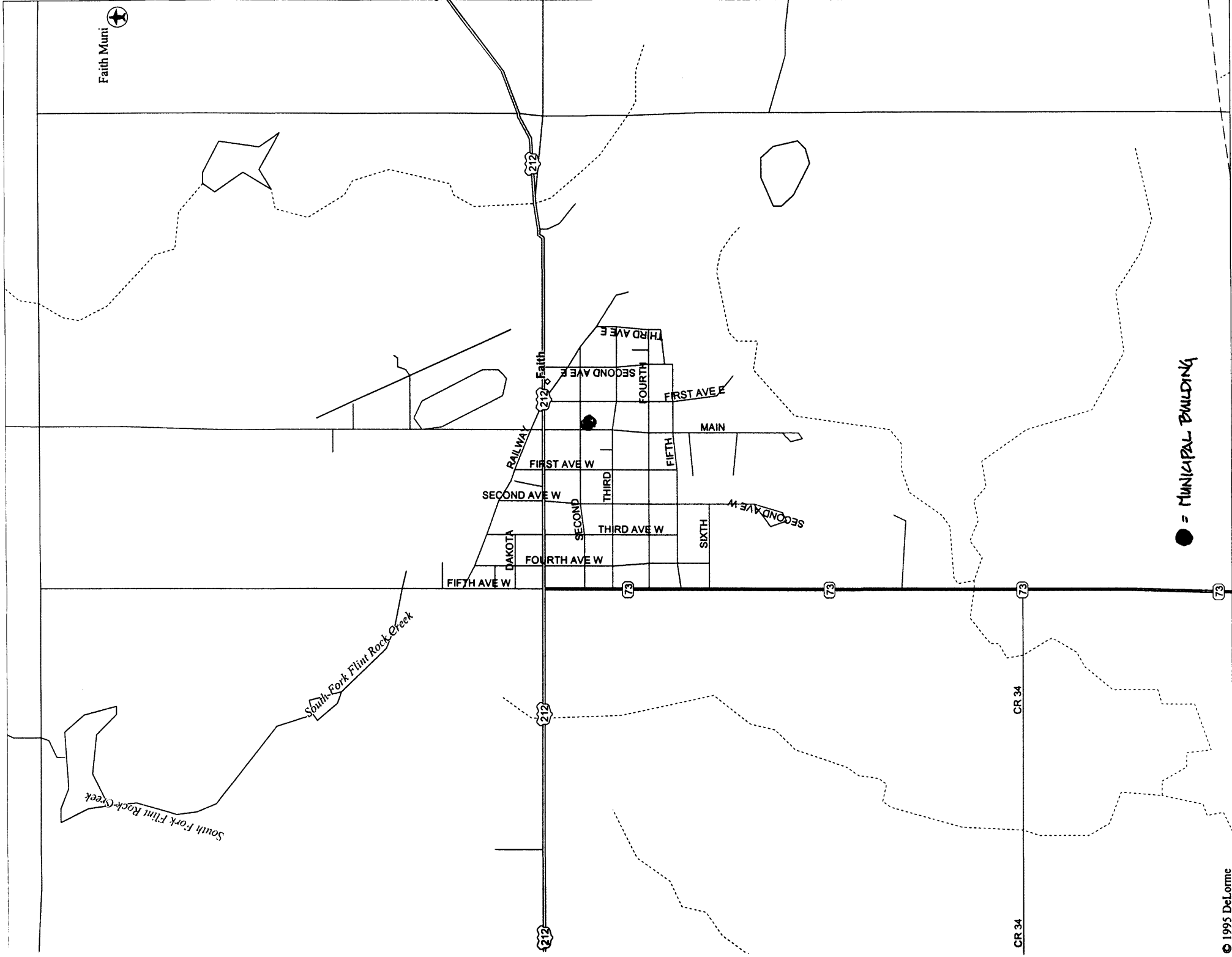
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September 1999
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Faith, South Dakota

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North Elevation

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Corner View and Facade

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