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# DATA SHEET

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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  ~~\_\_\_~~  
Stockgrowers Bank Building  
AND/OR COMMON

### 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Corner of Deadwood and Main  
CITY, TOWN Fort Pierre  
STATE South Dakota  
VICINITY OF  
CODE 046  
COUNTY Stanley  
CODE 117  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT No. 2  
NOT FOR PUBLICATION

### 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: residentialia

### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Terry Barge  
STREET & NUMBER 90 East Main Avenue  
CITY, TOWN Fort Pierre  
STATE South Dakota  
VICINITY OF

### 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Register of Deeds, Stanley County  
STREET & NUMBER Stanley County Courthouse  
CITY, TOWN Fort Pierre  
STATE South Dakota

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE South Dakota Historic Sites Survey  
DATE January 1977  
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Historical Preservation Center  
CITY, TOWN Vermillion  
STATE South Dakota  
FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

# 7 DESCRIPTION

## CONDITION

EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR

DETERIORATED  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Stockgrowers' Bank was constructed in 1903. Architecturally, it is basically Romanesque Revival in design as evidenced by the generally massive appearance of the building, the use of both arched and flat-topped windows, the corner tower with its polygonal roof, the columned entrance and the use of both brick and stone construction materials.

The two story structure rests upon a cut sandstone foundation and uses buff colored brick for its facing. Darker brick is used as a decorative element. The building's most outstanding feature is the polygonal corner tower. Important details of the structure include the outstanding decorative brickwork on both the Main Street and Deadwood Street facades, the interlocking corners of the tower, the arched windows with their brick keystones and the stamped or cast ornamental festons around the base of the tower's roof. Originally, cast iron cresting was used to fill the gaps between the tower and the brick parapets on both facades of the building. This cresting appears in the early photo of the bank that accompanies this form.

The entrances to the building were altered and moved during a remodeling that occurred in the late 1920's. This alteration gave the building a more classical flavor.

The window's surrounds have round arches, flat arches or just flat topped while lugsills appear on the first level. The second story's sills continue across the building as a string course. Some of the top portions of the windows have been painted, but all remain double hung. The main door was round headed but is now flat with two Doric columns.

# 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input 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      1903; altered 1920's      BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Stockgrowers' Bank is significant as the single example of Romanesque Revival architecture in Fort Pierre. (While not outstanding by any national standard, it represents an interesting and well-executed adaptation of the style to the needs of a frontier community.) It is probably the most important commercial structure erected in Fort Pierre during the twentieth century. From an urban design point of view, the Stockgrowers' Bank is the most impressive landmark in the city. It completely dominates the center of town as it stands at the corner of Deadwood and Main.

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*LEBOVICH*  
*10/5/77*

Historically, the Stockgrowers' Bank symbolizes the commercial development of Fort Pierre during the early twentieth century as the business center for much of western South Dakota's cattle-raising activity. However, the location on which the bank is situated is perhaps the site of the first bank in western South Dakota.

In 1890, by Presidential Proclamation, the Indian Territory known as the Great Sioux Reserve was opened for settlement. Within days of this event Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Millett crossed the river at Pierre and settled in what is now Fort Pierre. Milletts, having established squatter's rights for their residence on April 26, 1890, officially incorporated a banking enterprise at the corner of Deadwood and Main - site of the subject building. The names of those who were investors and the first customers of that bank are gone, but the names of officers exist and are names synonymous with the development of western South Dakota. They include: Charles S. Millet, President; Reverend Thomas L. Riggs, Vice President; A.J. Banker, Director; Frank Fischer, Director; and Anton Fischer, Director.

In 1903 Charles Millett, in association with Gaylord E. Sumner and James (Scotty) Philip, built the subject building and began the Stockgrowers' Bank and a chain of associated banks in Midland, Philip, Kadoka, Cottonwood and Milesville.

Upon its completion in 1903 the Stockgrowers' Bank became the most prestigious office and commercial structure in the city. Besides the bank itself, other tenants included the Lynch Barber Shop, the Phillips, Young & McPherson Land Office, the first telephone exchange in Fort Pierre, Binder & Borst Hardware Store, Hargesheimer Drug Store, the Webb-Lambert Attorney's Office, and the offices of Doctors Lavery, Walsh and Morrissey.

Other locally prominent names associated with the Stockgrowers' Bank building are Anton and Frank Fischer, originators of what was the oldest general store under continuous management in central South Dakota; Gaylord Sumner, owner of the first lumber yard in Fort Pierre; Reverend Thomas L. Riggs, son of Reverend Stephen Return Riggs, founder of Oahe Mission; and finally, no introduction is needed for James (Scotty) Philip.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Robinson, James, WEST FROM FORT PIERRE, Los Angeles, Westernlore Press, 1974.

PRAIRIE PROGRESS IN WEST CENTRAL SOUTH DAKOTA, Historical Society of Stanley County, 1968.

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than 1 acre

UTM REFERENCES None Available

A	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C			

B	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Latitude  $44^{\circ} 21' 19''$   
Longitude  $100^{\circ} 22' 13''$

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

Lawrence J. Sommer, Assoc. AIP

ORGANIZATION

Planning & Historic Preservation Consultant/Ft. Pierre CD Department /1977

STREET & NUMBER

407 A Alworth Building

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Duluth

STATE

Minnesota

# 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

*Acting*  
TITLE Director/Historical Preservation Center

DATE

*Sept 21/77*

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

DATE

*11/11/77*

ATTEST:

*Charles [Signature]*

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

*11-8-77*

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The role of the bank is described by James Robinson:

Many a hopeful rancher made deals to buy cattle on credit and later had his loan heartlessly foreclosed and the cattle shipped to Sioux Falls to satisfy his debt. Few cattlement, or banks, survived the periodic depressions and natural calamities to become rich and stay rich.

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1. James Robinson, WEST FROM FORT PIERRE, p. 321.