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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**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

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Ipswich State Bank  
AND/OR COMMON

**LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

1st Avenue & Main Street

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Ipswich

VICINITY OF

2nd

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

South Dakota

046

Edmunds

045

**CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

**OWNERSHIP**

**STATUS**

**PRESENT USE**

\_\_DISTRICT

\_\_PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

\_\_AGRICULTURE

\_\_MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

\_\_UNOCCUPIED

COMMERCIAL

\_\_PARK

\_\_STRUCTURE

\_\_BOTH

\_\_WORK IN PROGRESS

\_\_EDUCATIONAL

\_\_PRIVATE RESIDENCE

\_\_SITE

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

**ACCESSIBLE**

\_\_ENTERTAINMENT

\_\_RELIGIOUS

\_\_OBJECT

\_\_IN PROCESS

YES: RESTRICTED

\_\_GOVERNMENT

\_\_SCIENTIFIC

\_\_BEING CONSIDERED

\_\_YES: UNRESTRICTED

\_\_INDUSTRIAL

\_\_TRANSPORTATION

\_\_NO

\_\_MILITARY

\_\_OTHER:

**OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Ipswich State Bank

STREET & NUMBER

2nd Avenue

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Ipswich

VICINITY OF

South Dakota

**LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Edmunds County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

2nd Avenue

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Ipswich

South Dakota

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

South Dakota Historic Sites Survey

DATE

summer 1976

\_\_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 type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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

The Ipswich State Bank building is a two-story commercial structure erected in 1905. It is built of square-cut prairie granite and sandstone, and the design is principally Neo-Classic Revival. From that style it takes its dentilled cornice, its pedimented portico with its Tuscan columns. From the Baroque style it takes its quoins and arched window. It also has an "oeil de Boeuf" window on the front facade.

The west or front facade has as its most prominent features the pedimented portico with polished marble Tuscan columns, and arched window on the first floor. On the architrave of the portico reads "Bank of Ipswich". On the second floor the "oeil de Boeuf" window and a large rectangular window are the main features.

The windows throughout the building have simple sandstone lintels. Their sash work has been modernized, but their shape has not been altered. Originally a large clock reading "Bank of Ipswich" projected perpendicularly to the front facade. It was removed before 1958.

The south facade has four double sashed windows on the first floor and four on the second floor. These were originally 12 over 2, but have since been altered. The south facade also has a doorway near the rear of the building leading to the rooms on the second floor.

The north facade has a single window on the second floor. A newer brick addition sits on the north side and is not part of the original building.

The building has a low hipped roof, with a single chimney, and originally had an elaborate starburst balustrade. It was removed before 1958. The dentilled cornice is made of metal.

The interior has been modernized. The upper floor has offices and living quarters, as in the original plan.

# 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 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      1900

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Ipswich State Bank building is significant for two reasons. Its principle significance is architectural, in its use of native materials and as the best example of a neo-classic revival commercial building in Ipswich, South Dakota. It also has been the center of many of the most important financial transactions of the area, and as the home of Marcus P. Beebe's land offices, it was significant in the development of the area.

The building was built in 1905 and the original blueprints and specifications (in the owner's possession) call for the "stone work to equal that of the Carnegie Library in Pierre" and for the building to be finished and ready for occupancy by January 1, 1906. The Keith Company of Minneapolis were the architects and the building is from design number 11140, according to the blueprints. M.P. Beebe is listed as builder.

Marcus Plin Beebe came to Edmunds County in 1883, the year of its organization. He acquired large land holdings and found the Beebe Bank, later the Bank of Ipswich. The Bank of Ipswich and the First State Bank of Ipswich closed during the "Bank Holiday" of the 1930's, and was reorganized by Ipswich residents in 1938, as the Ipswich State Bank.

The building also held the Beebe land offices. A photograph taken during World War I shows a sign reading "The Beebe Company Farm Lands & Ranches". It was attached to the starburst balustrade at the top of the building, both now removed. These offices served as the scene of many land transactions important to the development of the region. This excerpt from the town's history recounts part of that development.

The land boom which started in 1900 and lasted until 1910 was not a rushing boom, but just a good healthy interest in the sale of land. Many people came from Iowa in 1902 and the prospects of a very good crop gave settlers a keen interest in land sale.

The summer of 1909 was one of the boom periods and landseekers came flocking in on the trains. J.W. Parmley escorted 34 men with eight teams and several autos out to see the land which was for sale. Mr. J.W. Parmley, Mr. Arnold and Mr. M.P. Beebe from the Bank of Ipswich were instrumental in bringing in many new settlers. Ten dollars per acre was considered a very good price for the land.

The land boom quieted down in 1910 and 1911 when the dry years started.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Earle T. Crissman, Editor, Ipswich "Home of the Yellowstone Trail" 1883-1958 75th Anniversary Book, (Sponsored by the Ipswich Commercial Club and produced by the Brown Lithographing Company of Valley City, North Dakota) 1958, p.23.

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Oral History. Conversations with Beth Crissman, Fall, 1975.

Oral History. Correspondence with Tom Holdhusen, Winter, 1976.

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than 1

UTM REFERENCES None Available

A								
	ZONE	EASTING		NORTHING				

B								
	ZONE	EASTING		NORTHING				

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Latitude  $45^{\circ} 26' 17'' 12$   
 Longitude  $99^{\circ} 38' 30''$

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Scott Gerloff, Survey Coordinator

ORGANIZATION

Historical Preservation Center

STREET & NUMBER

USD Alumni House

CITY OR TOWN

Vermillion

DATE

September 1976

TELEPHONE

(605) 677-5314

STATE

South Dakota

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

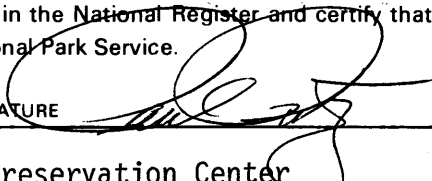
NATIONAL

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 National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE



DATE

10/19/77

TITLE

Director/Historical Preservation Center

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST: *Bartholomew Cole*

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE *5/22/78*  
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE *5-5-78*

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Through his ventures as banker and land developer, Beebe became a wealthy man, and he and his family are responsible for four of the most significant buildings in Ipswich. All are built of native granite. They are the Beebe home, the Ipswich State Bank building, the Ipswich Baptist Church and the M.P. Beebe Memorial Library. He was actively involved in the affairs of his community until his death in 1914. He has left an indelible and valuable mark on Ipswich, South Dakota.