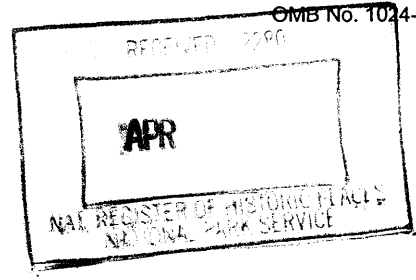


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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM**

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 "x" 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.

1. Name of Property

historic name Hilger Block
other names/site number Hengel Clothing Company

2. Location

street & number 361 S. Pierre not for publication
city or town Pierre Vicinity _____
state South Dakota Code SD county Hughes code 065 zip code 57501

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this 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 meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (___ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Jay D. Vogt 04-06-2006
Signature of certifying official Date

South Dakota SHPO
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

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the 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:) _____

Signature of the Keeper: Edson H. Beall
Date of Action: 5-31-06

5. Classification

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>	<u>0</u>	Buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	Sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	Structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	Objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register
Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.) N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Commerce/Trade Sub: Department Store

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Commerce/Trade Sub: Department Store

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Late Victorian: Italianate

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

Foundation Poured concrete

Roof Tar

Walls Brick

Other _____

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

See Continuation Sheets

8. Statement of Significance

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)

Commerce _____

Period of Significance

1883-1955 _____

Significant Dates 1883

Significant Person n/a

Cultural Affiliation n/a

Architect/Builder unknown

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

See Continuation Sheets

9. Major Bibliographical References

(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: n/a

Hilger Block
Name of Property

Hughes County, South Dakota
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Less than one

UTM References

(place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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	Zone	Easting	Northing
4	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

See continuation sheet

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

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Chris B. Nelson
organization SD State Historic Preservation Office date 26 December 2005
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city or town Pierre state SD zip code 57501

Additional Documentation

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)

Hilger Block
Name of Property

Hughes County, South Dakota
County and State

Property Owner

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

name Tom and Nancee
street & number 412 Verendrye Drive telephone 605-223-2080
city or town Fort Pierre state SD zip code 57532

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The Hilger Block Building is located in the downtown business district in Pierre, South Dakota. It is located at the northwest corner of the intersection of Dakota and South Pierre Streets. It is a two story brick building with a poured concrete foundation and a flat tar roof. The Hilger Block was constructed in 1883 in the Italianate Style.

The façade (east elevation) storefront has been altered from its historic configuration. The central recessed entry has been retained and is flanked by large windows with metal frames. Above the windows is a wood frame. The second story windows have been infilled with wood and smaller one-over-one windows. The windows have stone sills and segmented stone window hoods. Above the windows are corbelled bricks that lead to the cornice line. The cornice consists of brackets, dentils, and decorative moldings.

The south elevation has a display window at the southeast corner and a small garage door at the southwest corner on the first floor. The second floor has windows that have been infilled with wood and smaller one-over-one windows. The windows have stone sills and lintels. There is a flat plain parapet that runs the length of the elevation.

The west elevation shares a common wall with an adjoining building on the first floor. The second floor has a small covered entry that accesses the apartments upstairs.

The north elevation shares a common wall with an adjacent building.

The interior of the first floor is an open plan with commercial space occupying all except the very rear portion. The second story has been divided up into apartments.

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The Hilger Block is located in downtown Pierre, South Dakota, in the main business district. It is located at the northwest corner of the intersection of Dakota Street and South Pierre Street. It is eligible under Criterion A in the area of commerce as it was the first brick commercial building constructed in Pierre and has housed several retail businesses throughout the development of Pierre. It is significant for the role it played in local commerce and economic development in the Pierre area for operating as a commercial business from 1883 to the present.

J.D. Hilger built the Hilger Block in 1883 and operated a clothing store in the building. He partnered with Anthony Hengel at a later date to form Hilger and Hengel Clothing Company which operated on the first floor of the building.¹ The upstairs housed professional office and listed 12 tenants in the 1890 Pierre Directory.² Hengel later became sole owner and named the business the Tony Clothing Company. The upstairs of the Hilger Block continued to house tenants including Doctors S.B. Stegeman, Chas M. Hollister, M.N. Farr, and Attorney Zell Guthrie in 1911.³ Over the years the upstairs offices would house mainly doctors, attorneys, and insurance agency representatives.

Settlement around the Pierre area took place in the late 1870s as prospectors were heading west during the gold rush in the Black Hills. The Yankton to Fort Pierre Stage terminated on the east side of the Missouri River at what was then called "east Pierre" before ferrying people and materials across the river to Fort Pierre. The city of Pierre was formed in 1880 when the Chicago and Northwestern Railway conducted a sale of land from the Original Plat of Pierre.⁴ The Territorial Legislature granted Pierre a charter in 1883 and city officers were elected.⁵ Pierre became the capital of South Dakota in 1890.

As the terminus for the railroad, Pierre grew quickly as people and supplies pushed west. The settlement of Pierre also coincided with the Great Dakota Boom of 1878-1887, an era of intense settlement in Dakota Territory that occurred during a period of good weather, proliferation of the

¹ Harold Schuler. *A Bridge Apart: History of Early Pierre and Fort Pierre*. (Sioux Falls: SD, State Publishing Co., 1987), 100.

² Ibid, 102.

³ Harold Schuler. *Pierre Since 1910*. (Freeman: SD, Pine Hill Press, 1989), 225.

⁴ Harold Schuler. *A Bridge Apart: History of Early Pierre and Fort Pierre*. (Sioux Falls: SD, State Publishing Co., 1987), 76.

⁵ Ibid, 76.

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railroad, and the rush for precious metals in the Black Hills. With its railroad terminus status, Pierre developed as the economic and population center of south central Dakota Territory. South Dakota was granted statehood in 1889 and Pierre was chosen as the capital the following year. The designation as the capital and the terminus of the railroad insured that Pierre would continue to grow into the largest town in central South Dakota.

The Hilger Block was the first commercial brick building built in Pierre.⁶ It was considered one of the most desirable business buildings in town because of its central location in the business district. It was also located in west Pierre, which was competing at the time for predominance with the businessmen of east Pierre. West Pierre eventually prevailed as the central business district making the Hilger Block one the most valued pieces of real-estate in town.

The construction of large commercial brick buildings in the downtown business district of community suggested a sense of economic vitality, security, and permanence. The Hilger Block did just this helping to solidify the business district in 1883. A year later, ten more brick business replaced wood structures on Pierre Street strengthening the town's economic prominence in the region.

The Italianate Style was popular in South Dakota from about 1870 to 1900. Characteristics of the Italianate Style found on the Hilger Block include long narrow window openings, elaborate window hoods, and a decorative cornice with brackets. Although the storefront and second floor windows have been altered, the retention of the stone sills, lintels, window hoods, and cornice allow the building to convey its historic sense of feeling and association that it achieved during the period of significance.

The Hilger Block is what Richard Longstreth labeled the two-part commercial block. Two-part commercial blocks generally have two to four stories separated by a distinct horizontal division into two zones.⁷ The lower zone at the street level served as a public space, frequently as retail or commercial space; the upper zone generally housed more private space such as offices and meeting rooms.⁸ The two-part commercial block was prevalent in small cities and towns nationwide from the 1850s through the 1950s.

⁶ Ibid, 100.

⁷ Richard Longstreth. *The Buildings of Main Street: A Guide to American Commercial Architecture*. (Walnut Creek: CA, AltaMira Press, 2000), 24.

⁸ Ibid, 24.

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Although the Hilger Block has been altered over the years, it still retains a high degree of integrity of location, setting, feeling, and association. It has been constantly occupied as retail space for over 120 years in Pierre and continues to represent the development and proliferation of commerce in the main business district. The Hilger Block is eligible under Criterion A for the role it played in the economic development of Pierre and for being the first brick commercial building in town. Its location downtown in the commercial district has made it one of the most distinct businesses in Pierre.

Hilger Block
Name of Property

Hughes County, South Dakota
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Verbal Boundary Description

Original Plat Block 7 Lot 16 Less N 6" of E 121' Lot 16 & N 1' of E 121' Lot 17

Boundary Justification

The boundary includes the area historically associated with the Hilger Block.