United States Department of the Interior Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form



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Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

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Description

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The Farmers State Bank is a two-story, rectangular-shaped frame structure sheathed on three walls with brick and faced with a Renaissance Revival style facade.

Situated on Main Street, the bank has an elegant, two-bay front. While the side facades are unarticulated, the rear has four bays and a small, one-story frame addition. A chimney is located on the southwest corner. The two stories are demarcated on the stone facade. The lower has the appearance of rusticated stone. A pedimented arch surmounts the side-passage door and smooth polished granite is employed in the half-columns. The second story is divided into three window bays contained within a quoin-edged panel. Renaissance Revival details are used throughout this bold, three-dimensional design, including swags, a cartouche, modillion blocks, and a watertable-like half-story foundation. In. c. 1950s, glass blocks were used to fill in the arched opening and to create a new door surround. The remaining exterior remains intact.

8. Significance

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Specific dates	1909	Builder/Architect	Bill Boland, builder	

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Significant in the areas of architecture and commerce, the Farmers State Bank was built in 1909. The bank has a long history in Platte and the building is a highly unusual example of Renaissance Revival architecture in South Dakota.

The Farmers State Bank was operating around the turn-of-the century in Platte. In 1902, the bank purchased a lot and seven years later erected this building. That same year, Farmers State Bank joined the South Dakota Bankers Association and was one of the two listed banks in Platte. By 1916, the bank had grown large enough to join the American Bankers Association. A 1919 South Dakota banker's publication gives the following data concerning it: "Farmers State Bank, PC \$50,000, Surp \$1000, UP \$7200, F. C. Smith, Pres, F. R. Smith, VP, W. F. Smith, Cas, Corr, First National, Chicago and Livestock National, Sioux City." In 1933, the economic hardships and financial situation of the depression forced the bank into liquidation. A year later the bank reopened with new ownership under the name The Farmers and Merchants Bank. The bank operated under that name continuously until 1973, when it merged with the First National Bank of South Dakota.

The Renaissance Revival style was used in commercial and governmental buildings in the 1905-1930 era. Few examples are as complete or lush and three-dimensional as this bank. This is the most small-scaled of these buildings and one of the most elegant.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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