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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Brookings County Courthouse is representative of the courthouses built around the turn of the century for two reasons: (1) it incorporated a Renaissance Revival design, and (2) its location is the result of a county seat dispute involving several small towns.

The Renaissance Revival was a popular style in this area for public buildings during the 1890's and early 1900's. Like the Brookings County Courthouse, many were constructed of limestone.

Brookings received the county seat designation permanently after an election on November 4, 1879, when it received over twothirds of the votes cast. Other contenders were Volga and Aurora. In 1912, a new courthouse was erected in Brookings by the J.B. Nelsen Construction Company and designed by architects C.E. Bell, Tyrie, and Chapman. From 1912 to the present the building has housed county offices.

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The Renaissance Revival style Brookings County Courthouse is three stories tall and made of limestone. A large cupola is centered on top of the building, which is three bays wide and five bays long. First floor windows are rectangular with three arched radiating voussoirs. Windows on the second floor are also rectangular, but they are topped with transoms. Third floor openings appear in sets of three encased in an arch. A single set of large triple windows are fixed in the middle bay of the rear (east) facade between the top of the third floor and the top of the second floor windows.

The middle bay on the front (west) facade features the ground floor entrance, fluted Ionic pilasters running the heighth of the second and third floors, and a triangular attic above the top floor. Each of these features is decorated with cut stone. Cut stone modillions encircle the courthouse beneath the cornice.

Modern glass doors have been installed in the front and back entrances. No other modernizations detract from the building's appearance.

The courthouse rests in the middle of a square block. It shares the property with a jail and sheriff's residence currently under construction. The courthouse is in good condition and continues to dominate the block.

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