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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

Deuel County Courthouse and Jail

AND/OR COMMON

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

S D 0 2

CITY, TOWN

Clear Lake

VICINITY OF

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

No. 1

STATE

South Dakota

CODE 046

COUNTY Deuel

CODE 039

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Deuel County

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Clear Lake

VICINITY OF

STATE

South Dakota

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Deuel County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Clear Lake

STATE

South Dakota

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

South Dakota Historic Sites Survey

DATE

July 1974

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

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

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REPAIRS

The Deuel County Courthouse in Clear Lake, South Dakota is a three story Renaissance Revival style building, constructed in 1916. Built of Bedford limestone at a cost of \$75,000, the courthouse is three days long and three bays wide. The front (north) entrance has limestone steps leading up to the double leaf metal sheathed doors, which have single panels of glass. Sidelights and a transom accompany the doors. The entrance has two Doric columns supporting a denticulated cornice with carved limestone brackets. A small limestone balustrade, featuring a cartouche, rests atop the entrance. Two fluted Corinthian pilasters surround a large picture window with sidelights and a transom on each of the two upper stories. Carved limestone ornamentation appears to either side of the pilasters and to either side of a cartouche in the attic. Modillions encircle the entire building.

Rectangular double sash windows are set in wood casings and have keystones. The rear (south) entrance has double doors with a plate glass window and sidelights above it on the second floor. The third story has an arched window. A low pitch roof covers the courthouse, and a large red brick circular chimney looms atop the building. Limestone quoins decorate the corners.

The interior of the building features a central dome that is not readily visible from the street. No additions and no major remodeling projects have altered the building's appearance. The courthouse is in good condition, but the wood casings need to be replaced.

The Deuel County Jail, constructed in 1899, is a two story brick building with a medium pitch hip roof. Asphalt shingles cover the roof. The cutstone foundation is badly in need of tuck pointing. A flat-roofed two story addition is attached to the west wall of the house, which was built according to no particular style. Windows are rectangular and double hung. Decorations include a dentil course of lap brick and a one story engaged hip roofed porch with Victorian trim. A one story bay window decorates the south wall of the original section of the house. The jail is in fair condition and needs some repair work.

# 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES      1916

BUILDER/ARCHITECT      Buechner and Orth

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The present Deuel County Courthouse, designed by architects Buechner and Orth and built by the A.M. Wold Construction Company, is a handsome Renaissance Revival style building unspoiled by alterations and additions. Its Renaissance Revival facade is a good example of a style of architecture frequently seen on public buildings constructed in the early days of South Dakota. On the interior, as well as the exterior, it remains much as it was when constructed. The Bedford limestone building material also is frequently seen on public buildings in this area.

Although not the first Deuel County Courthouse, this building has been the seat of county government since 1916. It "... is a far cry from the first courthouse that figured in a prolonged and bitter county seat war, settled finally in 1890. Gary...and Clear Lake were the principals in the contest. Clear Lake was situated in the approximate center of the county; but Gary was the older town, and in addition, had been presented with a new courthouse by the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad. When the battle ended, Clear Lake had won, and Gary's new courthouse slowly began to fall into a state of desuetude."

One of sixty-seven county courthouses of widely divergent styles and ages in the state, the Deuel County Courthouse is representative of the Renaissance Revival style popular on the prairie around the turn of the century.

The Deuel County Jail is one of a vanishing breed of county jails also serving as the sheriff's residence and located adjacent to the county courthouse. Unless an acceptable adaptive use can be found for it, the jail will probably be destroyed in the near future.

<sup>1</sup>A South Dakota Guide (Pierre: State Publishing Company, 1938), p. 360.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

A South Dakota Guide. Pierre: State Publishing Company, 1938.

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY An acre

latitude 44°45'17"  
 longitude 96°58'25"

UTM REFERENCES

41

A	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

B	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Edith French

ORGANIZATION

Historical Preservation Center

DATE

March 1975

STREET & NUMBER

USD-Alumni House

TELEPHONE

605-677-5315

CITY OR TOWN

Vermillion

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.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

TITLE

Cust Pres Director SHPO

DATE

3-4-1976

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

DATE

6/16/76

Acting DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

Charles [Signature]

DATE

6-15-76

Acting KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER