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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 \* \*

First National Bank of Milbank

AND/OR COMMON

Grant County Review Building

## LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

225 S. Main

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Milbank

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1st

STATE

South Dakota

VICINITY OF

CODE  
46

COUNTY  
Grant

CODE  
051

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

## OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mrs. Clarence Justice

STREET & NUMBER

802 S. 4th

CITY, TOWN

Milbank

VICINITY OF

STATE  
South Dakota

## LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Grant County Court House - Register of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Milbank

STATE  
South Dakota

## 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

South Dakota Historic Sites Survey

DATE

September 1976

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Historical Preservation Center

CITY, TOWN

Vermillion

STATE  
South Dakota

# 7 DESCRIPTION

## CONDITION

EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR

DETERIORATED  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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

The First National Bank of Milbank is a two story, reddish brick faced structure built around 1900. It utilizes Victorian decoration, especially on the limestone cornice which has small brackets, medallion ornaments, finials, several varieties of moulding and a highly ornate pediment. The building has had few changes on the exterior except for a one story small rear addition.

The front or west facade has a symmetrical appearance with each opening on the first level having a corresponding one on the second. Two doors appear on the first story, the one offset to the left leads to the second floor and it has a transom. The other door is offset to the right and is in an alcove with a rectangular support. It has one panel, a transom, and three quarters glass. Between these two entries is a mullion divided display window with transoms.

Four windows appear on the second story of the front facade and are all separated, except the central two, by a narrow mullion device. The lintels are limestone and decorated while lugsills appear for the bottom surrounds.

The south facade is four bays long and asymmetrical in appearance. A 1900 store front is located at the rear corner with a side entrance and two large mullion divided windows with transom. Windows on both floors have decorated label surrounds of limestone. Other elements on the side wall are pilasters, brick corbeling and lugsills.

This corner building uses the color combinations of red brick and cream colored limestone to highlight its decorative elements. Along with this is its almost pristine period of appearance which gives the viewer a good idea what a small town, early twentieth century building looked like.

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

SPECIFIC DATES      1900 ca.

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The First National Bank of Milbank building, constructed in 1900, is significant architecturally as one of the more ornate and well preserved commercial buildings in the state. It also has local importance for housing a local bank and later a newspaper. For these reasons the building should be placed on the Register.

In 1903 the First National Bank opened, replacing two other financial institutions that closed the year before. Gottlieb Stengle was president of the Board of Directors. A period of bank closing occurred during the 1920's because of post war deflation and declining farm income and property values. The results were that 175 banks were forced to close by 1926 which First National did in that year.

The next occupant was the Grant County Review, a local newspaper begun by Henry S. Volkmar in 1880. He had come from Owatonna, Minnesota first to Big Stone City and then to Milbank when he was sure where the railroad was going to locate. Volkmar operated the paper until 1909 when William S. Doan took over. The Review is now owned by his daughter Mrs. Clarence Justice.

Milbank is the only town that operates two major newspapers that serve the same general area. Also the Review and the Grant County Herald Advance are divided along political lines the former being Democate and the latter Republican. This is a throw back to an era when this was a typical situation in most cities but the lack of market eventually closed one down.

Over the years the building has maintained its combination of Classical and High Victorian Gothic design. Most commercial buildings have lost that original integrity of design but this structure remains an excellant example of an early twentieth century building.

