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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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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

Yankton Carnegie Library

AND/OR COMMON

Lewis and Clark Mental Health Center

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

N.W. Corner of Fourth and Capitol Streets

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Yankton

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

No. 1

STATE

South Dakota

CODE

045

COUNTY

Yankton

CODE

135

3 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:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

North Star Investment Company (Charles W. Petersen, agent)

STREET & NUMBER

P.O. Box 220 801 East 15th Street

CITY, TOWN

Yankton

VICINITY OF

STATE

South Dakota

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Yankton County Courthouse, Register of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER

3rd Street and Broadway

CITY, TOWN

Yankton

STATE

South Dakota

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

South Dakota Historic Sites Survey

DATE

November 1977

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		

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Yankton Carnegie Library is a one story Neo-Classical building. It is faced with brownish-colored brick in stretcher bond pattern with a high basement foundation of rock faced coursed ashlar.

The front facade of the rectangular structure features a projecting classical colossal portico of wood with Ionic columns supporting a pediment. This pediment's tympanum has a rectangular louver within the lunette. The central entrance displays double doors with transoms flanked by two rectangular double hung windows with leaded glass transoms, and distinctive stone lentils, heads, and sills. There are two similar rectangular windows to each side of the portico.

The roof is a slightly pitched gable, pedimented on each side, with single stack chimneys on either end. Modillions appear on the cornices below the eaves, and under the raking cornices in the pediments.

The structure is symmetrical in design and regular in plan. Its corner location and numerous trees accentuate the building's attractive appearance.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1902-1903

BUILDER/ARCHITECT August Goetz

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

In 1902 construction began on a Carnegie Free Library in Yankton at the corner of Fourth and Capitol streets. The new building was further expression of the interest the town had traditionally taken in providing a library for its citizens. This interest was demonstrated early in its history when in 1858, Yankton, then the capitol of the Dakota Territory, established a territorial library.

The 1903 building was made possible through the philanthropy of Andrew Carnegie, a Scottish-American industrialist who was responsible for the establishment of over two thousand libraries all around the world, with over half of them in the United States. Carnegie summed up the importance of a library in this way: "I believe that it outranks any other one thing that a community can do to benefit its people. It is the never failing spring in the desert." Soon, libraries appeared in towns all across the country. In small town America they served as cultural centers and they inaugurated the continued development of the community. Because of their easily recognized architectural style they became known as the "Carnegie Classical" style. The building in Yankton is an example of this.

Before a grant would be given, the town had to provide a site (centrally located if possible) and pledge an annual appropriation for books and maintenance, amounting to ten percent of the grant. In 1902 Yankton received \$12,500 for the construction of a Carnegie library. The building was completed on October 8, 1903,

The library served the public from 1903 until February 10, 1973, when a modern one story library was dedicated. The Lewis and Clark Mental Health Center then leased the property. The Center adapted its clinical programs and services to the building with a minimum of alteration, preserving in almost every detail the characteristics of the library, its ornate oak millwork, leaded glass windows, tile floors and brick fireplace.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Yankton Dailay Press and Dakota-Gazette (Yankton, South Dakota), Oct. 9, 1903, p.2.  
 "Yankton Community Library Dedication Program", Yankton Community Library,  
 February 10, 1973.  
Yankton Daily Press and Dakotan (Yankton, South Dakota), June 13, 1961.  
 Yankton Carnegie Library. Unpublished manuscript.

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Less than 1 acre

QUADRANGLE NAME Gavins Point Dam

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION The nominated property comprises city lots 10, 11 and 12 of Block 4 in the original plat of the city. It is located on the northwest corner of 4th and Capitol Streets. See attached plat map.

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

STATE CODE COUNTY CODE

STATE CODE COUNTY CODE

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Kenneth B. Jones / Historical Preservation Center Staff June 3, 1978

ORGANIZATION

DATE

665-3665

TELEPHONE

STREET & NUMBER

1701 Pine Street

CITY OR TOWN

Yankton

STATE

South Dakota

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL     

STATE     

LOCAL X

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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

*John J. Little*

TITLE

SHPO/ South Dakota Historical Preservation Center Director

DATE

June 6, 1979

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

*Carol Shull*

DATE

8-7-79

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST: *William H. Brannan*

7-16-79

DATE

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

LINE BETWEEN E 1/4 & W 1/4 NW 1/4 SEC. 18 T. 93 N. R. 55 W. AVENUE DOUGLAS CAPITAL PINE MULBERRY PEARL PICOTTE

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