

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Vermillion Public ² Andrew Carnegie Library

and/or common Old Library

2. Location

street & number 12 Church Street NA not for publication

city, town Vermillion NA vicinity of

state South Dakota code 46 county Clay code 027

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>NA</u> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name City of Vermillion

street & number 25 Center

city, town Vermillion NA vicinity of state SD 57069

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Clay County Register of Deeds

street & number 211 W. Main

city, town Vermillion state SD

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Clay County Historic Sites Survey has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1982 federal state county local

depository for survey records Historical Preservation Center

city, town Vermillion state SD

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	very slightly	

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

A small structure located off the main business street, the Carnegie Library is situated at the historic governmental center of the city. One story in height, the structure is veneered with a light brown, speckled brick, and trimmed in Neo-Classical details.

The first floor is raised off street level with a half-story basement. This is articulated on the exterior with a rusticated stone story designed as a watertable. The plan is a very small Neo-Classical design. The central entrance bay projects in a portico beyond the front facade. However, the door is recessed and flanked by two stone columns. The main body of the building is approximately 22 by 60 feet and contains the lobby with check-out desk, and two flanking reading rooms. A rear, central ell contains the shelves and small, rectangular, units which contain an office and toilets, flank the stack room. A metal, octagonal dome contains a skylight which lights the lobby. On the exterior, the front facade is composed in three bays; the side bays containing two windows each. The side facades are two bays and the rear units one bay. On the rear the stack room is lighted by a large, three-part window.

Used presently as offices, the building has suffered few changes. The front door is a recent alteration.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1904 **Builder/Architect** Joseph Schwarz, Architect, Sioux Falls, SD

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Erected in 1904, the Vermillion Public - Andrew Carnegie Library is significant in the areas of architecture, education and local government. As the city's public library it represents the first efforts of government to provide public library facilities. In addition, the compact Neo-Classical design is an accomplished example of this style on a small scale.

The first efforts towards organizing a public library came in 1901 when a library association was formed. Prior to that time, library services were provided through private ventures such as the Chautauqua reading circle. A public campaign was initiated to raise money and in 1902 Andrew Carnegie was contacted concerning a donation. In February 1903, he gave \$10,000 with the understanding that the city would set aside \$1000 a year to maintain the library. On July 15, 1904, the library of books was installed in the new facility and for a salary of \$25 a month, Mary Gunderson was appointed the city librarian.

Nine libraries in South Dakota have been recorded as Carnegie - assisted projects. Built between 1902 and 1919, the libraries were designed by local or regional architects. Joseph Schwarz, one of the two early architects in the state, designed three of the structures. He employed native Sioux quartzite in Sioux Falls, but a warm, light brown brick for Vermillion. The pleasingly proportioned and skillful design is one of a handful of architectural landmarks in Vermillion. In 1976 when a new library was built immediately to the south, the structure was converted to use as a law office.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Herbert Schell, History of Clay County, South Dakota, Broadcasting Printers; Vermillion, SD, 1976: 184.
Recording of Proceedings, Vermillion City Council, 1903-4.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 1/2 acre

Quadrangle name Vermillion

Quadrangle scale 1:24 000

UTM References

A

1	14	6	6	19	3	11	15	4	17	3	18	1	11	10
Zone				Easting				Northing						

B

Zone				Easting				Northing						

C

Zone				Easting				Northing						

D

Zone				Easting				Northing						

E

Zone				Easting				Northing						

F

Zone				Easting				Northing						

G

Zone				Easting				Northing						

H

Zone				Easting				Northing						

Verbal boundary description and justification

The lot lines of the property form the boundary of the site, which is located in Lots 11 & 12, Block 26 of the original plat of Vermillion.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state NA code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Wally Doolittle technical editing: Carolyn Torma

organization Southeastern Council of Governments date 23 May 83

street & number 25 Center telephone 605-624-8066

city or town Vermillion state SD 57069

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.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature *M Fullin*

title Director, Office of Cultural Preservation date 7/12/83

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

for Melissa Byers
Keeper of the National Register

Entered in the
National Register

date 8/18/83

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

ok

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Vermillion-Andrew Carnegie Library
Clay County
SOUTH DAKOTA

Working No. JUL 21 1983
Fed. Reg. Date: 2-7-84
Date Due: 8/18/83 9/4/83
Action: ACCEPT 8/18/83
 RETURN
Entered in National Register REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____
Reviewer _____
Discipline _____
Date _____
_____ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: _____ technical corrections cited below
_____ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? yes no

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
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<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

8. Significance

Period _____ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates _____ Builder/Architect _____
Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*)

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- applicable criteria
- justification of areas checked
- relating significance to the resource
- context
- relationship of integrity to significance
- justification of exception
- other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____
Quadrangle name _____
UTM References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

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The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

____ national ____ state ____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature _____

title _____ date _____

13. Other

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____



Vermillion Public - Carnegie Library
Vermillion, South Dakota
Carolyn Torma
Historical Preservation Center
1983
Front, west facade
Photo 1



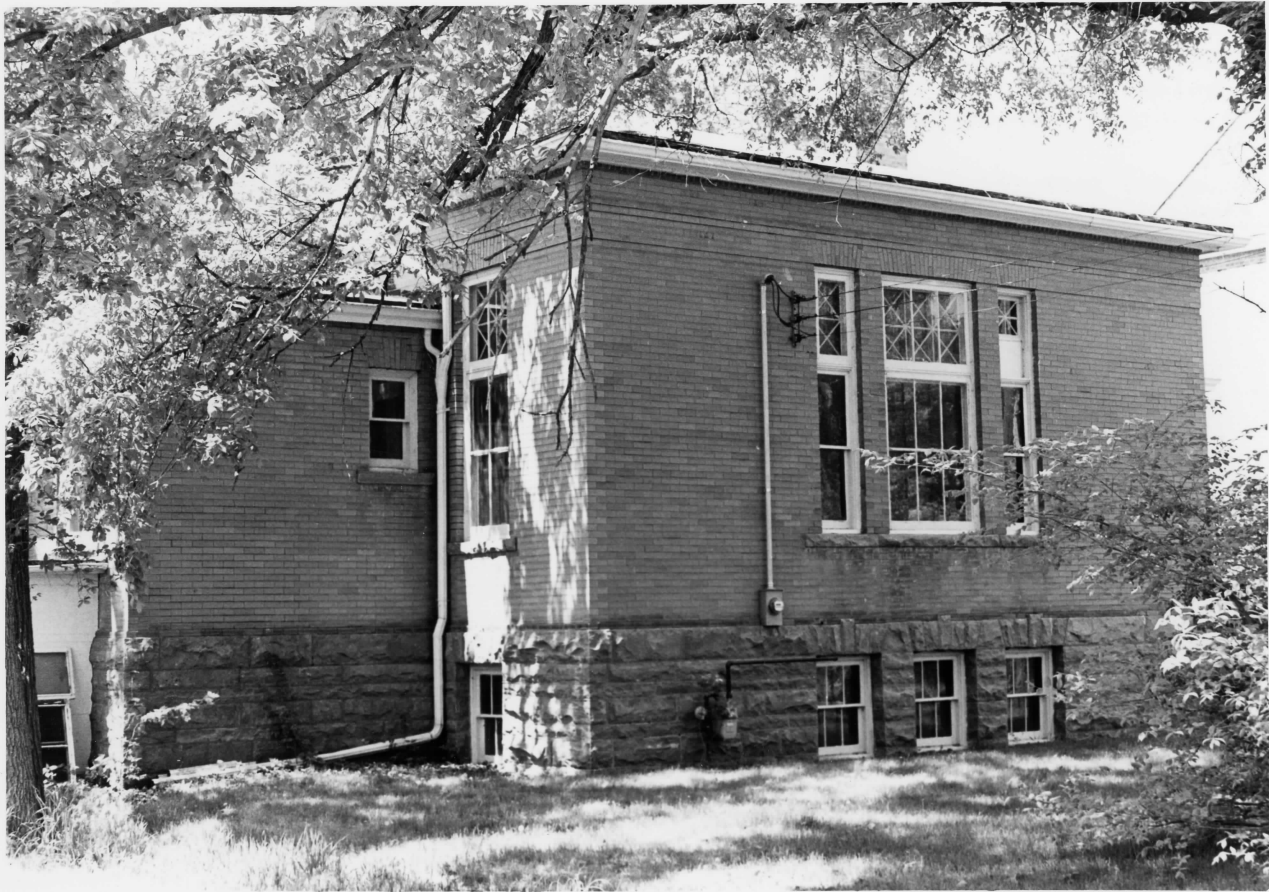
Vermillion Public - Carnegie Library
Vermillion, South Dakota
Carolyn Torma
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1983
Interior, desk
Photo 2



Vermillion Public - Carnegie Library
Vermillion, South Dakota
Carolyn Torma
Historical Preservation Center
1983
Interior, rear window
Photo 3



Vermillion Public - Carnegie Library
Vermillion, South Dakota
Carolyn Torma
Historical Preservation Center
1983
Rear, east facade
Photo 4



Vermillion Public - Carnegie Library

Vermillion, South Dakota

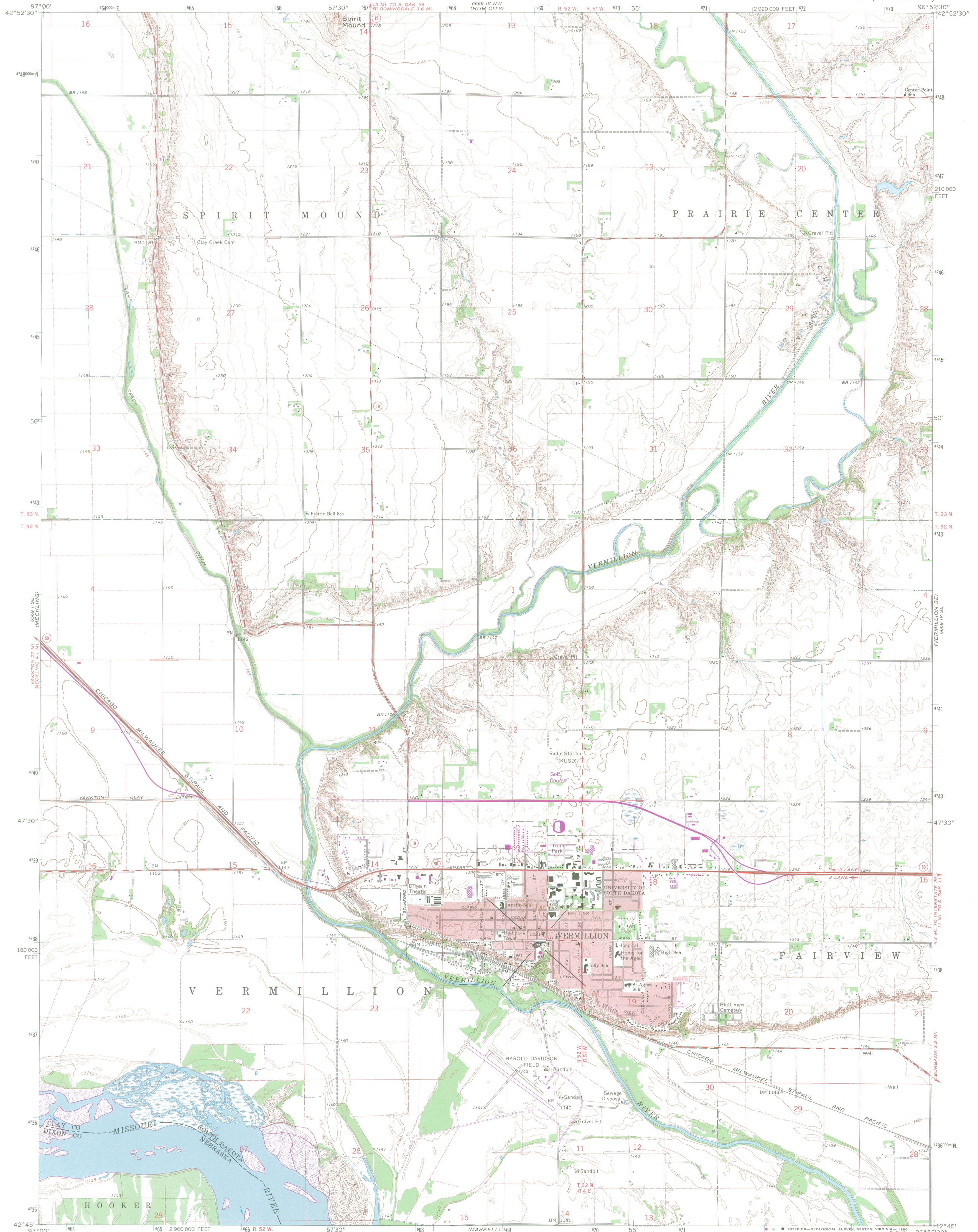
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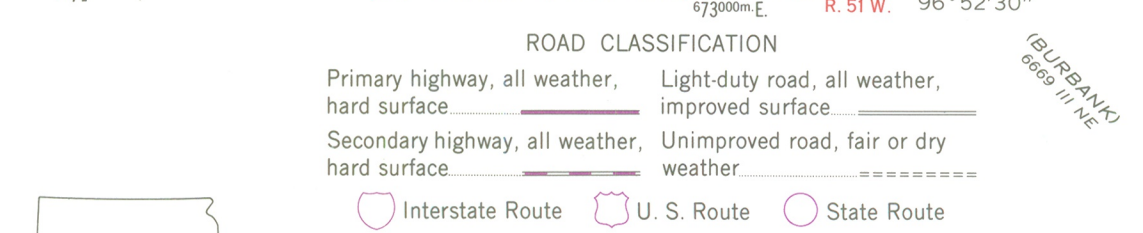
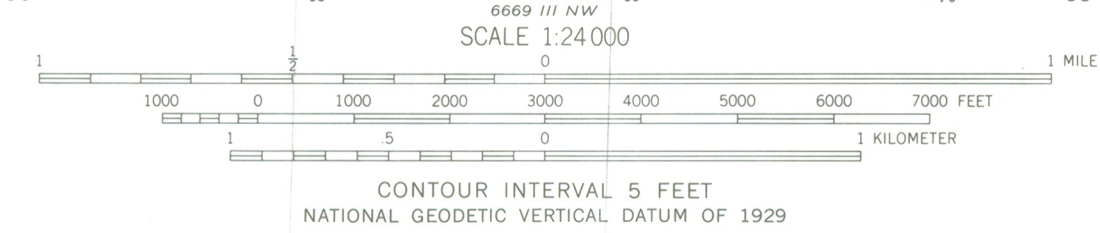
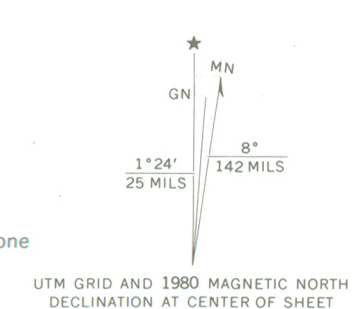
1983

Side and rear, east and south facades

Photo 5



Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey as part of the Department of the Interior program for the development of the Missouri River Basin
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Polyconic projection
10,000-foot grid based on South Dakota coordinate system, south zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 14, shown in blue. 1927 North American Datum
To place on the predicted North American Datum 1983 move the projection lines 6 meters north and 27 meters east as shown by dashed corner ticks
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked



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July 11, 1983

Ms. Carol Shull
Chief
National Register of Historic Places
National Park Service
Dpet. of Interior
Room 6209
1100 L Street NW
Washington D.C. 20240

Dear Ms. Shull:

Please find enclosed eleven nominations for the National Register of Historic Places. These were approved by the State Review Board on June 18, 1983. One of these, the Tabor School, is a resubmission.

The Old Courthouse and Warehouse Historic District,
Sioux Falls
The Illinois Central Passenger Depot, Sioux Falls
First Congregational Church, Sioux Falls
L. D. Miller Funeral Home, Sioux Falls
Clay County Courthouse, Vermillion
✓ Vermillion Public - Andrew Carnegie Library, Vermillion
George Few House, Flandreau
James S. Thomson House, Centerville
George McMillan House, Pierre
Holy Trintiy Church, Kimball
Tabor School, Tabor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carolyn Torma". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Carolyn Torma
Historical Survey Coordinator

RE: Waiver by Property Owner



Dr. Junius R. Fishburne
Historical Preservation Center
USD 216 East Clark
Vermillion, SD, 57069

Dear Dr. Fishburne:

This will confirm that I am fully aware of the effects of listing a property in the National Register of Historic Places. I recognize that, under the National Historic Preservation Act, I am entitled to object to the proposed listing of my property by a notarized, written statement. If I am the sole owner and I object, my property will not be listed. If there are multiple owners of this property and a majority of the owners object, the property will not be listed.

Following is the address of my property:

Vermillion Public--Andrew Carnegie Library

12 Church Street, Vermillion, SD

I hereby waive my right to object to the proposed listing and notify you that I request that my property be listed in the National Register at the earliest possible date.

Sincerely,

Julie L. Offerdahl, Mayor
Date 5/19/83