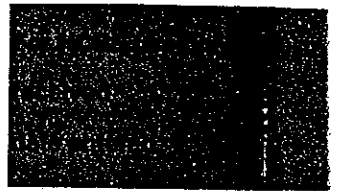


**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**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 Congregational Church

and/or common The Lord's Chapel

2. Location

street & number 715 Kansas

NA not for publication

city, town Rapid City

— vicinity of

congressional district First

state South Dakota

code 046

county Pennington

code 103

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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" 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 Lord's Chapel of South Dakota, Inc.

As of 3/3/84

Faith Temple Church of
God in Christ

street & number 715 Kansas City, P.O. Box 2789

city, town Rapid City

— vicinity of

state South Dakota

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Director of Equalization

street & number 315 St. Joe

city, town Rapid City

state South Dakota

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title NA

has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date

federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

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

The two-story rectangular (approximately 55' wide x 73' deep) church has a raised basement and is constructed of masonry and brick. Characterized by its formal composition, the building exemplifies Renaissance Revival architecture with its regular placement of fenestration, front (north) parapet, and unadorned projecting cornice surrounding the building on all sides except the back facade.

The church's front facade has three bays. The central bay is distinguished by its pedimented gable, its parapet, and by its three large (approximately 6' x 15') triple-hung windows capped with hoods and separated by pilasters. Flanking the central bay are raised entranceways. The east, west and north windows have stained glass.

On the interior, the central bay of the building is open from the first floor to the second level ceiling. This massive open area is vaulted at the ceiling and supported by oak beams, girders and trusses. The rest of the interior space is accented with oak including the doors, columns, railings, trim and basement meeting room floor.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1914 **Builder/Architect** H.E. Waldrum, Rapid City

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Congregational Church is significant in the areas of both architecture and religion. Still retaining many of its original features including its unadorned projecting cornice, decorative pilasters and large triple-hung windows with stained glass panels, the church is a fine example of Renaissance Revival architecture - a style seldom used for the design of ecclesiastical buildings in South Dakota.

The first church organized in Rapid City was the Congregational. Its history began in January of 1879 when the Rev. Bartlett became the church's first pastor. The first permanent building was constructed of frame in 1883, and, for many years, was distinguished as the only self-supporting church in the Black Hills. Built for a cost of \$20,500, the present brick Congregational Church replaced the original frame building in 1914.

9. Major Bibliographical Reference

"Holiday Greetings 1915 Rapid City South Dakota"; issued by the Rapid City Daily Journal; Joseph B. Gossage - Editor.

"Forward through the Ages - First Congregational Church of Christ", issued by the First Congregational Church, 1979.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property Less than one acre

Quadrangle name Rapid City East

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

A

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Property includes Lots 6, 7, and the east 21' of Lot 8 in Block #103 of the original town.

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

state	code	county	code
NA			

state	code	county	code
NA			

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Scott Gorder (with the assistance of Melanie Betz)

organization Lord's Chapel of South Dakota, Inc. date November 3, 1983

street & number P.O. Box 2789 telephone (605)343-7126; 348-6330

city or town Rapid City 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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title Director, Office of Historic Preservation date

For HCRS use only

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

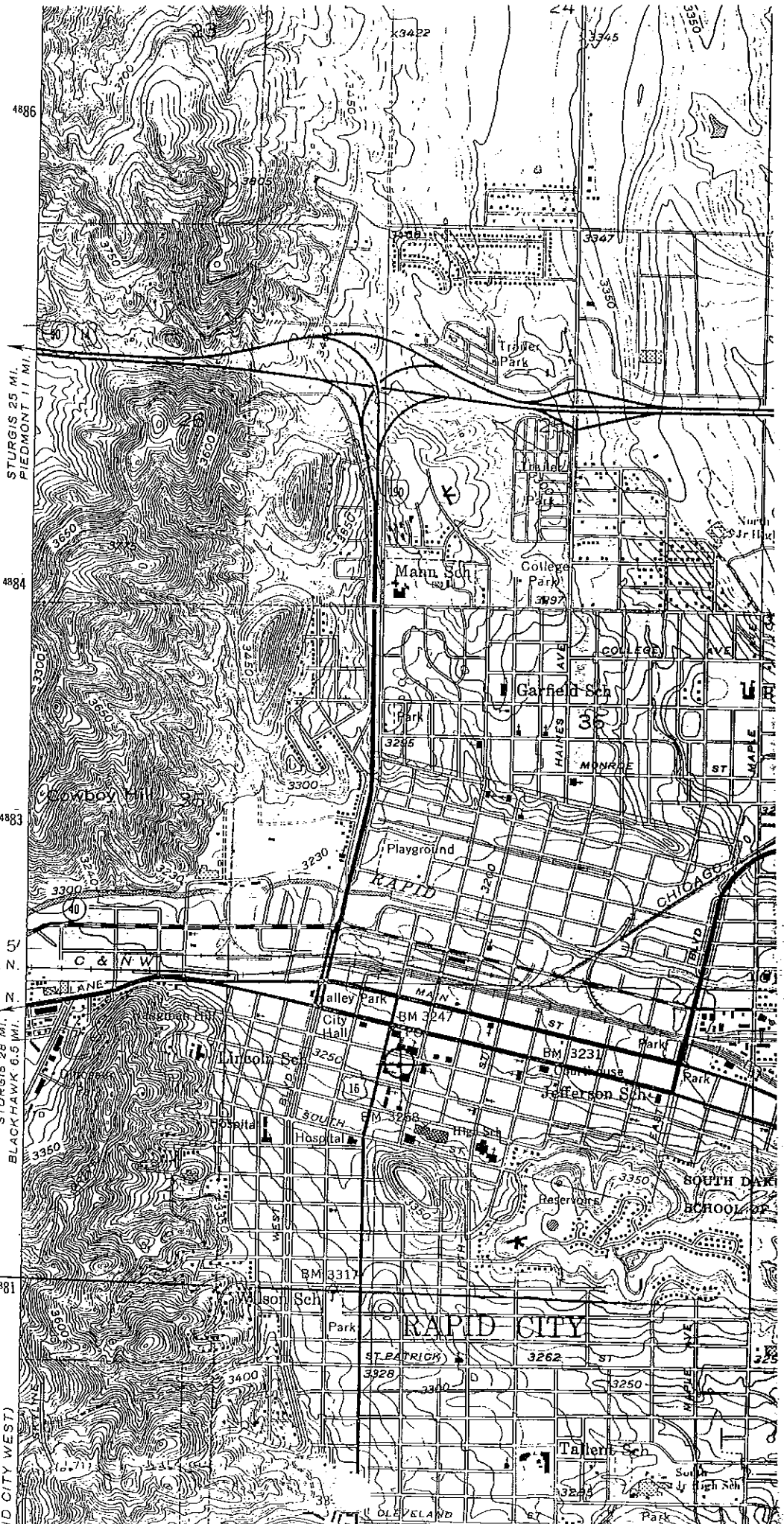
date

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration



Congregational Church
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PIEDMONT 11 MI.
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4884
4883
T. 2 N.
T. 1 N.
STURGIS 28 MI.
BLACKHAWK 6.5 MI.
79

5372 MI. SE
RAPID CITY WEST