

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

Rapid City Carnegie Library  
AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

604 Kansas City Street

CITY, TOWN

Rapid City

STATE

South Dakota

VICINITY OF

CODE

46

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Second

COUNTY

Pennington

CODE

103

**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
- COMMERICAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER: None at present

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

City of Rapid City

STREET & NUMBER

22 Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Rapid City

VICINITY OF

STATE

South Dakota

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Pennington County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

604 Kansas City Street

CITY, TOWN

Rapid City

STATE

South Dakota

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

## 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 Rapid City Carnegie Library served its original function until 1971 when a new library building was constructed. Since 1971 it has housed the Police Station, while the new County/City Public Safety Building was being constructed, and it now stands vacant. The central portion of the library was constructed in 1915, and carefully matched extensions were made to each side as a WPA Project in 1938. Yellow limestone was the material used for central block and for the extensions. The main facade facing Kansas City Street has a central entrance marked by a distyle in antis portico. Three window bays were placed to each side of the entrance and the corner of the building is marked by pilasters and columns in antis. The 1938 extensions were slightly recessed and added two window bays to each side, terminating the corners with the same treatment of columns in antis. A raised basement under the entire building has windows corresponding with the bays on the first floor. Again copying the 1915 design, the side walls of the extensions have a row of small windows above the height of the bookcases on the inside wall. An entabature encircles three sides of the building (the rear abuts against an adjoining building) and it is surmounted by a parapet which masks the low roof.

## 8 SIGNIFICANCE

### AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

#### PERIOD

PREHISTORIC  
 1400-1499  
 1500-1599  
 1600-1699  
 1700-1799  
 1800-1899  
 1900-

ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC  
 ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC  
 AGRICULTURE  
 ARCHITECTURE  
 ART  
 COMMERCE  
 COMMUNICATIONS

COMMUNITY PLANNING  
 CONSERVATION  
 ECONOMICS  
 EDUCATION  
 ENGINEERING  
 EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT  
 INDUSTRY  
 INVENTION

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE  
 LAW  
 LITERATURE  
 MILITARY  
 MUSIC  
 PHILOSOPHY  
 POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

RELIGION  
 SCIENCE  
 SCULPTURE  
 SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN  
 THEATER  
 TRANSPORTATION  
 OTHER (SPECIFY)

SPECIFIC DATES 19185

BUILDER/ARCHITECT H. F. Waldrun  
Hutton & Lane, Contractors

#### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Rapid City Carnegie Library is significant in the areas of architecture and education. Among the variety of Carnegie Library designs, this one was typical of medium sized cities. The Carnegie Library was the third library to serve the city. In 1881 Library Hall opened for use; and was followed in 1904 by the Rapid City Free Library. Eleven years later a Carnegie grant of \$12,500 allowed the construction of this edifice. A simple "commercial palace"; this building has served as an educational and cultural focal point for the city.

## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Minutes of the Rapid City Library Board  
 Steinbangs, Mrs. "A History of the Rapid City Free Public Library." manuscript.  
 at Rapid City Public Library  
Rapid City Journal, February 25, 1916.

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one

QUADRANGLE NAME Rapid City East

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

A 13 641920 4882000

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION. The lot lines of the property form the boundaries of the site, which is located in the South 50 feet of Lots 29-32, inclusive of Block 94 of the Original Townsite of Rapid City.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

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NAME / TITLE

Helen Knecht, President

ORGANIZATION

Rapid City Historic Preservation Commission

STREET & NUMBER

P.O. Box 8164, First Federal Plaza

CITY OR TOWN

Rapid City

DATE

6 November 1980

TELEPHONE

(605) 343-2711

STATE

South Dakota 57701

## 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

TITLE Director, Office of Cultural Preservation

DATE

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

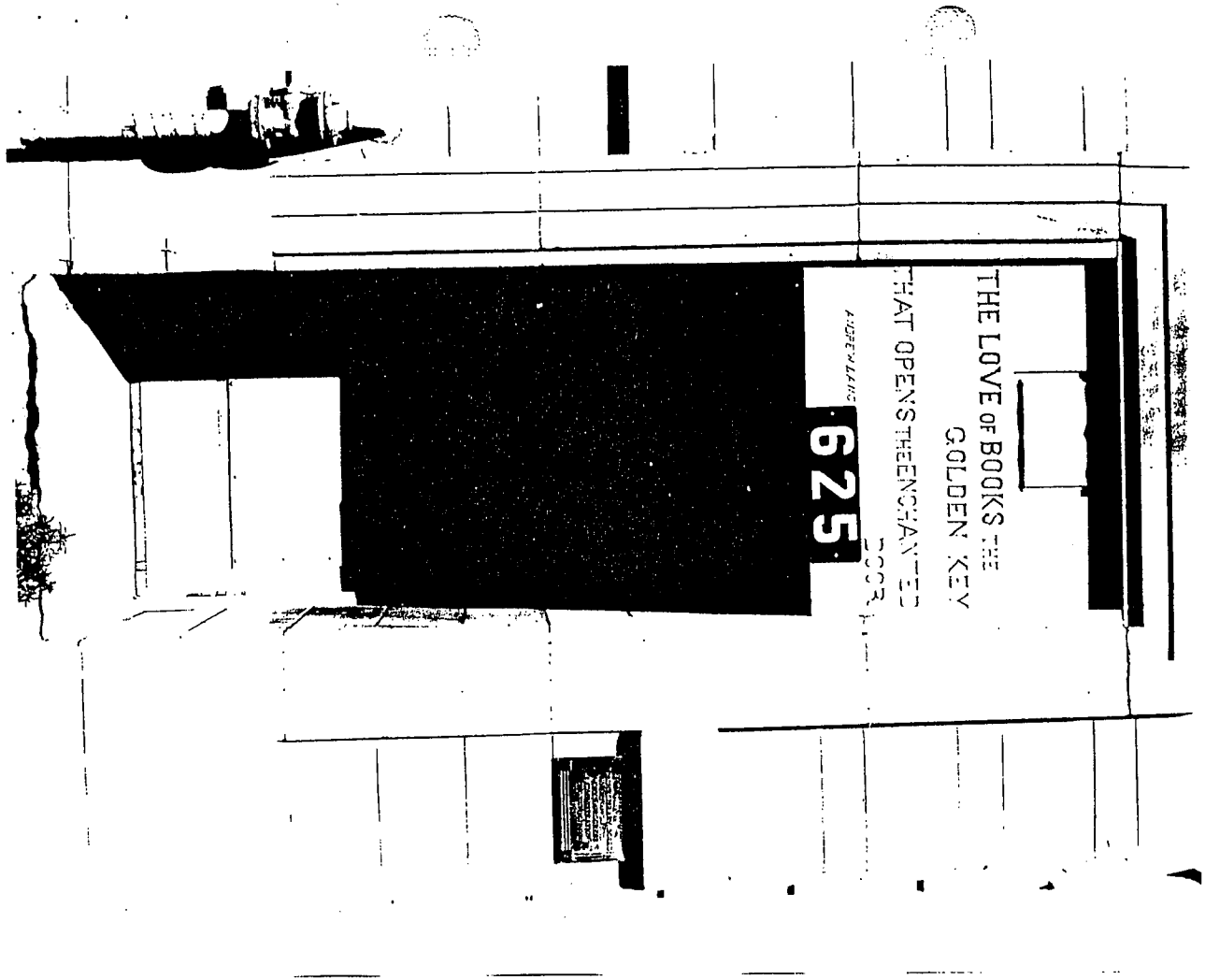
DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

DATE

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION





Carnegie Library  
Rapid City, South Dakota  
J. Burrows  
1980  
Historical Preservation Center  
Detail, east Facade  
Plate 4

Carnegie Library  
Rapid City, South Dakota  
J. Burrows  
1980  
Historical Preservation Center  
Southeast Facade  
Plate 3

Carnegie Library  
Rapid City, South Dakota  
J. Burrows  
1980  
Historical Preservation Center  
South Facade  
Plate 1

Carnegie Library  
Rapid City, South Dakota  
J. Burrows  
1980  
Historical Preservation Center  
South East Facade

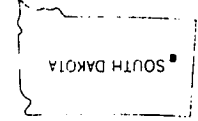
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# RAPID CITY EAST, S. DAK.

QUADRANGLE LOCATION



( ) Interstate Route

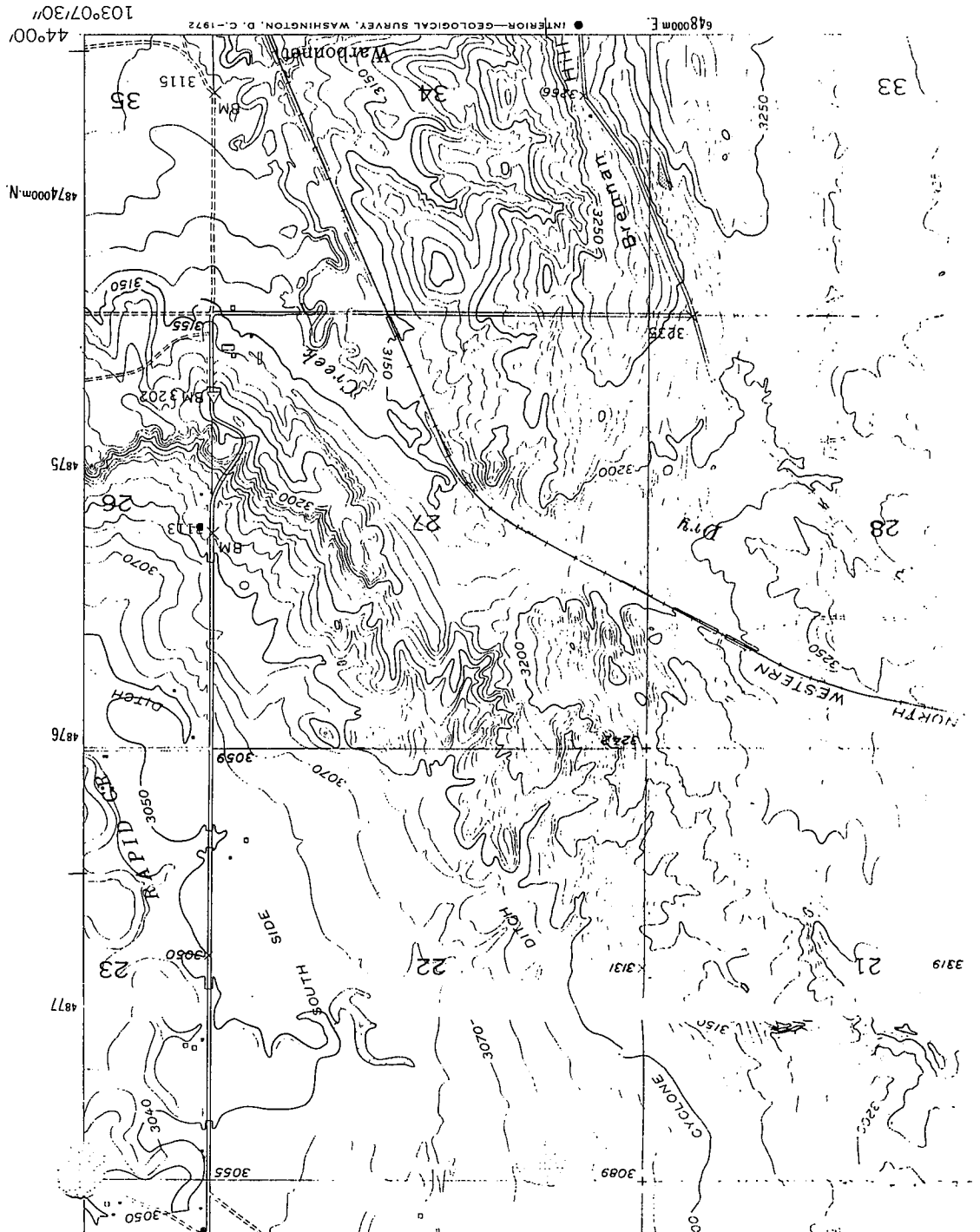
○ State Route

□ U. S. Route

Heavy-duty 4 LANE 16 LANE  
Light-duty 4 LANE 16 LANE  
Medium-duty 4 LANE 16 LANE  
Unimproved dirt

## ROAD CLASSIFICATION

(HERMOSA NE)  
103°07'30" W  
44°00' N

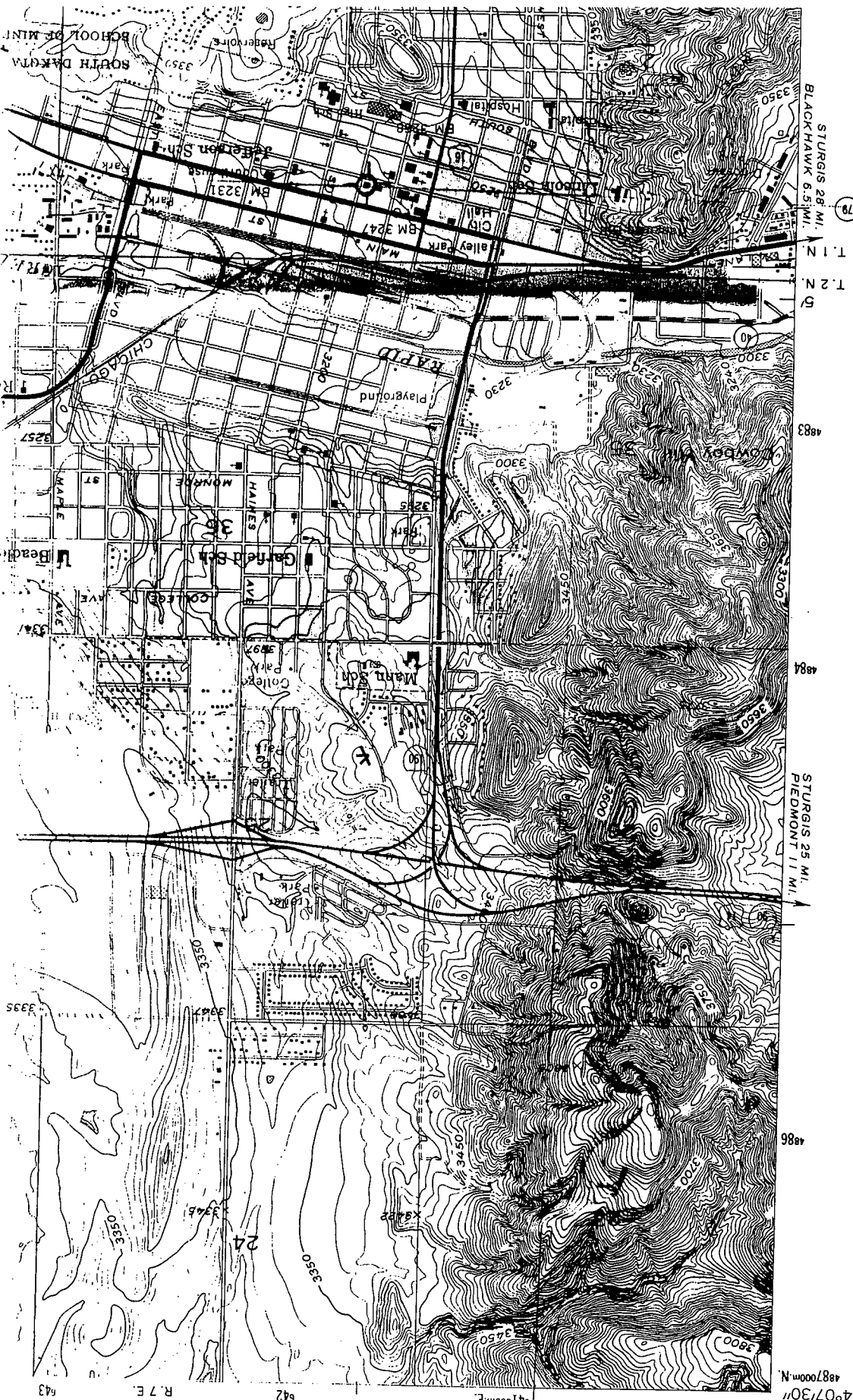




UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

5372 III NE  
(BLACKHAWK)

103°15'  
44°07'30"  
487000m N



Rapid City Carnegie Library

UTM 13/641920/4882000