

# SOUTH DAKOTA HISTORIC INVENTORY

Historic Name Elks Building

Location 508-12 6th Street

Historic

Function Fraternity hall; bank; offices; theatre; retail shops

Historic Context(s)

Topic V. Depression and Rebuilding

Study Unit 1 A Changing Urban Pattern

Study Unit 2 2. Rebuilding Commercial Centers in Larger Towns

Owner's Name Stephen F. McCarthy

Owner's Address RR 8 Box 352-D R.C. 57732

and United Artists Realty Co.

113 Middle Neck Rd Great Neck, N.Y. 11021

Owner's Phone # McCarthy: 343 1165

Dates of Construction and Founding

1911-12 R.C. Lodge founded 4 February 1910

Roll # 3; 11 Frame # 18A-23A; 28-31

Attach Photos Here ↓

Site Number

<u>PN</u>		<u>RC</u>		<u>38</u>
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County

Township Name

City (Urban)

Neighborhood (Urban)

Number

*this parcel owned by McCarthy*

U.S.G.S. Quad Map Name

W10' of Lt 13, All Lots 14-16 except 559.5' of lots 13-16

559.5' of Lots 12-16 (this parcel owned by United Artists)

Legal Description

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Surveyors Michael Koup

Date June 1990

NR Eligible

Historic Significance

Local

Architect. Sign

State

Archaeological Sign

Nat'l

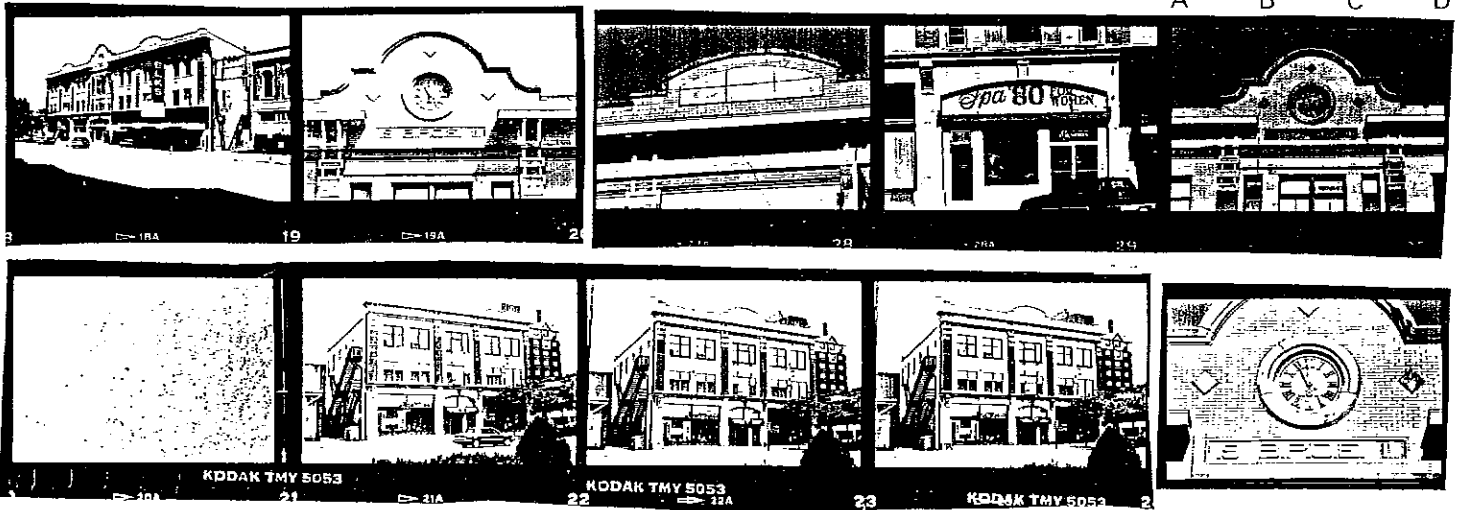
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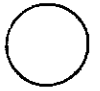
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Site Plan (indicate all door and window openings on buildings, roof shapes, and landscape features such as fences, shrubs, etc.)



Indicate North

CONTEXT

Site Number/Code PN-RC-38

Statement of Significance As It Relates to the Context Topics & Study Units.

The Elks Building is historically significant in the context of Depression and Rebuilding, 1893-1929  
because it represents one of the many buildings constructed during an important building phase during  
the second decade of the century.

Sources of Information

Oral Interview (name & dates) Rapid City Daily Journal <sup>11 February 1912</sup> 7 June 1911 p.1; 8 June 1911 p.1; 15 June 1911 p.1; 1 July 1911 p.1; 27 July 1911 p.1; 27 June 1911, p.1; 29 August 1911 p.1; 24 January 1915;  
Black Hills Weekly Journal 16 February 1912; 19 December 1913; 28 October 1910  
Atlas (date & publisher) R.C.D.J. 31 July 1928 p. 3

County History (name & pages)

Deed Abstract Building Permit

Tax Records Assessment in Equalization Office

Sanborn-Ferris Maps (dates) 1909; 1915; 1923; 1930

Census Records

Historic Photos (description & date) in Rapid City Public Library, # 44

Manuscripts (name & date)

Site Number/Code	Date of Bldg.	Function/Bldg.	Photo Info.	Date of Bldg.	Function/Bldg.	Photo Info.	Date of Bldg.	Function/Bldg.	Photo Info.
PN-RC-38	1911-12	Elks Building							
Materials	Stone								
Method of Construction									
Design Details									
Condition	deteriorated _____ poor altered _____ maint. _____								
Materials	brick and stone								
Method of Construction	steel frame brick & stone veneer								
Design Details									
Condition	deteriorated _____ poor altered _____ maint. _____								
Materials	tar and gravel								
Method of Construction									
Design Details									
Shape	flat								
Condition	deteriorated _____ poor altered _____ maint. _____								
Interior Features - Moldings, Fireplaces, Org. cabinets, Wall decoration									
Condition	deteriorated _____ poor altered _____ maint. _____								

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...by the ritual of the order. P. S. Emrick, exalted ruler, will start the opening colloquy and be followed by Chaplain H. L. Hutchins with invocation. At this point the box containing documents, coins and other articles will be placed in the stone, and the stone itself fitted in its place. W. H. Keller, tyler of the lodge, will hand Exalted Ruler Emrick a vessel of water and he will consecrate the stone.

The consecration will be followed by a cornet solo by Brother H. L. Hutchins, the selection being "Madam Serenade," by Misses. The exalted ruler then spreads the mortar on the stone with appropriate words of the ritual and the chaplain then offers an invocation.

Music by the Elks band, the selection being from "Madam Sherry," follows, and then Hon. C. H. Dillon will deliver the oration. Another selection by the band "Woodland" will follow and the Elks sing a hymn, as follows:

Exalted Ruler of the Universe,  
 All seeing and benign,  
 Look down upon and bless our work  
 And be all glory Thine!"

The exercises will conclude by the exalted ruler declaring the cornerstone in position.

## ELKS BUILDING CREDIT TO CITY

THE HANDSOME STRUCTURE AT  
 MAIN AND SIXTH IS  
 VERY MODERN,  
 TO CONTAIN THEATRE, STORES,  
 OFFICES AND SPACIOUS  
 HOME OF ORDER.

"Hello, Bills!" All have full possession of the city today, when the cornerstone of the handsome Elks building will be formally placed. The formation of the lodge less than two years ago, its rapid growth in membership, its hustle to get a building and one which when completed will not only be an ornament to Rapid City but a credit to the order the country over, all stands as a monument to the push and enterprise of Rapid Citizens.

The new building, which stands at the corner of Main and Sixth streets will be three stories in height with stone and reinforced concrete foundation to grade. The first story will be faced with sandstone from the Evans quarry at Hot Springs, and the remainder of the structure will be of pressed brick and tile from the Rapid City Lime and Gypsum Co. and the Rapid City Brick and Tile Company.

The building is L shaped, having its main entrance on Sixth street and extends from the alley to Main street. The basement will contain a large storeroom, and at the street corner a barber shop. The first floor will have a theatre in the southern end with a seating capacity for 1,000 people. The incline of the parquett floor will be one inch to the foot giving those occupying the rear seats as good a view of the stage as those seated near it. A balcony will also increase the capacity of the house. In addition to this there are to be six boxes, four on the stage level and two on the balcony. The

etson was the boy and what he told the jury upset the plan of the commonwealth to rest its case today. The revelation concerning the presence of more than one blood spot is in line with the conception of the defense that all the blood on the road oozed from the car in which Mrs. Beattie was shot. The prosecution's theory has been that the large blood spot in the road where Mrs. Beattie is alleged to have been killed resulted from a murder committed outside of the machine, and not in it as Beattie alleges. The defendant and Paul J. Beattie, his cousin, who yesterday told on the witness stand of the alleged confession by Henry concerning the murder were confined in separate cells in the county jail here tonight. Paul hitherto has been kept in confinement in Richmond in default of a bond, but today, after finishing on the witness stand, Judge Watson suddenly ordered his retention in jail here.

Walshes at Harney.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Walsh, of Pierre, are at the Harney, en route to Hot Springs. Mr. Walsh is interested in promoting the Midwest Hotel Company.

## WOULD SAVE YOUTH FROM ELECTRIC CHAIR

EXPERTS SAY MAY BELIEVED  
 TO BE MURDERED DIED OF  
 HEART FAILURE.

New York, Aug. 29. In a fight to save Paul Geidel from the electric chair, the defense today introduced testimony tending to show that William H. Jackson died of heart disease and not as the result of chloroform applied by the seventeen-year-old boy. Dr. Max E. Talmy, an expert witness for the defense, declared that he believed death was due to heart failure.

RED CROSS OFFERS SERVICES

## ORN EARS FOOT LONG IN HURLEY

AN EXPERT GIVES OPINION  
 ON CORN CROP IN SOUTH  
 DAKOTA.

COX CITY, Ind., Aug. 29. The eastern part of South Dakota have a good corn crop according to John Zehnder, of Correctionville, Ia., who was in the city today on his return from Hurley, S. D., to his brother, Jake Zehnder, rates a 160-acre farm. Mr. Zehnder brought with him several ears of the corn from that place which are of an unusual size, averaging over a foot in length. He says that about 40 acres of his

I have a good corn crop according to John Zehnder, of Corriston, Mo., who was in the city today on his return from Hurley, S. D., where his brother, Jake Zehnder, operates a 160-acre farm. Mr. Zehnder brought with him several samples of the corn from that vicinity, which are of an unusual size, averaging over a foot in length. He states that about 40 acres of his brother's farm will yield corn this year and an average of an ear to the stalk. The remainder of the property will probably yield 60 bushels to the acre.

#### Still Hounding the Black Hills.

John H. Johnson, Jr., is back on an extended trip over the western states, including central California. He went with a view of locating. He says that he saw a bit of fine country, but came to the conclusion "To let well enough alone." He says that the Black Hills have several opportunities for a man as any part of the country he visited. Mr. Johnson owns a fine farm six miles north of town on Box Elder, known in the early days as the Moore ranch. He started his farming operations on that place twenty years ago, first as a tenant and afterwards purchasing it and they have ever since been known far and near for their hospitality and many a weary traveler has found their place a haven of refuge.

Mr. Johnson has had the same experience as many of the old settlers, of hard times, crop failures, etc., but adding the lean years with the fat ones, it averaged up fairly well. "The Black Hills are good enough for me," he says.

#### HARRY PASCOE OFF TO COLLEGE

Mrs. Pascoe Will Visit in Mitchell Several Weeks.

Mrs. William F. Pascoe leaves this morning for Mitchell, where she will stay at the Widmann hotel for several weeks. She will be accompanied by her son, Harry, who will continue the journey to Notre Dame, Ind., where he will resume his studies in the college with the opening of the fall term. Young Pascoe has already attended the college one year.

#### Experiment Station.

Holt Springs, Aug. 29.—Prof. Chittcott, head of the dry farming section of the department of agriculture, and John S. Cole of Denver,

will have a theatre in the southern end with a seating capacity for 1,000 people. The incline of the parquetry floor will be one inch to the foot giving those occupying the rear seats as good a view of the stage as those seated near it. A balcony will also increase the capacity of the house. In addition to this there are to be six boxes, four on the stage level and two on the balcony. The stage is 55 by 35 feet in dimensions, making it large enough to play any company that will visit the Hills, even a big operatic attraction.

On either side of the entrance to the theatre there will be an office and a cigar store. The balance of the ground floor will be given up to a large store 65 by 54 feet.

On the second floor will be 20 offices so arranged that tenants can occupy one or more as demand may require.

It is the third floor which contains the most interesting features of the building, for here it is that the Elks will have their home. The entire space will be devoted to lodge purposes. The lodge room will be over the balcony of the theatre and contain 2,750 square feet of floor space. Then adjoining this room is a banquet hall 46 by 24 feet. The social room is 33 by 24 feet and in addition to all of this there is a billiard and pool room, card room, buffet and kitchen, and other rooms, including lavatories and the necessary offices of the lodge.

The building when completed will have cost \$60,000. It was begun June 15 by the Betts Construction Co., of Huron and is being built under the personal supervision of Mr. Betts, who stated yesterday, that he expected to have his part of the work completed by April 1, 1912.

The base stone is of granite from Melrose, Minn., and the corner stone is of Illinois monumental granite, which is susceptible of taking a high polish. The carving on the street faces of the corner stone read on the Main street side "Elks Building 1912." On the Sixth street side there is chiseled the head of an Elk, and in Latin, the order's motto, "Cervus Alceus" which translated means a member of the deer family.

#### HENRY BEATTIE

#### IS PLACED IN JAIL

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#### RED CROSS OFFERS SERVICES.

#### Hurricane Leaves Death and Sickness in Its Path.

Charleston, S. C., Aug. 29.—Charleston is steadily recovering from the disastrous results of the hurricane. As far as can be ascertained eleven lives were lost in Charleston county, and a score or more injured. The property damage amounts to millions. In the low country there is much suffering and danger from sickness. The red cross has volunteered to render any financial assistance needed.

#### Lights on St. Joe Street.

Last evening the incandescent lights were turned on on St. Joe street. During the summer Main street has been illuminated and presented a beautiful appearance. St. Joe people became tired of having all the brightness on Main street and asked steps to have some lights also. Last evening they were turned on, but not quite as they will be by the first of the month. The lights made a great improvement and it is hoped they may be kept shining.

## FAITH'S POTATO CROP ABUNDANT

ONE FARMER PRODUCES 875

BUSHELS ON 2 1/2 ACRES

WORTH \$1,925.

Faith, Aug. 29.—Potatoes worth \$1,925 were this year raised on two and one-half acres of ground within eighteen miles of Faith.

Some of the potatoes have already been delivered to local merchants, who bought them eagerly as among the best "spuds" on the market.

Mr. Oakland lives eighteen miles southwest of Faith, on Huchie creek, and last spring planted two and one-half acres of potatoes. The patch was irrigated (including the