

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: REMOVAL

PROPERTY Roscoe Community Hall  
NAME:

MULTIPLE  
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: SOUTH DAKOTA, Edmunds

DATE RECEIVED: 6/24/13 DATE OF PENDING LIST:  
DATE OF 16TH DAY: DATE OF 45TH DAY: 8/10/13  
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 84003284

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N  
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N  
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

ACCEPT  RETURN  REJECT \_\_\_\_\_ DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

REMOVED  
from  
National Register

RECOM./CRITERIA Remove  
REVIEWER Elsa Ball DISCIPLINE \_\_\_\_\_  
TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE 8.9.13

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.



June 14, 2013

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE 2280  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
1201 "I" (EYE) STREET NW  
WASHINGTON D.C. 20005



**RE: Roscoe Community Hall, petition for removal from the National Register**

To Whom It May Concern:

Recently, the South Dakota State Historic Preservation Office discovered that a National Register-listed property in South Dakota was demolished without prior National Park Service notification. This property is:

Name: **Roscoe Community Hall**

Location: 202 Mitchell Street (NE corner of Mitchell St. and Morgan Ave.)

UTM: Z=14, E=473540, N=5032966 (NAD 1983)

City: Roscoe

County: Edmunds County

NRIS # **84003284**

A site form, current site photo, and further documentation that the above building is no longer extant is enclosed. Please feel free to contact our office with any questions. The SD SHPO petitions the Keeper of the National Register for removal of the Roscoe Community Hall from the National Register of Historic Places. Please feel free to contact Ms. Brosz at (605) 773-2906 or [jennifer.brosz@state.sd.us](mailto:jennifer.brosz@state.sd.us) with any questions.

Sincerely,

Jay D. Vogt  
State Historic Preservation Officer

## OLD ROSCOE AUDITORIUM DEMOLISHED

The old Roscoe city hall began as a dream after a firemen's meeting in early 1934. That structure has been demolished by Hieb Excavating. The Roscoe City Council voted to accept Hieb's bid of \$6,800 for the work.

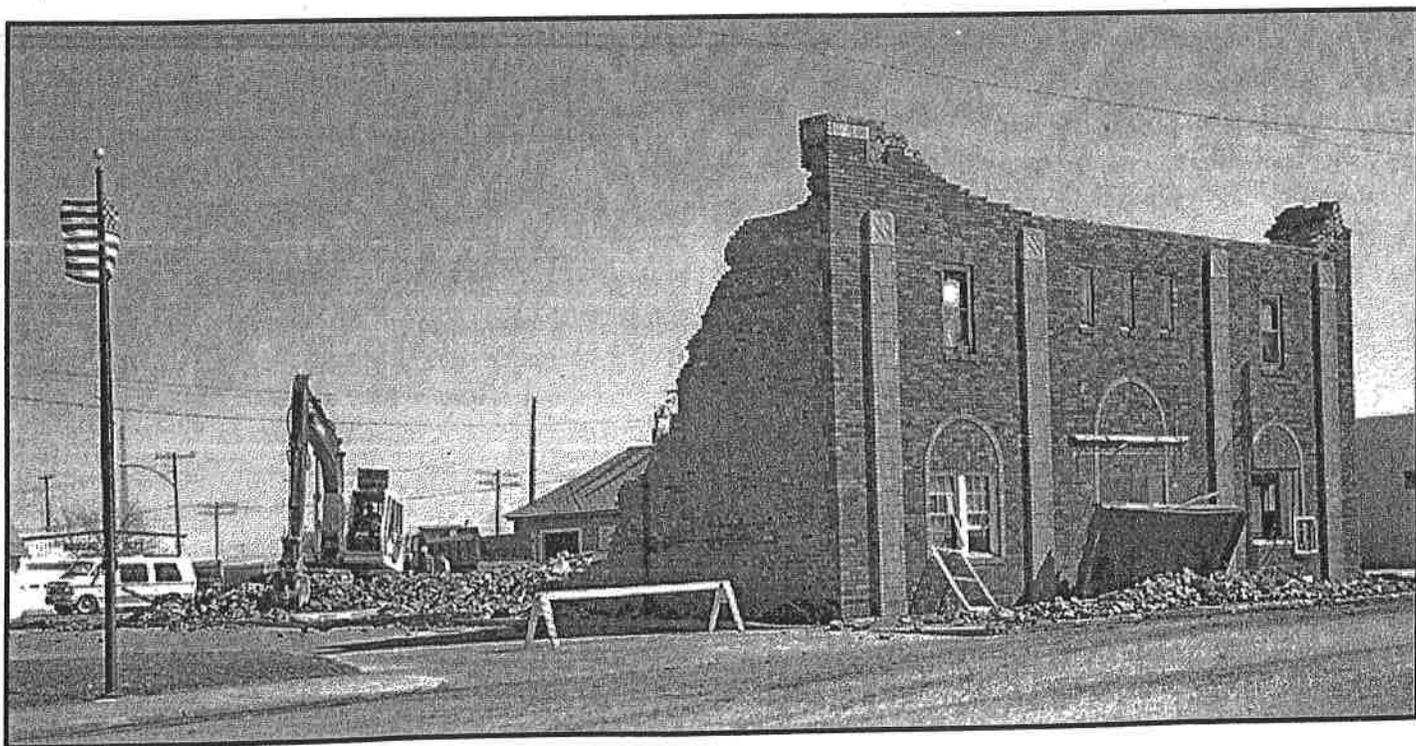
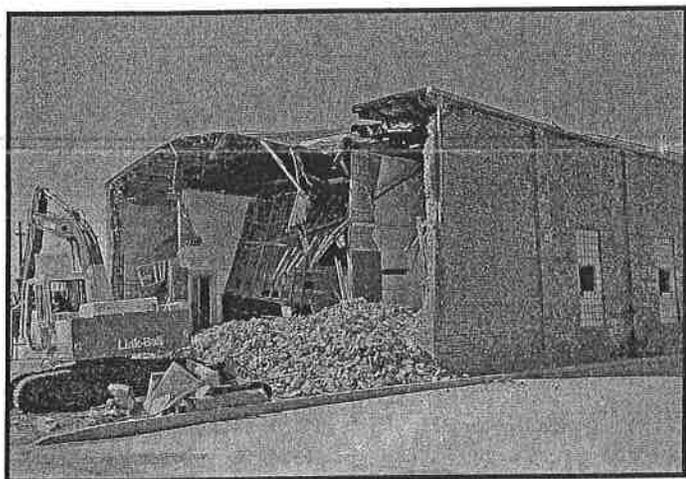
The city hall had been used by the Roscoe Public School to hold extra-curricular activities, such as

basketball games, etc. from the early 30's until 1963 when the new facilities were completed at the school.

It also served as a movie theatre from the 30's -50's.

The city offices were housed in the southwest corner of the old facility until the early 1980's according to finance officer Opal Himmerich. The building was only used for storage since then.

The jail cell that was housed in the building will now be on display in the Eureka museum.







**SHPOID** ED00000016      **SiteID** 14047      **StructureID** 18842

**SITE INFORMATION**

**\*Survey Date:** 9/4/2012 12:00:00 AM      **\*Quarter1:** NW  
**\*Surveyor:** Elizabeth Beeman      **\*Quarter2:** NW  
**\*Property Address:** 202 Mitchell Street      **\*Township:** 123N  
**\*County:** ed      **\*Range:** 70W  
**\*City:** Roscoe      **\*Section:** 30  
**Acres:** 0.000  
**Quadname:** Roscoe

**Legal Description:** Block 12, S 50" of Lots 13, 14 and 15, original plat of Roscoe.

**Location Description:** Mitchell Street (Demolished)

**Owner Code1:** L      **Owner Name:** City of Roscoe  
**Owner Code2:**      **Owner Address:** Box 95  
**Owner Code3:**      **Owner City:** Roscoe  
**Owner State:** SD  
**Owner Zip:** 57471

**HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE**

**\*DOE:** Not Eligible      **Register Name:** Roscoe Community Hall  
**\*DOE Date:** 8/1/1984 12:00:00 AM      **Multiple Property Name**  
**Nomination Status:** NR listed      **SignificanceLevel1:** Local  
**Listed Date:** 8/1/1984 12:00:00 AM      **SignificanceLevel2:** Local  
**Ref Num:** 84003284      **NR Criteria 1:** A  
**Period:** 1900-      **NR Criteria 2:**  
**Category:** Building      **NR Criteria 3:**  
**Historic District Rating:**      **NR Criteria 4:**  
**Significance Notes :** This building has been demolished and therefore could not be photographed or surveyed by CHRS, Inc.

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**STRUCTURE DETAILS**

**\*Structure Name:** Roscoe City Hall

**Other Name:**

**Date Of Construction:** 1934

**Significant Person:**

**Cultural Affiliation:**

**Type:**

**Walls:** Brick

**Style:**

**Stories:** 2

**Roof Shape:** Flat

**Foundataion:**

**Roof Material:**

**\*UTM Zone:** 14

**Occupied:**

**\*UTM Easting:** 473540.0000

**Accessible:**

**\*UTM Northing:** 5032966.0000

**Structural System:**

**Restricted:** N

**Altered/Moved Notes:** Kitchen area expanded in 1971. The structure has been demolished.

**Interior Notes:**

**Physical Notes:** A brick rectangular structure with a barrel vault roof. Decorative brick pilasters placed at regular intervals on the front and side facades create a three-part composition. The central portion includes a brick parapet, a canopied entranceway and three rectangular windows on the upper level. Flanking the entranceway are paired rectangular windows with six over six sash. Above the windows and entranceway are decorative arches. Located between the decorative brick pilasters are rectangular windows on the north and south facades which have been enclosed with glass block. A chimney projects at the rear of the bulding. The building has been demolished.

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**Other Notes:** The town of Roscoe began its history when Charles Purchase Morgan (along with Joe Parmley) set up a tent hotel in 1883 on the site where the St. Paul Lutheran Church presently stands. After the coming of the railroad, the number of pioneers increased rapidly in the Brown County area including immigrants from Russia and Germany and migrants from the Eastern States. Roscoe witnessed a boom growth during the early 20th century as a result of this new wave of people into the area. However, the Great Depression of the 1930s affected the growth of the town and Roscoe's population remained small thereafter.

In response to the hardships of the Depression, the Conservation Corp used local unemployed people to build a new community hall which was a great economic boost for the town. Henry Huether, Jr. of Ashley, North Dakota, served as contractor and plans and specifications were drawn up by Roland R. Wilcken of Watertown, SD. The building was been used as a theater, community meeting hall, a gymnasium for the local school, a roller skating rink, a public dance hall, area meeting hall, off-sale liquor store, a City Council meeting room and the local cafe.

**Link to National Register Nomination:**

<http://pdfhost.focus.nps.gov/docs//NRHP//Text//84003284.pdf>



MITCHELL ST  
OCEAN AVE

