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In carrying out research on the history of Clay County it quickly became obvious that there was a serious lack of information regarding the built environment. The available histories of the county and the University of South Dakota discussed people, politics, social and cultural events and made passing mention of the buildings that people lived in and used. There was little mention made of the individuals who designed and built the buildings. The only architects mentioned in more than a passing fashion were Wallace LeRoy Dow and Joseph Schwartz and both of them finished their careers prior to World War I. The Clay County Historic Preservation Commission has received inquiries regarding various buildings and this short publication is a beginning attempt to compile information regarding the architects and contractors responsible for our built environment.

It should be noted that the descriptor, architect, is used as it was used historically and prior to World War I was often used by individuals or newspapers in a much more liberal fashion than at present.

This catalog is divided into two parts, one listing architects and one listing contractors. Both are arranged alphabetically. There are individuals who are listed in both sections.

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This is the first attempt at compiling this information. The author would appreciate any additions or corrections to this text. Suggestions about the organization and lay out of the information would be appreciated.

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VERMILLION ARCHITECTS 2013

*SEE CONTRACTORS LIST

- Anderson Brothers*Hopkins Bldg. (10 blk, E. Market St), 1886
- Architecture Incorporated.Bank of the West, 1981
USD Law School (new)
USD Redwood Court remodel
USD Old Armory remodel
USD Beede, Mickelson, Olson Hall renovation
USD Burgess, Norton Hall renovation
USD Old Main renovation
Al Neuharth Media Center renovation
USD Foundation Building expansion
- Arnold & Buettler.First Baptist Church – Lewis Hall, 1925
Dakota Hospital, 1931
- Cannon, Moss, Bryger & AssociatesCity Hall, 2007
- Chapman, John.Odd Fellows Building, 1911 (10-12 E. Main)
- Charles Rose Architects.USD Business School, 2010
- Davidson, Prof. M.W.USD letters on Bluff, 1922 (architect)
- Dixon, Walter.209 Lewis, 1949 Clark Y. Gunderson, owner
- Dohmen, Anton.St. Agnes Catholic Church, 1909
St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 1904 (Wakonda)
- Dow, Wallace LeroyThompson & Lewis, Emery & Hanson (22-24 W. Main, 1889)
USD University Hall, 1882-86
USD Old Main, 1894-96
USD East Hall, 1886-87
Vermillion Public/High School, 1882 (razed 1911)
First Baptist Church, 1889



Dow, Wallace Leroy (continued) First National Bank (Red Steakhouse), 1892
City Hall 1, 1884-86 (23-25 E. Main)
University Sewer Pipes & System, 1887
Congregational Church 2, 1889

Earls, Jack* Plans for Frank Jones' house, 1888 (architect)

Gilbert & Littlefield (Dubuque) 1 W. Main (Clay Co. Bank 2), 18

Howe, John 1215 Valley View, Byron Harrell House (Bird House), 1961
1215 Valley View Solar addition, 1975
W. Thomas Mahood House (solar house), 1975-76

Hugill & Blatherwick USD Dakota Hall, 1919 (with Holmes & Flinn)
USD Inman Field, 1922 (razed 1979)
USD New Armory, 1928
USD Carnegie Library addition, 1938-40
USD Julian Hall, 1949-50
USD Lee Medical School, 1950
USD Noteboom Hall, 1951
USD Danforth Chapel, 1954

Hugill, Blatherwick, & Fritzel 509 Linden, Linden House, 1950

Fritzel, Kroeger, Griffen, & Berg USD School of Education, 1962
USD Continuing Education, 1969
USD Dakota Dome, 1979

Jansson, Edward F. First Methodist Church 3, 1929

Johnson, Andrew P. Brennen's new barn (Danefield), 1892

Kinney & Detweiler USD Old Armory, 1905

Kuehn, F.C.W. Vermillion School No. 3, 1924
Wakonda School No. 54, 1926
Burbank School No. 27, 1926



Koch, Hazard. St. Agnes Catholic Church 2, 1982
Trinity Lutheran Church 2 addition, 1995
Dakota Hospital addition, 1992
USD Sanford School of Medicine, 2008
United Church of Christ addition, 1991
USD Master Plan, 2003

Liebenberg, J.J. Vermillion Movie Theater, 1929-39

McDaniel, Prof. A.B. Trinity Lutheran Church 1, 1908-09

McDaniel & Trimmer City Hall 2, 1908-10

McWayne & McLaughlin USD School of Business, 1957

Malby, Herman* Carpenter shop S of Pearl Roller Mills on Center St., 1890

Mannes, Glenn. Vermillion Armory 2, 1989

Matson, Erick* G.J. Peterson residence, 1889
208 Forest, 1899 C.F. Lotze, owner
219 Forest, 1903 Robert McVicker, owner
J.H. Bryan House, 1903

Meleen, Andrew. 402 S. University, Colton House

Normile, John. 1101 James, 1968

W.R. Parsons & Son, Co. USD Science Hall, 1902-04

Parsons & Matson. Waldorf Hotel (Main & Prospect), 1902

Perkins & McWayne USD Slagle Auditorium, 1925
USD Union Building, 1928-31
USD Administration Building, 1941-44
USD Law Library Addition, 1949-50



Perkins Laboratories	Prentis Park Swimming Pool, 1929
Pickett, Andrew*	New house on corner of Elm and National St., 1892
Puck, H.	126 Forest, 1883 H.E. Hansen, owner
Randall Stanley Architects	Prairie Eye Clinic
Reese, J.S. (Sioux City)	Grange-Larson-Johnson Block, 1890 (2-6 W. Main)
Salervo, S.V.	City Waterworks 1, 1891
Schuemacher & Finkelhor	USD Campus Plan, 1920
Schwartz, Joseph	Carnegie Library, 1905 USD East Hall addition, 1907 USD Old Law School, 1908 USD Carnegie Library, 1910 USD East Hall porch addition, 1911 USD Chemistry Building, 1913 Vermillion High School 1, 1911
Spitznagel, Harold	USD Student Union, 1963 USD Fine Arts Building, 1966 USD I.D. Weeks Library, 1962
Swanson, Godfrey	Calle Nissen Johnsen Farm
Trimmer, Charles A.	Vermillion Power Plant, 1931 (supervising engineer)
Wellington, Mrs. R.G.	Congregational Church 3 (E. Main & Harvard), 1929
Wetmore, James A.	U.S. Post Office, 1931 McDonald Construction Co. (STL)
Willis, Lloyd D.	Clay County Courthouse, 1913



WPA.....Prentis Park Bandshell
Vermillion Armory 1, 1941

Wyss Associates.....Bluffs Golf Course



VERMILLION CONTRACTORS

- Ainsworth, L.E. 100 blk, E. Market St., 1885
- Anderson, J.J. Burdick Block (2-4 E. Main), 1884
- Anderson, Tom B. Harvey Prentice house Crane property E. of town), 1888
 Fine new barn for Mr. Eves, 1888
 New stable and barn for Alfred Helgeson, 1888
 New 50'x 80' barn for M.A. Dole (Meckling), 1892
- Anderson Brothers. 129 Forest, 1885 Michael Meehan, owner
 19 N. University, 1885 C.F. Lotze, owner
 West Hall, 1885
 10 Blk. E. Market, Hopkins Building, 1886
- Basom, Henry. Large barn for C.N. Taylor (Meckling), 1891
 New 50'x 80' barn for M.A. Dole (Meckling), 1892
- Beckett, Frank Conical shaped roof over reservoir for Vermillion Waterworks, 1891
- Becklene, Hans. Lodi Bridge, 1887
 Rev. P.A. Morse house, 1887
 300 Forest, 1891 (mason) H.F. Emery, owner
 Waterworks Power House, 1891
 New vault and wall in Clay Co. Courthouse 1, 1892 (mason)
 D. Sullivan's new house on Main St., 1892
- Bell, L.W. Improvements on DeVay House (E. Vermillion), 1885
- Benson, B.R. (Dell Rapids) Stone & mason work for many buildings on the
 10 blk of W. Main (1890)
- Berg, E.B. Catholic Church 1 (West of Jolley's place), 1884



Blanchard, A.J. Residence of H.T. Comes, 1893
Residence of George Kimball, 1893
Residence of D.W. Meyers, 1893
Residence of B. Bollinger, 1893
Residence of A.J. Blanchard, 1893

Booth, R.H. (SF) East wing of University Hall, 1887
Boy's Dormitory (East Hall), 1887
Baptist Church 1, 1889

Bower, Cal Russell Bridge, 1885
Harrington Bridge, 1885

Bower, J.C. Burbank School House 1, 1882
Episcopal Church 1, 1882 (Church St.)

Bower, W.C. City Hall 1, 1884-86 (bricks)
10 blk W. Main, 1890 (bricks)
Waterworks Power House (bricks)
10 blk E. Main, 1892 (bricks)

Burke, C.W. New barn for Mr. Flippen (Burbank), 1891

Christy, T.A. 60' Meyer's Bridge, 1884
Lodi Bridge, 1884
Clay Creek Bridge (N. of Meckling), 1884
Barn for S.G. Tainter, 1884
Dr. Epstein's new residence (E. Main), 1884
Armstrong's new residence, 1889
Complete remodeling and enlarging of Chandler House, 1889
Many windmill towers throughout the county, 1891
New barn for William Collar, 1891
Conical shaped roof over reservoir for Vermillion Waterworks, 1891
Harry H. Sturges house on Washington St. in E. Vermillion, 1892
New vault and wall in Clay Co. Courthouse 1, 1892
New house for A. Hallam near the Hay Ranch, 1892



Crippen, G.H. 3 W. Main (C.F. Lotze & Co.), 1890

J.W. Detwiler & Co. USD Science Hall, 1902-04

Dolan, M.J. Salmer Block on Main St. (mason)

Earls, Jack. Addition to Chandler House (121 Market St.), 1885
House for Col. Campbell (with George Porter), 1887
Large addition for Jim Spencely residence, 1888

Fox, Patrick. 126 Forest, 1883 H. E. Hansen, Owner

Fox & Becklene. Interior of University Hall, 1884 (plaster, brickwork)
Dr. Epstein's new residence (E. Vermillion), 1884
(brick veneer work)

Gardner & Co. First National Bank 1, 1892

Geffre, Ed. 117 Forest, 1950

George, F.P. Riverside Bridge, 1886
Russell Bridge, 1886

Gravrock, R.T. 215 Lewis, 1951 Susan Alger, owner
217 Lewis, 1937 E.G. Endresen, owner
216 Forest, 1923 Peter Miller, owner

Hanson, Charles & Gamberg, Lewis Ayer's Creek Bridge (Glenwood Twshp), 1886

Hanson, Hans L. School District No. 12 (Norway Twshp), 1882
Barn for Christ Larson (Norway Twshp), 1887
School District No. 3 and tower, 1889

Hanson, John 215 Forest, 1900 T.R. Walker, owner
St. Mary's Catholic Church, Garryowen Township, 1902
Burbank School House 2, 1910
First Nat'l Bank remodel



Hintz & Malloy (ABER).....Clay County Courthouse, 1913

Jenkinson Brothers.....City Hall No. 1. 23-25 E. Main, 1884-1886

Johnson, J.C.New township hall for Bluff Center Twshp, 1892
 Barn for John M. Long (Volin), 1893

Johnson, Nels.....Barn on G.H. Crippen Farm, 1887
 Large residence for William Donoho (W. Vermillion), 1888

King Bridge Co. (Des Moines)New bridge across Norwegian Gulch
 in north part of the county (several
 other bridges as well, 1892

Malby, HermanCornelius Andrews' new house on Elm St., 1890
 200 Forest, 1893 Hans Smith, owner
 Carpenter Shop S. of Pearl Roller Mills on Center Street, 1890

Matson & Norelius.....Dalesburg Schoolhouse No. 35, 1887
 Dr. Maxon's new residence, 1889
 Episcopal Church 2, 1889
 St. Paul's School (St. Joseph's Academy), 1889

Matson, Erick.....G.J. Peterson residence, 1889
 Many windmill towers through the county, 1890
 Addition to the McDonald residence, 1892
 Clay County Bank 2 (1 W. Main), 1896
 Dalesburg Lutheran Church, 1897
 West Side (Austin) School 1, 1897
 East Side (Jolley) School 1, 1902
 Episcopal Church 2, NW Corner of High & National, 1889
 19 N. University Residence
 Nissen/Citizen's Bank Building, 1902 (25 W. Main)
 224 Court, Lee House
 G.W. Woodworth House, University, 1903
 315 Forest, 1908-35 Carl Gunderson, owner



Matson, Erick (continued)	Lyons House (Forest Ave) J.H. Bryan House, 1903 123 Forest, 1902 J.W. Grange, owner 415 E. Main, Inman House Anderson House, Alsen Anderson House, Glenwood Township Bylander-Messler House, Garfield Township Prof. Grouse's new dwelling near the University Prof. Smith's new house S. of Morgan's residence on University, 1892	
Meberg, L.C.	26 Forest, 1909 213 Lewis, 1911	H.B. Palm, owner H.B. Palm, owner
Myrabo, Lars	221 Lewis, 1950	Homer Sims, owner
Nelson, Carl.	315 Forest, 1935	Earl Lien, owner
Nylen, Erick.	Clay County Bank 2 (1 W. Main), 1896 USD Old Armory, 1905 Helgeson/Davis Drug (12 W. Main), 1894 Vermillion High School 1, 1911 107 Forest, 1910 E.M. Hart, owner & designer 219 Forest, 1903 (mason) 221 Pine, 1907 Moved from Lewis, 1949 Waldorf Hotel (Main & Prospect), 1902 Waldorf Livery (24 Center), 1902 Carnegie Library, 1904 City Hall 2, 1908-10 8 E. Main 1894 (mason)	
Pauline, C.W.	University Hall cornice, 1884 (mason)	
Peterson, Herman	Bergen Lutheran Church, 1911	
Pickett, Andrew	New house on corner of Elm and National St., 1892 8 E. Main 1894	



Pickett, Andrew & Wilkins	Catholic Church, 1884	
Pickett, Andrew & Becklene, Hans	104 Court, E.H. Wiley House, 1895	
	15 Austin, Austin-Whittemore House, 1882	
	23 Forest, 1896	W.R. Fellows, owner
Pickett, Andrew & Norelius	Congregational Church 2 (SE Main & Dakota), 1889	
	Court St., L.T. Sweeney House, 1890	
Pioneer Bridge Company	Prentis Park Swimming Pool, 1929	
Porter, George G.	Vermillion School House 1, 1882 (wood),	
	John & Jake Holderread (brick & stone)	
	Clay County Bank 1 (1 W. Main), 1883	
	City Hall 1, 1884-86 (woodwork)	
	Horticulture & School Buildings (Clay Co. Fairgrounds), 1886	
	Barns & Machine Shed on Hinsey (Lee & Prentis) Ranch, 1887	
	Meckling School No. 4, 1887	
	House for Col. Campbell (with Jack Earls), 1887	
	House for A.H. Lathrop (6 mi. N of Vermillion), 1888	
	Schoolhouse for Harrington Dist., 1888	
	Brick building (10 blk E. Main), 1889	
	Dakota Republican (11 E. Main), 1890	
	Prof. Grouse's new dwelling near the University, 1890	
Rederick, Ed	New barn at D.C. Lawrence's (Bluff Center), 1889	
Rostad, Anton	Trinity Lutheran Church 1, 1908-09	
	Vermillion High School addition, 1921	
	East Side (Jolley) School addition, 1921	
	West Side (Austin) School addition, 1921	
Semrow, Fred	228 Forest, 1918	Fred Grange, owner
	224 Forest, 1920	C.E. Hayter, owner
	213 Forest, 1918	Residence
	322 Forest, 1916	W.F. Saeger, owner



Shaw, Henry New schoolhouse for District No. 14, 1889
New barn for Aaron Babb (3 miles N of Wakonda), 1890

Shaw & Doutkit A.W. Collins' new hotel (Wakonda), 1892

Shogren & Walters Episcopal Church 1 (Church St.), 1882 (masons)

Simpson, J.R. New barn for William Collar, 1891

Smith, A.M. New barn for McConnigal (near Bloomingdale), 1888

Taylor, Fred W. (SF) University Hall cornice, 1884

Thompson, Orville. Main & S. Yale, C.J. Gunderson House

Vaughn, C.I. Barn for H.E. Dimock in Clay County, 1891
15 E. Main, 1892 (contractor)

Walters, Zach. Episcopal Church 1 (Church & Kidder), 1883

Wickstrom & Son Addition to barn on the N.J. Anderson farm (Brooklyn), 1889
Calaboose (jail) for City Hall 1 (in basement), 1889

Williams, David Harry H. Sturges house on Washington St. in E.
Vermillion, 1892 (mason)

Williams, George J.W. Grange residence, 1882
H.E. Dimock residence (NE Vermillion), 1884
Addition to Jason Overton residence (E. Vermillion), 1884
Catholic Church 2, 1889

Williams, David W. Dr. Maxon's new residence, 1889 (mason)
Al Gillet's new roller mill (25 Center St.), 1889 (mason)

Willoughby, J.R. Large barn for C.N. Taylor (Meckling), 1891
New 50'x 80' barn for M.A. Dole (Meckling), 1892

Woodworth, "Frosty" (Mert?) Barn on F.M. Smith farm (E. Vermillion), 1884



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