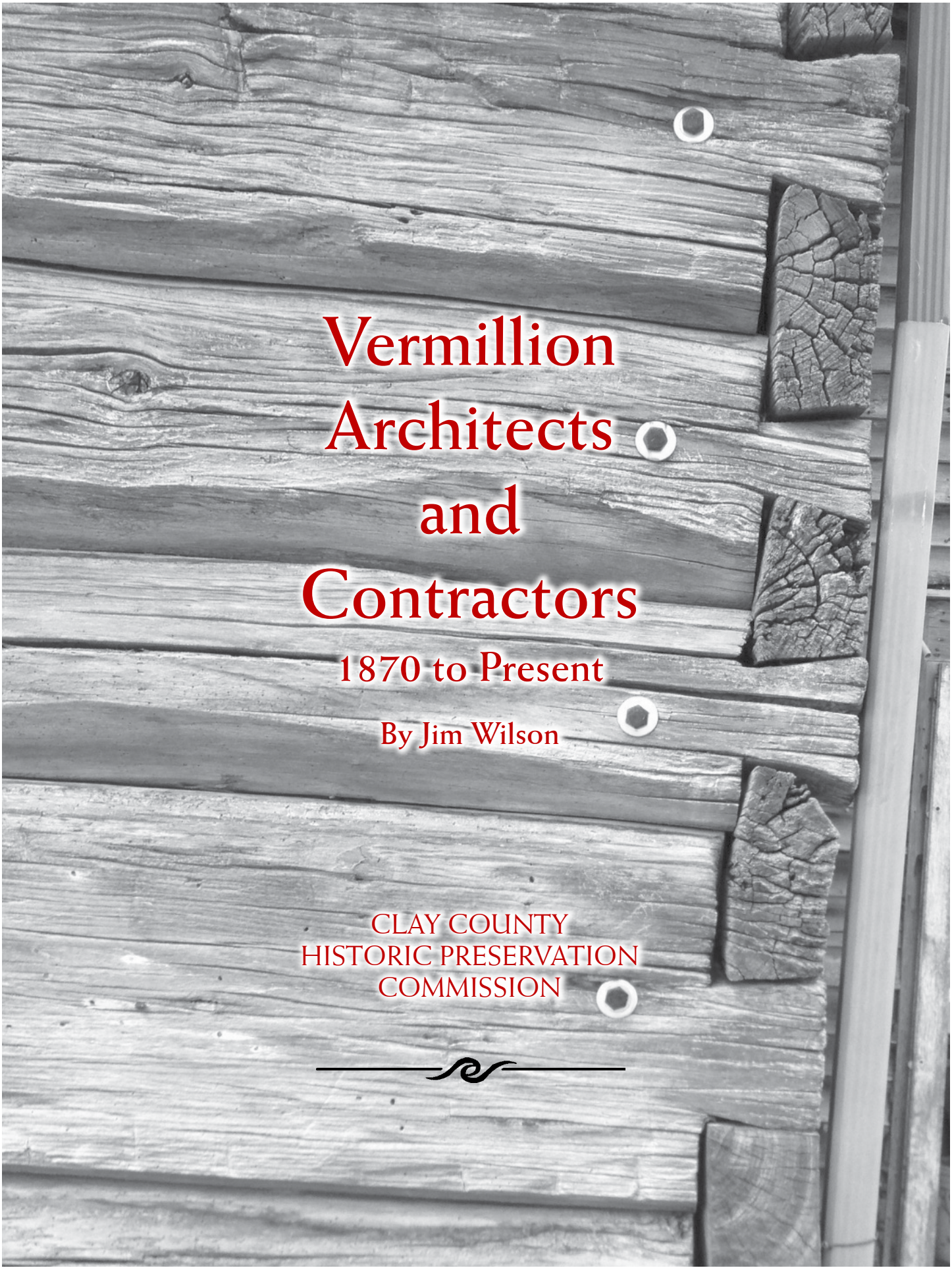

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In carrying out research on the history of Clay County it quickly became obvious that there was a serious lack of information regarding the built environment. The available histories of the county and the University of South Dakota discussed people, 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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*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 & Associates	City 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 Leroy	Thompson & 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, Herman . . . . . Cornelius 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	H.B. Palm, owner
	213 Lewis, 1911	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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