

CCHS Heritage Notes For 1-21-14

1860 – Original articles of incorporation for the town of Vermillion drafted. Not filed with Register of Deeds office until May 27, 1862.

1860 – Post Office established in Vermillion with Samuel Mulholland as the first postmaster.

1861 – Clay County is formed by an act of the Dakota Territory Legislature.

1862 – Bill locating the University of Dakota in Vermillion is signed into law.

1880 – Special train conveying 5 companies of 25 colored soldiers each stopped in Vermillion for dinner. The officers and wives took meals at the Chandler House, while the privates ate hard tack and sow belly. They were in town for one hour and then went on to Yankton where they boarded the steamer Peninah for Ft. Randall.

1882 – The Chandler House is repaired and opened for business on Market Street atop the bluff.

1883 – Houses are being moved away from Main Street to points a block or two north to make room for businesses that want frontage along Main.

1889 – Greatest Memorial Day observance ever is staged in Vermillion, with a large gathering and ceremony at City Hall and then a march to Bluff View Cemetery with a second ceremony.

1891 – D.M. Inman, speaking on behalf of the local trustees, declared the University to be in a state of rebellion and indefinitely suspended 7 student leaders.

1891 – School land sale. Will Ufford secured three “40’s” of Section 16 in Fairview Township, two for \$18 and one for \$30. Clay County bought the other 40 to add to its Poor Farm.

1895 – Vermillion Water, Power & Light Co. formed, with electric plant located at the Vermillion Milling Co. at the corner of Center & National Street.

1896 – Efforts are underway to raise money for a new hotel in Vermillion.