In 1984, the State Historical Preservation Center, a program of the South Dakota State Historical Society, began a thematic survey of Czech folk architecture in South Dakota. The following bibliography came out of that study. It does not constitute a comprehensive listing of all pertinent resources but is meant to suggest the broad range of sources available to the student of Czech folkways in the region. Most of the investigation was conducted through the I. D. Weeks Library on the campus of the University of South Dakota in Vermillion and the institution's interlibrary loan service. An extremely valuable research tool was the Vernacular Architecture Forum Newsletter, which carries regular bibliographical listings.

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Archival Resources

The University of Chicago's Archives of Czechs and Slovaks Abroad and the University of Minnesota's Immigration Research Center contain the largest collections of Czech-American archival materials. In addition, the following locations house smaller collections: Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville; Western Reserve Historical Society, Cleveland; Balch Institute, Philadelphia; and the University of Nebraska, Lincoln. The Czech Museum and Library in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, offers a fine collection of books and manuscripts as well as indoor and outdoor exhibits pertaining to the Old World culture that Czechs brought to the area and nurtured.

In South Dakota, the Richardson Archives of the I. D. Weeks Library at the University of South Dakota, Vermillion, contains research materials and manuscripts from the South Dakota division of the Federal Writers' Project of the Works Progress Administration. Included in this collection are data sheets locating public records, communication from local informants, and other writers' materials. Particularly useful to researchers of Czech-American activity are the files for Bon Homme County and the files on ethnic groups and folk tales. The Czech Heritage Preservation Society in Tabor, South Dakota, maintains microfilm copies of all extant issues of the Tabor Independent and other historical documents of value to researchers.

William Tishler of the Landscape Architecture Department at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, traveled extensively in Czechoslovakia and discovered two important groups of archival materials: the papers of the late Czech architect Vaclav Mencil, housed at the Ministry of Culture in Prague, and the archives of the State Institute for Reconstruction and Preservation of Towns and Monuments, also in Prague.

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