

Contents of Capitol Cornerstone
June 25, 1908

The Grand Master directed the Grand Secretary to read the list of various articles to be deposited in the stone, which was as follows:

- Coins of 1907
- Building Contract
- Capitol bills of 1905 and 1907
- Holy Bible
- History and government of South Dakota
- Brief history of South Dakota
- Ordinance of 1787
- Blue books of 1905 and 1907 containing constitutions of the United States and of the state of South Dakota; also state directories
- Inaugural address of Governor Samuel H. Elrod to the 9th legislative session
- Biennial message of Governor Samuel H. Elrod to the 10th legislative session
- Inaugural address of Governor Coe I. Crawford to the 10th legislative session
- Photographs
 - Samuel H. Lea, superintendent of construction
 - O.H. Olsen, contractor
 - General W. H. H. Beadle, speaker of the day
 - Hon. John Sutherland, introducer of state capitol building bills, 1905
 - I.W. Goodner, introducer of state capitol bill, 1907
 - Governor Coe I. Crawford
 - Hon. D. D. Wipf
- Negative of old capitol building
- Negative of architect's drawings of new capitol building
- Copy of Constitutional Debates-South Dakota
- Copy Revised Codes Dakota-1877
- Session laws-1907
- Copy of program rendered at laying of cornerstone South Dakota capitol building at Pierre, June 25, 1908
- Annual reports of 1907 of the following state officers:
 - State Auditor
 - Treasurer
 - Secretary of State
 - Commissioner of School and Public Lands
 - Superintendent of Instruction.
- Newspapers
 - *Pierre Dakotan*
 - *Pierre Capitol-Journal*
 - *Pierre Free Press*
 - *Pierre New Era*

- *Sioux Falls Daily Press*
- *Sioux Falls Daily Argus-Leader*
- *Aberdeen American*
- *Aberdeen Daily News*
- *Yankton Press and Dakotan*
- *Deadwood Telegram*
- *Rapid City Journal*
- *Dacotah Magazine*
- *Commercial News*
- *Eureka Volkzeitung*
- *Sioux Falls Posten*
- *The Woman's Journal*

The Grand Treasurer then deposited in the cavity prepared for the purpose the box containing the several articles of deposit.

The cornerstone was then lowered into its place, during which ceremony soft music was rendered by the band.

The list of cornerstone items is found in the *South Dakota History Collection* of 1910, volume 5, pages 209-210. It is also listed in the June 26, 1908 issue of the *Pierre Capitol Journal*.