

# Branson Bank

110 East 2nd Avenue  
Mitchell, SD  
Davison County



O.L. Branson & Company erected this bank building in 1916 using a Prairie Style design with Sullivan-esque elements by the firm of Purcell & Elmslie. The architects used a post-and-lintel theme and long bricks to create a horizontal, heavy sense of space and form. The design used prominent stained glass transom windows (which are in planning to be restored) and intricate terra cotta sculptural accents in the entrance. Purcell & Elmslie were the second-most commissioned architects of the Prairie School after Frank Lloyd Wright. At their height from 1909 to 1922, they had offices in Minneapolis, Chicago, Portland (Oregon), and Philadelphia. Knowing that banks are character-defining buildings in downtowns, Purcell & Elmslie paid particular attention to the thoughtful and innovative design of this and other bank projects they worked on.