

District 8

District 8: Sioux Valley Counties: Brookings, Clark, Codington, Deuel, Hamlin, Kingsbury, Lake, Moody County Facts:
 Brookings County Visit Brookings County's web site: <http://www.brookingscountysd.gov/> Area: 794 sq. mi.

Population: 28,220

Seat: Brookings The history of Brookings County begins with the act, which authorized its first boundaries on April 5, 1862. Its area at that time included parts of Moody, Lake and Kingsbury Counties but was reduced to its present dimensions in 1873. On January 13, 1871 the first Commissioners were appointed to organize the county and Governor Burbank named Medary as the county seat. The town of Brookings was laid out in early October, 1879. There was a rush to the new town and Medary was moved almost bodily to Brookings. The question of the county seat came up at the November election and Brookings won over two other contestants. Bitter feelings and accusations of fraud followed, but Brookings became the legal county seat and the records were moved to the new town during the closing days of 1879. The establishment of the Agricultural College and experiment station at Brookings was by an act of the Territorial Legislature on February 21, 1881. Contact Information Auditor: Janet Willmott, 314 6th Avenue, Brookings, SD 57006, 605-696-8204 Treasurer: Vicki Buseth, 314 6th Avenue, Brookings, SD 57006, 605-696-8250 Register of Deeds: Bev Chapman, 314 6th Avenue, Brookings, SD 57006, 605-696-8240 Commissioners: Dennis Falken, Emil Klavetter, Don Larson, Mary Negstad, Deanna Santema, and Stephanie Vogel, Commissioner's Assistant Clark County Area: 958 sq. mi.

Population: 4,143

Seat: Clark The first settlement in Clark County was in June 1879. In May of 1881, the governor appointed county Commissioners who then met and organized the county. They passed a resolution declaring that the Clark House, owned and kept by Mrs. M. E. Greenslet, be designated as the official headquarters. This house was 1/2 mile north of where the present county seat of Clark County now stands. The Chicago and Northwestern railway reached the townsite of Clark in June 1882. Clark, the county seat, is the largest town and is located in almost the exact center of the county. It was settled in the fall of 1882. Contact Information Auditor: Nancy Worth, P.O. Box 294, Clark, SD 57225, 605-532-5921 Treasurer: Kay Mahlen, P.O. Box 295, Clark, SD 57225, 605-532-5911 Register of Deeds: Janet Hurlbut, P.O. Box 294, Clark, SD 57225, 605-532-5363 Commissioners: Eugene Furness, Francis Hass, Clara Luvaas, Richard Reints, Jerry Wicks Codington County Visit Codington County's web site: <http://www.codington.org/> Area: 688 sq. mi.

Population: 25,897

Seat: Watertown Until February 1877, Codington County was a part of Hamlin County. The purpose for the dividing of the counties was to help some town site boomers to establish a county seat for Codington County near Lake Kampeska. The county was organized for municipal purposes in August 1878. Kampeska was the county seat. When election day came in November 1878, a full vote was polled, the principle issue being the county seat question. The Winona and St. Peter Railroad Company spared no opportunity to get settlers back from the east to vote for Watertown as the new county seat. Watertown won and has been the county seat since 1878. Contact Information Auditor: Cindy Brugman, 14 1st Avenue SE, Watertown, SD 57201-3611, 605-882-6297 Treasurer: Carol Maloney, 14 1st Avenue SE, Watertown, SD 57201-3611, 605-882-6285 Register of Deeds: Ann Seifel, 14 1st Avenue SE, Watertown, SD 57201-3611, 605-882-6278 Commissioners: Elmer Brinkman, Carol Johnson, Ken Larson, Laverne Marquardt, Jack Thomas Deuel County Visit Deuel County's website: <http://www.deuelcountysd.com/> Area: 624 sq. mi.

Population: 4,498

Seat: Clear Lake Deuel County was created in 1862 and organized in 1874. A sawmill gave Jacob S. Deuel, for whom the county was named, a start in Dakota Territory in 1860. Gary was made the county seat and remained so until Clear Lake became a town of importance, when it was moved to Clear Lake. Clear Lake takes its name from a near-by lake. The town was settled in 1884 and incorporated in 1900. Contact Information Auditor: Pam Lynde, P.O. Box 616, Clear Lake, SD 57226, 605-874-2312 Treasurer: Judy Bartling, P.O. Box 680, Clear Lake, SD 57226, 605-874-2483 Register of Deeds: Carole Fischer, P.O. Box 307, Clear Lake, SD 57226, 605-874-2268 Commissioners: Gordon Anderson, Donald Hanson, Darold Hunt, Gary Jaeger, Ray Van Liere Hamlin County Area: 511 sq. mi.

Population: 5,540

Seat: Hayti Hamlin County was created in 1872 and organized in 1878. It was named for Hannibal Hamlin, Vice-President under Abraham Lincoln. The county seat was located at the Spalding ranch. Following an election in November of 1878 the county seat was located at Spalding. There were four contests for county seat honors, the first occurring in 1884 when the seat was moved from Estelline to Castlewood; the second in 1890 when Bryant made an attempt; the third in 1910, when Hayti made its first bid. Although Hayti was victorious, the contest was taken to court and Castlewood was declared the winner. Four years later Hayti tried again and was successful. Contact Information Auditor: Dixie Opdahl, P.O. Box 237, Hayti, SD 57241, 605-783-3201 Treasurer: Roberta Jensen Hemish, P.O. Box 267, Hayti, SD 57241, 605-783-3441 Register of Deeds: Marlene Schaefer, P.O. Box 56, Hayti, SD 57241, 605-783-3206 Commissioners: Larry Bakke, Daniel Jensen, Randall Rudebusch, Reid Touhino, Richard Wagner Kingsbury County Area: 838 sq. mi.

Population: 5,815

Seat: De Smet Kingsbury County was named after two brothers, George W. and T. A. Kingsbury, who were prominent in the affairs of the territory and members of several territorial legislatures. In December, 1879, Governor Howard, territorial Governor for Dakota, appointed county Commissioners. After a bitter struggle between DeSmet and Lake Preston, the voters chose De Smet as the county seat. Contact Information Auditor: Jennifer Albrecht, P.O. Box 196, De Smet, SD 57231, 605-854-3832 Treasurer: Audrey Lembke, P. O. Box 166, De Smet SD, 57231, 605-854-3411

Register of Deeds: Caryn Hojer, P.O. Box 146, De Smet, SD 57231, 605-854-3591 Commissioners: Jerry Ellingson, Donald Lee, Roger Lee, Jeff Madison, Ryan Schoenfelder Lake County Area: 563 sq. mi.

Population: 11,275

Seat: Madison Lake County was created by a legislative act of January 1873 and named because of many beautiful lakes that lie within the boundaries of the county. The county Commissioners were appointed by the Governor in September 1873 and Madison (Old Madison), located on the bank of Lake Madison, was made the county seat.

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Moody County Visit Moody County's website: www.moodycounty.net Area: 520 sq. mi.

Population: 6,595

Seat: Flandreau Moody County, created and organized in 1873, was named for Col. Gideon C. Moody, Speaker of the House in the Territorial Legislature of 1874-75, associate justice of the Territorial Supreme Court from 1878 to 1883, and one of South Dakota's first two U.S. Senators from 1889-1891. The first county commission meeting was held in August, 1873. The county seat issue was referred to the voters in November 1881 and Flandreau was favored over Egan. Contact Information Auditor: Jeannie Larson, 101 Pipestone Avenue Ste. D, Flandreau, SD 57028, 605-997-3161 Treasurer: Vicki Schmidt, 101 Pipestone Avenue Ste. A, Flandreau, SD 57028, 605-997-3171 Register of Deeds:

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