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National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Ferris, James W., House  
other names/site number CD-WT-N-30

2. Location

street & number 619 North Park NA not for publication  
city, town Watertown NA vicinity  
state South Dakota code SD county Codington code SD 029 zip code 57201

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	_____	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	_____	_____ structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>1</u>	_____ objects
			<u>1</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing:  
Historic Resources of the North End  
Neighborhood, Watertown, SD

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination  request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.

[Signature] \_\_\_\_\_ Date 11/15/88

Signature of certifying official \_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau SD Dept of Hist

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau \_\_\_\_\_

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register.  
 See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register.  See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain:)

Beth Boland \_\_\_\_\_ 1/3/89

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Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

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**6. Function or Use**

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Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/single dwelling

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Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/single dwelling

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**7. Description**

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Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

OTHER:

American Foursquare

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Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone

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walls Wood

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roof Asphalt

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other Brick

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Describe present and historic physical appearance.

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The James W. Ferris House is a two-and-one-half-story wood frame American Foursquare dwelling. Rising from a rusticated quartzite block foundation, it is clad with slim three-inch clapboard siding. It is capped by a truncated pyramidal roof covered with asphalt shingles. Exposed rafter ends decorate the eave line. A large rectangular brick chimney rises just south of the center of the roof. On the front (east) facade is an enclosed sun porch. The center of the upper lever of the front facade is appointed with a three-sided projecting bay. Hipped roof dormers light the half-story attic.

Shortly after initial construction, a small rectangular two-story addition, nearly the width of the main body of the house, was built onto the rear (west) facade. The addition serves in part as a sun porch and as a rear entry to the house. In the center of the upper floor of that addition is a recessed balcony with a plain ballustrade.

Fenestration is symmetrical on the front facade and generally asymmetrical on the other three facades. A one-story bay window projects on the north facade. Most windows are long rectangular one-over-one double-hung units.

The original floor plan (not including the rear addition) is two bays wide and two bays deep.

Of unknown date of construction, a three-car brick garage with a hipped roof (non-contributing) is located several yards to the west of the house.

**8. Statement of Significance**

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally     statewide     locally

Applicable National Register Criteria     A     B     C     D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)     A     B     C     D     E     F     G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

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Period of Significance

1910

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Cultural Affiliation

N/A

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Architect/Builder

Unknown

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Significant Dates

1910

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State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

See continuation sheet

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository:

Codington County Historical Society

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of property Less than one acre

UTM References

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Zone      Easting      Northing

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Zone      Easting      Northing

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See continuation sheet

**Verbal Boundary Description**

The boundaries of the property are contained within the legal description:  
The North 96 feet by the East one-hundred fifty feet of the Northeast corner, Block 23, Syndicate Addition, City of Watertown, Codington County, South Dakota.

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**Boundary Justification**

The boundary includes the parcel that has historically been associated with the property.

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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Under Criteriion C of the National Register Criteria, the James W. Ferris House is significant in the area of architecture, because it is a relatively unaltered, charatertistic example of the American Foursquare design, popular throughout the North End Neighborhood, Watetown, South Dakota, after the turn of the century. Under the South Dakota Historical Preservation Plan the property relates to the following historic context: V. Depression and Rebuilding, A. Changing Urban Patterns, 3. Residential Changes.

According to deed records, James Ferris purchased this parcel of land in 1910 from John H. Davis, who was an active developer and promoter of the Syndicate Addition of the North End Neighborhood. The house was built by Ferris shortly thereafter. Along with his borther, W. J. Ferris, he managed the initial Watertown Municipal Electrical Utility Company. The city granted the Ferris brothers a franchise to operate the utilites in 1909.

The American Foresquare offered a free form large family dwelling for a reasonable amount of money. A full two-story cubic house, the form was versatile in both plan and facade. Owners and their builders could apply whatever fenestration and stylisltic treatments suited them best. Following some of the Prairie School influence, the Ferris House displays wide sun porches with bands of windows and wide overhanging eaves. It also exhibits the common two-by-two floor plan and lighted attic. Through covenant he attachced to the sale of lots, Watertown developer John Davis avidly promoted the use of this form during the second decade of the twentieth century.

The period of significance for the nominated property does not extend beyond its date of construction in 1910.

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PHOTO DOCUMENTATION

1.

James W. Ferris House

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619 N. Park, Watertown, Codington County, South Dakota

by Rolene Schliesman

August 1987

Neg.: South Dakota Historical Preservation Center

East facade, camera facing west

Photo No. 1

2.

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Neg.: South Dakota Historical Preservation Center

East and north facades, camera facing southwest

Photo No. 2

3.

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Neg.: South Dakota Historical Preservation Center

West facade, camera facing northeast

Photo No. 3

4.

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Garage, camera facing south

Photo No. 4