

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: South Dakota	
COUNTY: Brown	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
MAR 1	1973

1. NAME

COMMON:
Easton's Castle

AND/OR HISTORIC:

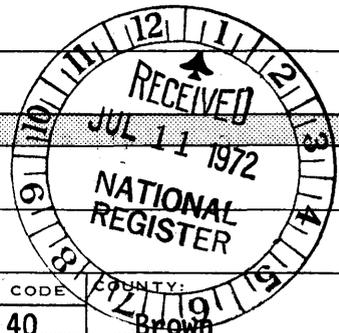
2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
1210 2nd Avenue N.W.

CITY OR TOWN:
Aberdeen

STATE:
South Dakota

CODE: **40** COUNTY: **Brown** CODE: **013**



3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Dr. & Mrs. Sam Jones Holman and family

STREET AND NUMBER:
1210 2nd Avenue N.W.

CITY OR TOWN:
Aberdeen

STATE:
South Dakota

CODE:
40

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Brown County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Aberdeen

STATE:
South Dakota

CODE:
40

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
South Dakota Historic Sites Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: **1968** Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
South Dakota Historic Preservation Program

STREET AND NUMBER:
W.H. Over Dakota Museum, University of South Dakota

CITY OR TOWN:
Vermillion

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Easton's Castle is a yellow three story brick house reflecting a New-Jacobean influence in architectural style. The basic plan of the house is irregular having a main structure and accompanying wing on the west side. It's distinctive features are a three storied tower on the south east corner, a ballustrade with a large keyhole opening on the third floor of the east side and gabled roofs with parapet eves. Lintels, sills and eves are of red sand stone. This material also caps the crenelated walls of a point terrace and porch, the moat-like effect of which originated the local term "castle". The tops of some windows are of stained glass and most are single and double hung with the exception of three with mullions on the north side. There are two chimneys; one large and decorative straddling the center of the main wing and the other simpler and more functional on the ridge of the west wing.

Easton's Castle was built in 1889-90. Originally a green frame building it was bricked over in about 1904. Surrounding the home are several outbuildings, including a well maintained, two storied, carriage house with Scadinavian features. Stalls from the carriage house have been used as a rustic backdrop for the kitchen in the house. This and the addition of two mosaic wall murals in are the only alterations made by the previous owners. Otherwise the interior of cherry, oak and walnut woodwork, parquet floors and French tooled wallpaper remain intact.



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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1889-90** **1904**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Easton's Castle has been the home of several of the areas prominent families. A.C. Bliss, who built the house, was a pioneer merchant in Aberdeen. Other owners included J.T. McChesney, an early mayor of the city and the Easton family; wealthy merchant who lived there for 51 years. The house was the center of the area's social life until 1944 when Mrs. Easton died.

Architecturally, the Easton House is a rarity in the area and one of few New-Jacobean buildings in this state.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Aberdeen American News, July 11, 1965.

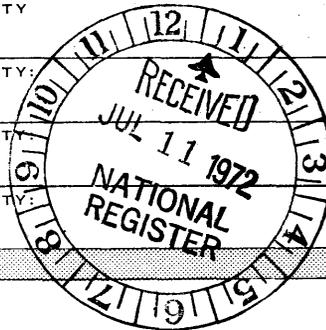
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **Less Than 1**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



NO

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **Paul Putz, Researcher**

ORGANIZATION: **South Dakota Historic Preservation Program** DATE: **6/27/72**

STREET AND NUMBER: **W.H. Over Dakota Museum, University of South Dakota**

CITY OR TOWN: **Vermillion** STATE: **South Dakota** CODE: **40**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name *Paul Putz*

Title State Liaison Officer

Date 12-7-72

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Robert H. Utley
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 3/1/73

ATTEST:
C. J. Shultz
Keeper of The National Register

Date 2-27-73

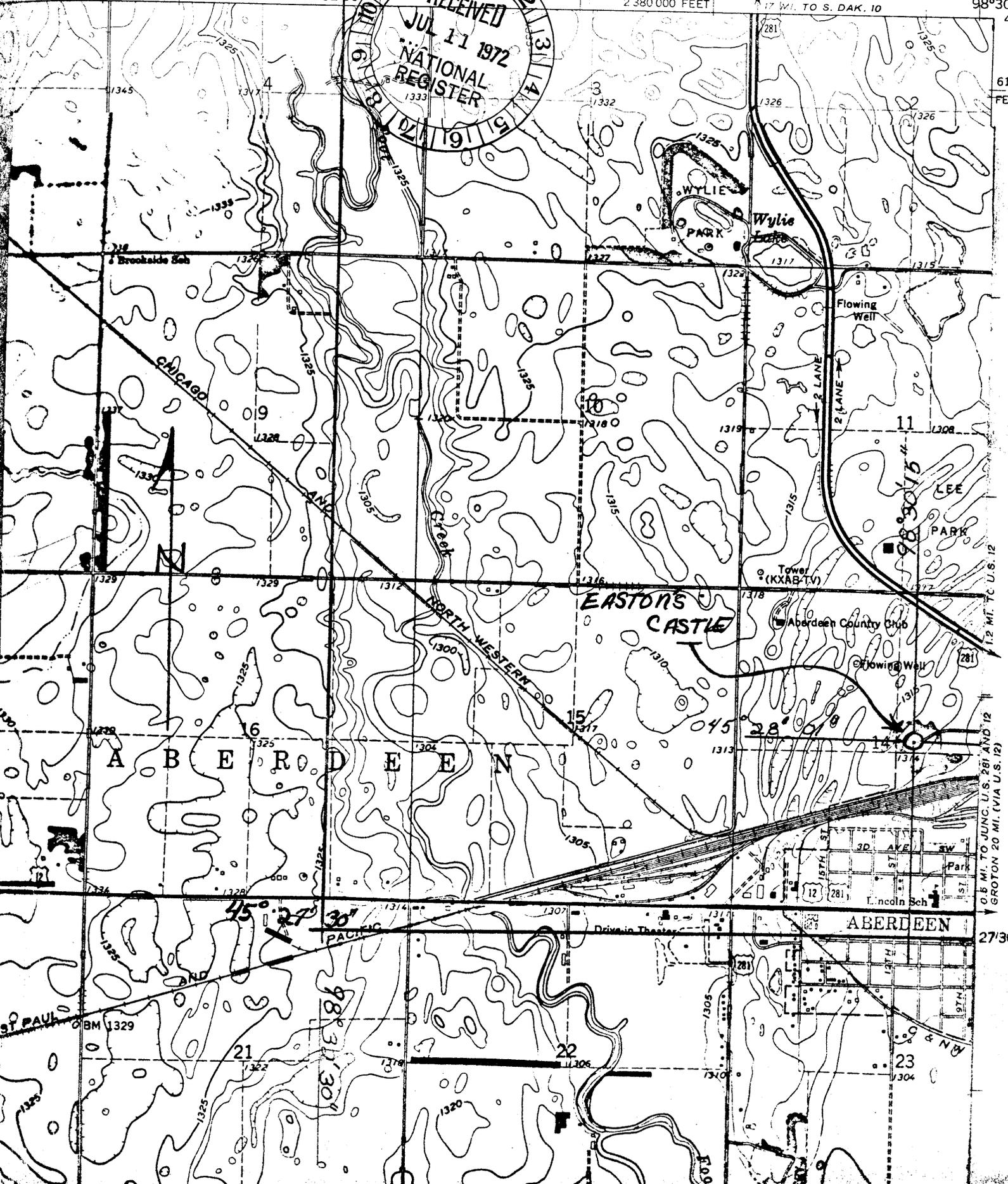
ABERDEEN WEST QUADRANGLE
SOUTH DAKOTA—BROWN CO.
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

ELLENDALE 38 MI.
17 MI. TO S. DAK. 10

2 380 000 FEET

98°30'

SCALE 1:125 000



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1.2 MI. TO U.S. 12

0.6 MI. TO JUNC. U.S. 281 AND 12
GROTON 20 MI. (VIA U.S. 12)

27°30'