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7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions.)
Late 19th and Early 20th Century American Movements: Prairie Style Foursquare

Materials: (enter categories from instructions.)

Principal exterior materials of the property: _Wood - Weatherboard; Asphalt; Concrete

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current physical appearance and condition of the property. Describe contributing and noncontributing resources if applicable. Begin with **a summary paragraph** that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, type, style, method of construction, setting, size, and significant features. Indicate whether the property has historic integrity.)

Summary Paragraph

General Setting

The Ole Quamman House (1910) is a Prairie Style foursquare in Lemmon, SD.¹ It is located on the southwest corner of a large corner lot. It is located in an area where residential, historic commercial, contemporary public, and ecclesiastical architecture blend together two blocks west of Main Street. The boulevards with mature trees lend the area a residential feel.

The corner lot is large with a mixture of old and new trees. Behind the house to the east is a two-story, gambrel roof carriage house that has been converted to a garage. To the north of the carriage house is a garden constructed of petrified wood. To the south of the carriage house is a white-picket wood fence that runs west to the front of the house, screening a portion of the lot. In front of the house are paired, petrified wood flowerpots.

Minimal material and design changes have been made to the house. The front porch has been enclosed. No date for this enclosure is known (house is one block to far west to be included in Sanborn-Ferris maps). The original wood clapboard and windows

¹ Perkins County South Dakota, Director of Equalizations Records for property at 400 Second Avenue, Lemmon, South Dakota.

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remain. Very little has changed on the interior. Original woodwork and layout remains unchanged, with the exception of updates made to the kitchen and bathrooms.

Narrative Description

General Characteristics

The two-story house is a large, rectilinear foursquare with an enclosed porch. It has a hipped roof with wide eaves and asphalt shingles. The siding is wood clapboard. Four bands of horizontal, wide wood trim run in courses around the house and in between bands of clapboard. The windows are wood; most are six-over-one double hung windows with aluminum storm windows. The foundation is poured concrete that imitates stone.

Exterior

West Elevation (Front)

An enclosed porch with half-hipped roof and wide eaves runs the length of the façade. The roof of the porch wraps around slightly onto the sides of the house. The original square columns and clapboard kneewall remain. The south half is enclosed with glass blocks (c.1950) on both the west and south sides. The north half has an entrance at the corner with a wood stoop landing and wood posts with turned-wood balusters. Wood lattice surrounds the stoop. The door is wood with a single pane of glass. Flanking the door are large, four-pane fixed windows. Centered between the glass block and entrance window configuration, in between two columns, is a fixed pane window. On the north side of the porch are two four-pane, fixed windows. The porch has a concrete block foundation. Inside the porch is the original entrance to the house. The door is walnut with six square panes of glass. Flanking the door are sidelights. The sidelights have three panes.

The second floor has two paired, six-over-one double hung windows. A hipped dormer is centered on the roof. There are four, four-pane windows in the dormer.

North Elevation

At the basement level, there are two three-pane hopper windows – one below the bay and one to the west of the entrance door to the basement. The basement door is wood with a fixed pane window. There is a metal storm door and a lantern-style light fixture next to the entrance.

On the first level, there is a three-sided bay to the east of the entrance door. It has two narrow fixed-pane windows on the side and a larger fixed pane window on the front. A half-hipped roof with asphalt shingles covers the bay; the roof continues to extend east to the corner of the house. To the west of the basement entrance is a paired six-over-one double hung window. These windows are smaller than most of the double hung windows on the house. The windows are shorter so as to not interfere with the wainscoting on the interior of the entry parlor.

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Above the basement entry door, in between the first and second floors, is a six-over-one double hung window. This window is placed at the stairwell landing to give light to the interior stairwell.

The second floor has four windows, three of which are six-over-one double hung windows. There is a nine-pane awning window located above the stairwell window. This window is different from the other windows as to not interfere with interior woodwork.

East Elevation

The east elevation has a new rear porch with hipped roof that blends in with the design of the house. An entrance is centered on the first floor and flanked by six-pane casement windows. On the second floor are four six-over-one double hung windows.

South Elevation

The south elevation has two three-pane awning windows at the basement level.

The first floor has paired six-over-one windows. These windows are shorter as to not interfere with the interior wainscoting in the living room. There is also a three-sided bay with hipped roof. The side windows of the bay are four-over-one double hung windows. The front bay window is a six-over-one double hung window. To the east of the bay is a half-hipped roof that extends to the corner and matches a similar feature on the north elevation.

The second floor has four, six-over-one double hung wood windows.

Interior

General

The interior of the home is an elegant Arts and Crafts design. The first floor has light-colored walls contrasting with dark wood. Wood casings, floors (quarter-sawn), beams, and built-in features are used extensively throughout the house. Paint on the main level is earth tones. The characteristics of the wood, such as grain, are utilized in the design. The wood has never been painted and the only major modifications to the interior occur in bathrooms and the kitchen.

First Floor

The entry hall, parlor and living room retain almost all of their historic characteristics. The parlor room now extends to the west due to the porch enclosure. All three rooms (as well as the hallway between the entry hall and kitchen) have wood floors. Floors in the parlor and dining room have been carpeted. The walls have a mix of panel-stripped, skeleton wainscot and batten wainscot that extends nearly two-thirds up the wall. Skeleton wainscot was typically assembled by laying 2-inch-wide strips of wood, 18 inches on center, with the panels between the strips covered with burlap or plaster

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work.² Batten wainscot is made similar to skeleton. Traditionally, most wainscot ranged between 30 and 40 inches, but Arts and Crafts designs raised wainscot to heights up to five feet.³ Wainscot placement was advised to be "high enough to break the wall space into wall and frieze, or....low enough to divide the wall into wall and wainscoting. The best proportions are not more than one third from the top and are one-third from the floor."⁴ The rooms also have beamed ceilings. The beams are arranged in a grid pattern. The drop of the cross beams is less than the main beams. A four-inch wood picture rail also rims these rooms. The doorway and windows have flat casings with a cap mold. Trim work is square-edge, which was common on Mission, Craftsman and other Arts and Crafts styles.⁵ Plain base blocks are also used. The doors between rooms are single-action.

Main floor (keyed to map)

1F - The entry vestibule is a space created with the enclosure of the front porch. The four-pane fixed windows suggest that this may be an early enclosure. (the other side of the porch is enclosed with glass blocks, suggesting that enclosure was later than the entry vestibule's)

2F - The entry hall and stair landing share space. A wood bench is built into the side of the stairway facing the door. A radiator is located next to the entry. A cased opening leads south to the parlor and a cased doorway leads east into the hallway.

The stairs rise to the north where they meet a window and landing before dog-legging back 180 degrees to rise to the south. The entire stairwell is wood. The balustrade is simple. Newel posts have simple lines and a plain shaft. Balusters are square and simple and attach to the handrail.

3F The parlor was extended to the west with the enclosure of the front porch. Colonnades divide the parlor from the adjoining dining room to the east and the entry hall to the north. Colonnades are doorless portals of substantial width that give the impression of one room's space borrowing from the other. The columns on the colonnade are similar to the newel posts on the stairway. Built-in bookcases are located below the pedestals on the colonnades. The paired doors on the bookcases have 16 square lights over six rectangular lights. Pedestal sections were often used to house desks, drawers, bench seats and other types of storage cases. As their design

² Jan Jennings and Hebert Gottfried. *American Vernacular Buildings and Interiors: 1870-1960.* (Ames: IA, Iowa State University Press, 1993) 84.

³ Ibid, 84.

⁴Ibid, 256.

⁵ Ibid, 52.

⁶ Ibid. 122.

⁷ Ibid, 122.

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for storage increased, the height of the columns was reduced, which is typical for Arts and Crafts designs.⁸

4F The dining room is accessed through the colonnade. There is also a door that enters the kitchen at the northeast corner of the room. There are no cabinets on the backside of the colonnade. On the wall opposite the colonnade is a large sideboard.

The sideboard contains two cabinets with divided lights. The cabinet doors have 16 square panes over six rectangular panes. The sideboard also has 11 drawers of varying sizes. Above the drawers is a mirror. Cabinets flank the mirror. Above the sideboard is another mirror enclosed by wood trim.

The south side of the dining room has a three-sided cant bay. The bay is encased by wood trim.

5F The kitchen has been modernized.

6F The bathroom has been modernized. It is unknown is this was originally a bathroom or a later repurposing of a butler's pantry.

Second floor (keyed to map)

7F-10F The bedrooms on the second floor are very similar. They have wood mopboards, trim around the windows, wood floors and paneled doors.

11F The bathroom is located in between the bedrooms on the south side of the house. It is a modern bathroom.

12F The hallway contains two built in wardrobes centered between the bedroom doors on the east and west hallway. The wood wardrobes have three-panel doors on top and four drawers on the bottom. There is also a closet directly west of the stairway.

Third Floor

The third floor is a partially finished attic.

Carriage House

The two-story carriage house has a rectangular plan and gambrel roof with asphalt shingles. It is clad in clapboard identical to that of the house. Centered on the roof's ridgeline is a wooden cupola. The cupola has a pyramidal roof with asphalt shingles. The cupola is square and there are paired arched, louvered wooden ventilators on each side and a finial on top. A metal stovepipe extends from the south side of the roof. The window openings on the carriage house have been covered with wood panels painted to look like four-pane windows.

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The front of the garage (west elevation) has two modern fiberglass doors. The metal entrance door with a single pane of glass is located near the south corner. A modern fiberglass garage door is on the other corner. The garage door is hinged and opens to the sides – it does not roll up. Above the garage door are two fixed eight-pane windows. On the second floor are two window openings covered with wood and painted to look like a four-pane window. Placed between the two windows is a basketball hoop and backboard. An 8" x 1" horizontal piece of trim delineates the floors.

The north and south elevations each have two window openings. Those openings are covered with wood and painted to look like four-pane windows. The east elevation has no openings.

The interior is open on the main floor to house cars. The second floor is used for storage.

Garden

Toward the northwest corner of the lot is a flower garden. The garden includes an arrangement of petrified wood. The petrified wood is remnants from the Petrified Wood Park located on Main Street in Lemmon.

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Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph (Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance, applicable criteria, justification for the period of significance, and any applicable criteria considerations.)

Significance

The Ole Quamman House is locally significant under National Register of Historic Places **Criterion C.** The period of significance is 1910, the date of construction.

It is also locally significant under **Criterion C** as the best example of the Prairie Style in Lemmon. The Prairie Style cube is also one of the most prominent houses in Lemmon of any style. The house retains excellent integrity and conveys the significance of the Prairie Style and foursquare form. Both the interior and exterior exhibit characteristics of the Arts and Crafts period. The Quamman also retains an intact carriage house which contributes to its integrity.

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Narrative Statement of Significance (Provide at least one paragraph for each area of significance.)

Prairie Style

Prairie Style was popular in the United States from 1900 to 1920. It developed at a time when a rapidly expanding industrial economy was elevating American families' incomes and improving their standards of living while at the same time causing social upheaval. ⁹ New concepts of consumerism, labor, communication, and transportation were placing strains on the traditional family unit. ¹⁰ Homes represented the status of the owners in business, professional jobs, and the trades, while in a social sense the home as an institution was crumbling. ¹¹ This social chasm spilled over into architecture as the truly American Prairie style developed.

Frank Lloyd Wright is acknowledged as the founder of the Prairie Style. Wright came to Chicago and worked under architect Louis Sullivan from 1887-1893. A disagreement ended their relationship and Wright began what became a legendary career. However, Sullivan's influence on Wright and what became the Prairie School movement is significant.

Sullivan's adopted "anti-establishment" position garnered him a following of young architects. This anti-establishment sentiment hurt Sullivan, though, who was a superior designer and "brooding philosopher on the relation of architecture to civilization in a democratic society." His arrogance, inability to compromise, and alcoholism alienated him from Chicago's financers and developers – the men who paid commissions. Because of this, one of the most influential men at the genesis of the Prairie Movement was reduced to minor commissions in small towns across the Midwest. Midwest.

The Prairie style was, on an esthetic level, an answer to a long quest for an identifiable American style.¹⁷ It was tied to the emergence of the Midwest as a social and economic player on the national scene. Chicago, the cultural and economic center of the

¹⁴ Ibid, 2-3.

⁹ Carole, Rifkind. *A Field Guide to American Architecture*. (New York: NY, Penguin Group, 1980), 98.

¹⁰ Richard Guy Wilson and Sydney K. Robinson. *The Prairie School in Iowa*. (Ames: IA, Iowa State University Press, 1977), 8.

¹¹ Jennings 133; Wilson and Robinson, 8.

¹² Wilson and Robinson, 9.

¹³ Ibid, 2-3.

¹⁵ Ibid, 2-3.

¹⁶ Ibid. 2-3.

¹⁷ Ibid, 6.

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Midwest, grew in both population and economic output in the last half of the 1800s.

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Under the veil of this development, Wright and others broke away from the established tenets of architecture and created a different expression of architectural form and space. After transitional experiments, Wright's vision was synthesized by 1900. His ideas first appeared in two unbuilt designs commissioned by *Ladies' Home Journal* as part of a section on improving residential designs in the Midwest.

Even competitors acknowledged Wright as the greatest architect of the 20th century. His influence was substantial and soon the Prairie School was popular across the Midwest. It remained primarily a Midwestern movement, though examples can be found nationally and internationally. Prairie school architects built native examples of architecture that, as Wright put it, are "integral to site, integral to environment, integral to the life of the inhabitants."

Prairie Style was used on a variety of buildings – schools, businesses, public institutions, residences – but was never as popular throughout its short life as competing styles like Craftsman and other Eclectic styles. Although many of its early houses were rather substantial suburban homes, elements of the style eventually filtered down into vernacular interpretations on working-class houses whose designs disseminated through pattern books, builder journals, and popular magazines. This broadcasting of ideas is how elements of the Prairie style eventually coalesced with the popular foursquare form around the turn of the century.

Foursquare Houses and the Rectilinear Movement

The Ole Quamman House is a rectilinear form that mimics the foursquare form popular during its era of construction. Though not square, the house incorporates many features commonly found on true foursquares such as: roughly similar sized rooms, roughly four-over-four room arrangement by level, near cube massing, central dormer, hipped rood, offset entry to accommodate side stairways, and open first floor plan (reception hall, parlor, dining room adjoined with colonnades) with a closed kitchen. The addition of Prairie ornamentation was also common. Though not a "true" foursquare, the Ole Quamman House most closely fits the diagnostic classifications and historical

¹⁹ Ibid, 2.

¹⁸ Ibid. 2.

²⁰ Ibid, xii.

²¹ Mark Gerlernter. *A History of American Architecture: 1847-1940.* (Salt Lake City: UT, University of Utah Press, 1988), 216.

²² Ibid, 216.

²³ Wayne Andrews. *A Social History of American Architecture: Architecture, Ambition and Americans.* (New York: NY, Free Press, 1964), 229.

²⁴ John F. Roche. "The Culture of Pre-modernism: Whitney, Morris, and the American Arts and Crafts Movement." *ATQ* (v9, 1995), 34.

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precedence related to foursquares. Given this, its historical development is best described in terms of the history of the foursquare form.

Architectural historians often divide classifications into styles and forms. One of the most popular and identifiable forms is the foursquare. Its massing is a simple, two-story cubed-shaped block with a hipped roof. It almost always features a one-story front porch and centered front dormer. The interior is usually four roughly equal-sized rooms on each floor with a stairway on one side.²⁵ The corner reception hall, dining room, and parlor are interconnected by open archways or large sliding doors.²⁶ Only the kitchen is fully partitioned off.²⁷

The foursquare was created around the turn of the 20th Century. It probably owes much of its shape to the rectilinear designs that one occasionally finds in the 1880s in architect-designed dwellings. Because the basic square form was economical to build, cubed-shaped houses have been around since the early 1800s. Turn-of-thecentury architects in search of alternatives to the complex massing of the popular Queen Anne style created and promoted the foursquare. This general movement was part of a widespread rebellion that rejected the ornate eclecticism of the late 1880s.

The foursquare became one of the most popular forms in rural and suburban areas of America from the late 1890s into the 1920s.³¹ It was part of a movement dubbed "Rectilinear" by architectural historians Wilbert Hasbrouck and Paul Sprague.³² It is also sometimes referred to as the Prairie Cube when executed in the Prairie Style.³³

The foursquare's popularity was due in part to its affordability and ease of construction. It was sold as a practical house in which "square lines permit full utilization of every inch of floor space." The perfection of balloon framing allowed the foursquare design to flourish across the country. The rapid and relatively inexpensive balloon frame method

²⁵ Thomas W. Hanchett. "The Foursaure House Type in the United States." *Persepctives in Vernacular Architecture*, (v1, 1982), 51.

²⁶ Ibid, 51.

²⁷ Ibid 51.

²⁸ Daniel D Reiff. *From Books: Treatises, Pattern Books and Catalouges in American Architecture, 1738-1959: A History and Guide.* (University Park: PA, Pennsylvania State University Press, 2000), 169.

²⁹ Hanchett, 51.

³⁰ Ibid, 51.

³¹ Ibid., 51.

³² Ibid, 51.

³³ Eileen F. Starr. *Architecture of the Cowboy State*. (Glendo: WY, High Plains Press, 1992), 164.

³⁴ Jennings and Gottfried, 303.

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was developed in Chicago in the 1830s.³⁵ Balloon framing at the time had a skeleton of thin cut study that was covered with clapboards, which some suggest reference early colonial farmhouses.³⁶ The principle of the balloon frame involves the substitution of thin plates and study – which run the entire height of the building and are connected only with nails – for the traditional and expensive method of construction with mortised and tenoned joints.³⁷ The balloon frame is closely connected with the level of industrialization that was occurring in America. Its invention essentially took building in wood from a complicated craft, practiced by skilled laborers, into an industry.³⁸

Information about balloon framing and the foursquare design was disseminated across the country in the late 19th and early 20th centuries through trade catalogs, plan books, and architectural periodicals.³⁹ The timing and exact route foursquare dissemination took isn't clear, but Denver architect Frank E. Kidder likely played a significant role.⁴⁰ Kidder published a foursquare design for his own house in *Architecture and Building* in 1891. Kidder was an MIT graduate with a national consulting practice, which may explain why the type was picked up almost simultaneously with publication firms in Philadelphia, Grand Rapids, and Washington D.C.⁴¹ The foursquare continued to gain favor and was featured in the popular *Carpentry and Building* in 1895, which had one of the largest readerships of the period.⁴²

Foursquare designs continued to spread across the country at the beginning of the 20th century. The United States' population increased by 50 percent between 1890 and 1910, which contributed to a significant housing shortage.⁴³ There was a need for well-constructed housing that could be built quickly and inexpensively.⁴⁴ American architects who published plans in pattern books aimed to help families find a comfortable home at a moderate cost.⁴⁵

³⁵ Virginia and Lee McAlester. *A Field Guide to American Houses*. (New York: NY, Alfred A. Knopf, 2002),, 30.

³⁶ Sigfried Giedion. "The Balloon Frame and Industrialization." *Roots of Contemporary American Architecture: 37 Essays from the Mid-Nineteenth Century to the Present.* (New York: NY, Dover Publications Inc, 2000), 205.

³⁷ Ibid, 201.

³⁸ Ibid, 201.

³⁹ Jan Jennings. "Cheap and Popular Dwellings in Popular Architecture." *Perspectives in Vernacular Architecture*, (volume 5, 1995), 133.

⁴⁰ Blanchett, 53.

⁴¹ Ibid, 53.

⁴² Ibid, 53.

⁴³ Amanda Cooke and Avi Friedman. "Ahead of Their Time: The Sears Catalouge Prefabricated Houses." *Journal of Design History*, (volume 14, 20001), 54.

⁴⁴ Ibid. 54.

⁴⁵ Jennings, 133.

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Between 1900-1920, several companies produced attractive, fully illustrated catalogs. Foursquare designs were prominent in most of these and were promoted as solid, middle class residences. Companies such as Montgomery Ward, Aladin, Lewis Homes, Sears and Roebuck, and Gordon Van Tine included many foursquare designs in their catalogs in which they offered complete designs and materials ready to ship. The development of mail-order houses that provided almost everything a builder needed to construct a house helped to promote the foursquare. It must be noted that many house plans advertised as foursquares were not true foursquares. Like the Ole Quamman House, many were rectilinear forms.

Due to advances in machinery and prefabrication, the labor required to build a house decreased. Railroads linked almost all parts of the country and soon the western prairies were dotted with houses shipped in from mail-order companies. Foursquare popularity waned in the 1920s and the last published examples appeared in magazines in the 1930s. Deservers attribute its decline partly to World War I. Soldiers who returned from Europe brought back visions of French and English cottages with their picturesque and complex forms and details. These and other factors contributed to the foursquare's fall from popularity.

Prairie Style Foursquares/Rectilinears

Prairie Style foursquares/rectilinears are those that incorporate design elements or ornamentation representative of the Prairie Style. Most can best be described as vernacular interpretations of the style applied to the common foursquare/rectilinear form. Common characteristics include the square-box (or near box) shape, interior volumes expressed by a balloon frame clad with clapboard siding, a porch across the front, and minimal ornamentation.⁵³

Prairie foursquares/rectilinears typically exhibit these elements: low-pitched roofs (usually hipped), widely overhanging eaves, two-stories, and facade detailing that emphasize horizontal lines.

Many true Prairie style homes were architect-designed for the affluent middle class. Very few pure examples of the style can be found in mail-order catalogues from 1900-

⁴⁶ Rieff, 149.

⁴⁷ Blanchett, 53.

⁴⁸ Blanchett, 53; Rieff, 150.

⁴⁹ Giedion, 203.

⁵⁰ Cooke, 54; Giedion, 203.

⁵¹ Blanchett, 53.

⁵² Blanchett, 53.

⁵³ Wilson, 6.

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1940.⁵⁴ Those that did appear did not stay in production long.⁵⁵ However, several foursquare designs adapted a floor plan here or some other Prairie detail there.⁵⁶

The Ole Quamman House displays many common characteristics of Prairie foursquares/rectilinears and foursquares in general including a low pitched hipped roof, centered hipped dormer, wide eave overhangs, bands of horizontal trim, full-width porch, side bay window as part of the dining room, interior reception room plan with a small central hall on the upper level, and the absence of unnecessary ornamentation on the exterior.⁵⁷

There are 119 records for Prairie Style foursquares (some of these are not true foursquares but rectilinear) in the State Historic Preservation Office's historic sites database (as of 2013). Of those, 88 have been determined eligible and 57 of them are listed. The majority of listed houses are in historic districts with the McKennan Park, Hayes, and Sherman Historic Districts in Sioux Falls containing the majority. There are a couple individually listed houses, including the Yusten House north of Vermillion in Clay County.

Foursquares/rectilinears in general are a popular form in many South Dakota towns. Their national popularity coincided with the development of much of the state. Many historic neighborhoods contain a variety of foursquare/rectilinears, some of which are styled. Colonial styled foursquare/rectilinears and foursquare/rectilinears not designed or ornamented in any particular style are more numerous than Prairie-styled.

Foursquare was just one housing type popular 1900-1930. The bungalow form, often executed in the Craftsman style, was the most popular during the period and outnumbered foursquare/rectilinears in popularity. Other eclectic styles such as Tudor Revival and Mission Revival were popular during the period in smaller numbers and were generally not adapted to a foursquare form.

History of the Ole Quamman House

The Ole Quamman House was built in 1910. Lemmon was founded in late 1907 and Ole Quamman was one of the first businessmen in town. Quamman was in the lumber business and became successful as soon as town lots went up for sale in October of 1907.

Being in the lumber business, Quamman would have had access to multiple house plans and architectural trends popular at the time. Pattern-book catalogues, builders'

⁵⁴ Robert Schweitzer and Michael R. Davis. *America's Favorite Homes: Mail Order Catalogues as a Guide to Popular Early 20th Century Houses*. (Detroit: MI, Wayne State University Press, 1990), 139.

⁵⁵ Ibid, 139.

⁵⁶ Ibid. 139.

⁵⁷ Jennings and Gottfried, 303.

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journals, and trade publications were all sources of house designs of the era. Since Quamman was in the lumber business, it's unlikely he would have purchased a mailorder house. It is more likely he purchased architectural plans and then supplied all the lumber and furnishings through his business. Another possibility is that Quamman picked a general design that he liked and had an architect draft plans based on that concept.

Architect-designed houses were available to those who desired them. Huron, South Dakota, architect Frank Charles William Kuehn advertised his services in 1910 detailing that he could produce architectural drawings based on plans and sketches. Kuehn designed Prairie Style foursquares in the Huron area during this period. Kuehn didn't design the Ole Quamman House, but his architectural business typifies what was taking place in South Dakota at the time. Quamman's business associations would have put him in contact with architects in some of the larger towns in the region like Rapid City and Aberdeen, South Dakota, and Bismarck, North Dakota. It is a possible that a regional architect designed the Ole Quamman House.

The interior of the Ole Quamman House could also be built to a specification plan or designed by the builder. The interior is lavishly styled (based on local standards) and represents the latest design ideology of the time. It also demonstrates the influences of the Arts and Crafts movement gaining popularity in America at this time.

William Morris and John Ruskin helped initiate the Arts and Crafts movement with a rejection of industrial produced goods and the promotion of craft material centered on simplicity. Morris and his followers believed that industrialization of the "oncehandmade crafts" cheapened them to the point of rejection. The movement believed that household items like wallpaper, furniture, and stylings should return to simpler times of pre-industrialization, thereby preserving the dignity of the workers who made them.⁵⁸ The movement was started in England but soon found a foothold in America to become a new arbiter of taste and the basis for a new design approach.⁵⁹ Boston was the first U.S. city to feature a Society of Arts and Crafts.⁶⁰

Extension Service writers and home economists at land-grant universities were also influential during this period on interior design. The authors were progressive and they believed in the effect of the environment on life. Through thoughtful design, they saw relief from the drudgery of housework. Extension Service writers were pulling people away from Victorian design values and towards modern values. They taught respect for materials and the power of line and plane in composition. They also advocated

⁵⁹ Jennings and Gottfried, 254.

⁵⁸ Ibid, 125.

⁶⁰ www.metmuseum.org/taah/hd/acam1hd-acam.htm. Accessed 10 October 2013.

⁶¹ Jennings and Gottfried, 254.

⁶² Ibid. 254.

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relating design principles to taste, right living, hygiene, sanitation, and a sense of beauty.⁶⁴

Interior design during the Arts and Crafts period (roughly 1900-1920) intended to create rooms and furnishings that functioned like a picture, often creating a harmonious flow between rooms. ⁶⁵ Color and nature were linked in the design in which natural materials, such as wood, were to *look* natural. ⁶⁶ Dark, grain-obscuring finishes were to be avoided and absolutely no artificial graining of wood was to be used. ⁶⁷ Remaining truthful to original surfaces and the nature of the materials was recommended. ⁶⁸

The Arts and Crafts movement waned by World War I. The continuing increases in production brought on by the machine age and technology, the continued rise in population of urban centers, and the pursuit of a new postwar national identity which had captured the attention of architects and designers brought an end to the Arts and Crafts movement in America. This, coupled with some designers perfecting "hand craftsmanship" through the use of machines, completely deviated from the non-industrial tenets of the movement.

The interior of the Ole Quamman House embraces many of the modern treatments of the time. The woodwork throughout is unpainted and stained to compliment the natural grain of the wood. Large, wood-cased colonnades connect some of the first level rooms giving them the appearance of being larger and more airy. The use of beamed ceilings, wainscot, and built-in furniture accentuates composition of the rooms creating a unified effect. The second floor retains continuity as well with built-in wood furniture, wood floors, and trim. The natural finishes throughout the home make it a spectacular period example of interior design.

The Ole Quamman House is one of the most impressive houses in Lemmon – both from the interior and exterior. He deeded the house to his son in 1914, though the transfer may have been a business move (no other residence historically associated with Ole was identified in Lemmon). David transferred ownership to Alice Olson in 1934. In 1952, Alice's ownership was contested, but held up in court. However, Alice transferred ownership later that year to Saint Mary's Catholic Church.⁷¹

65 Ibid, 254.

⁶⁴ Ibid, 254.

⁶⁶ Ibid. 254.

⁶⁷ Ibid, 254.

⁶⁸ Ibid, 254.

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⁷⁰ Elizabeth Cummings. "Tha Arts and Crafts Movement." *British Heritage*. (v22.4 2001), 34.

⁷¹ Perkins County, South Dakota, Register of Deeds records for 400 Second Avenue, Lemmon, South Dakota.

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Many people in Lemmon remember the church's association with the house and recall sisters living there. Saint Mary's Church sold the property in 1973 to George and Karen Astaphan. Astaphans sold it to Dale and Diane Aspergen in 1974. Aspergens sold to Kenneth and Katherine Schopp in 1988; it was transferred in 1993 to Kenneth only. Stacy Lloyd is the current (2013) owner of the house.⁷²

Ole Quamman House Integrity

The Ole Quamman House overall has excellent integrity. The only major change to the house is the enclosure of the front porch. Front porch enclosures are, however, common for this climate. Another minor change to the house is a small porch on the rear elevation.

It retains several character-defining exterior features such as wood clapboard, doublehung wood windows, massing, and overall feeling and association. The setting also retains excellent integrity with original petrified wood garden and flowerpots, carriage house, and vegetation patterns preserved.

The interior has superior integrity as well. The house contains a significant amount of original woodwork and floors. Numerous built-in wood cabinets, shelves, and closets are found throughout the house. Beam ceilings and wood floors, mopboards, chair rails and wainscoting can be found throughout. The retention of these features conveys a high degree of integrity in materials, design, and workmanship. The only major changes to the interior are typical updates to the kitchen and bathrooms.

Quamman Carriage House

The horse and buggy were the main sources of personal transportation in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Railroads conveyed people and materials long distances, but animal-driven transportation predominated. All classes of society employed horse-drawn carriages and wagons in everyday life.

Consequently, most homes needed a building to house carriages. Many times a homesteader's first barn became the carriage house as their wealth improved.⁷³ In urban areas, carriage houses were built specifically to house carriages and tack when not in use. Carriage houses ranged from small, utilitarian structures capable of sheltering one carriage to large, multi-carriage buildings complete with living quarters.

Most carriage houses were rectilinear or square with one or more bays. They could be one, one-and-a-half, or two stories in height. Roofs that mimicked residential

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⁷³ Donald J. Berg. *American Country Building Design: Rediscoverd Plans for 19th Century Farmhouses, Cottages, Landscapes, Barns, Carraige-Houses and Outbuildings.* (New York: NY, Sterling Publishing Co., 1997), 108.

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Name of Property architecture, gable and hipped, were common.⁷⁴ If horses were kept in the carriage house, dormers or ventilators were featured for ventilation and light. ⁷⁵ Because carriage house often housed animals, they were built at the back of the lot for sanitation with access to an alleyway.⁷⁶

A review of records in the South Dakota State Historic Preservation Office's survey records reveals that most extant examples of carriage houses are one-story, woodframe structures. 77 Most also have a concrete foundation, gable or hipped roof, and wood or asphalt shingles. 78 More elaborate brick and multi-story carriage houses are found in smaller numbers.⁷⁹

When the automobile began replacing the carriage, these structures were converted. Barn doors were replaced with garage doors and interior stables and tack rooms were opened up or converted to tool rooms. Around 1910, automobile popularity began to increase and carriage houses, livery stables, and blacksmith shops were being converted to suit new uses.⁸⁰ The individual car garage did not become a commonly constructed structure until the 1920s.81

Carriage houses are rare. Many were torn down over the years and replaced with garages. The Quamman carriage house was converted into a garage and retains good integrity. The gable roof, wood construction, one-and-a-half stories, and cupola make it an excellent extant example of this property type.

Why Ole Quamman is important

Ole Quamman was born at Holl, Hallingdahl, in the mountain district of central Norway, March 25, 1871, the eldest son of Ole O. and Kristi Quamman. The family immigrated to the United States in 1872. After arriving at Quebec, Canada, the Quamman family went to St. Peter, Minnesota., locating near Norseland. They decided to move to Grand Forks, North Dakota, but after reaching Montevideo, Minnesota. were forced to stop on

⁷⁴ Roger Reed and Greer Hardwicke. *Carriage House to AutoHouse: a Guide to Brookline's Transportation Buildings to 1940.* (Brookline: MA, Brookline Preservation Commission, 2002), 29.

⁷⁵ Reed, 3, 5.

⁷⁶ Foke T. Kihlstedt. "The Automobile and the Transformation of the American House." Michigan Quarterly Review, (v19, 1980), 559.

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⁷⁸ Ibid.

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⁸⁰ Robert F. Karolevitz. "Horseless and Remorseless." Old-Time Auto Ads (Yankton: SD, The Homestead Publishers, 1973), 10.

⁸¹ Leslie Goat. "Housing the Horseless Carriage: America's Early Private Garages." *Perspectives in Vernacular Architecture,* (v3, 1989), 62.

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account of heavy rains. They settled on a piece of land near Montevideo, and Ole's father filed on the land on which they were living.⁸²

Ole came to Lemmon in 1907. With rare foresight, sixty days in advance of the railroad, he freighted lumber for eighty miles over the prairie from Hebron, ND, selling his lumber to land settlers.⁸³ Here he formed a partnership with Carl Austad and built a string of lumberyards located at Hettinger, ND; and Lemmon, Meadow and Morristown, SD.⁸⁴

In 1919, the firm of Quamman and Austad turned their attention to the oil business in Lemmon and neighboring towns. The pair formed a corporation known as the Independent Oil Company. Stations were built at Lemmon and Hettinger. This partnership developed into one of the largest in that part of the state, having a greater volume of sales than any oil company in South Dakota, with the exception of Sioux Falls. After a few years, they dissolved the partnership. Austad bought the Hettinger station and Quamman the one in Lemmon.

Quamman took a great interest in public affairs serving as Mayor of Lemmon in 1920.⁸⁸ In 1932, he was elected to the state legislature.⁸⁹

Quamman had great faith in the future of the West River country and built one of the finest homes in Lemmon. Over the years he acquired many business properties and lots in the city. On one of them, he built his Petrified Wood Park.

Petrified Wood Park Beginnings - Ole Quamman's Dream

South Dakota's agricultural economy crashed in the 1920s. It was almost impossible for farmers and ranchers to not want to expand during the productive war years from 1914-1920. With Europe at war and not producing enough crops to feed itself, prices for commodities increased with the vast demand and farmers and ranchers made record profits. They used those profits and the credit they generated to buy more machinery and more land, often at inflated prices. Improvements in farm technology and cooperative weather allowed South Dakota farmers to produce higher yields than ever before. These high yields also fetched record prices because demand was so high.

⁸² Lemmon the First Hundred Years. (Lemmon: SD, The Print Shop, 2007), 397.

⁸³ Ibid, 397.

⁸⁴ Ibid. 397.

⁸⁵ Ibid, 397.

⁸⁶ Ibid. 397.

⁸⁷ Ibid, 397.

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When the war ended and European farmers began producing food again, the bubble burst. For example, in 1920 a bushel of wheat sold for \$2.96; by 1922 that number dropped to \$.92 because of a severe drop in demand. High prices and the government's encouragement during the war years to grow on the one-crop system further weakened farmers' as the market continued to collapse. Adequate moisture allowed many farmers to hold on, but failures were eminent.

South Dakota's agriculture-driven economy was already in a tailspin by the time the stock market crashed in 1929. The crash of the national economy only exacerbated problems. Grain and livestock prices continued their decline in the early 1930s losing as much as one-half to two-thirds of their values.⁹¹

Under the veil of this agricultural and financial disaster, Quamman came up with an idea in 1926 to put men to work locally. In 1926-27, he hired many local citizens with horses and hauling equipment to gather petrified wood found scattered throughout the area. Local farmers and ranchers were more than happy to let these crews clear their fields of debris and welcomed the men who hauled it away and deposited it on vacant lots on Main Street. 92

The Petrified Wood that made Ole Quamman famous

Fifty million years ago northwestern South Dakota was a dense, freshwater swamp, where a jungle of trees and ferns flourished. However, the climate slowly changed, driving both plants and animals of the Mesozoic Era into extinction. Both were covered in place by layers of dirt and sand where they sat for centuries. ⁹³

Mineral-laden waters later percolated down through the buried trees, allowing minerals to replace the organic material cell by cell. The transformation required millions of years and today's petrified wood depicts every knothole and growth ring of the original trees. ⁹⁴

Geologists assured Quamman that fossils occurred in great quantities around Lemmon, so he set out to select the finest specimens. Collecting specimens allowed him to broaden his own knowledge of geology, display the fossils in Lemmon, and also employ jobless victims of the drought and depression in the West.⁹⁵

Collecting peculiar specimens of petrified wood and rock were Quamman's hobby. In company with a geologist he made a thorough survey of the area from Bison north to the Cedar River and from Hettinger east to Thunder Hawk. ⁹⁶ He learned that in the

⁹¹ Chucker, 5.

⁹² Uncited newspaper clipping. SHPO Lemmon Petrified Park research file.

^{93 1989} Lemmon Centennial article. SHPO Lemmon Petrified Wood Park research file.

⁹⁴ Ibid.

⁹⁵ Ibid.

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vicinity of Lemmon, in what is known to geologists as the Lower Fort Union formation and the Lance formations lying below Fort Union, are located thousands of tons of fossilized animal and plant life. Southeast of Lemmon in the Foxhill and Pierre Shale formations, large numbers of fossilized fish, snails, oysters and clams are also found.⁹⁷

While petrified wood and other fossils are found in Arizona, Montana, Wyoming, California and a few other localities, nowhere in the country are they so abundant as along the fresh water sea which at one time covered the western Dakotas. Lemmon is located at the center of this sea according to N.H. Barton, government geologist. This area is also often referred to as the Lemmon Basin.⁹⁸

With this geological knowledge, Quamman put his plan into action. Engaging a crew of workmen he began the development of the park. The construction site covered 16 city lots located on Main Street near the junction of U.S. Highways 12 and 73. Trucks were kept busy until about 1,100 tons of petrified wood and material were deposited on site. Once materials arrived, crews began arranging the petrified wood, rock, and grass in an aesthetic manner. A miniature castle, unique in architecture, 24 feet square by 24 feet high composed of petrified wood and grass and weighing about 300 tons, was erected. A number of pyramids ranging in size up to 11 feet square at the base and 21 feet in height were constructed of the same materials. A total of 6,400,000 pounds of material was collected.

The Petrified Park Becomes A Reality

The park was completed in June of 1932. People from many parts of North and South Dakota gathered to celebrate the dedication. Over 10,000 people attended, which was the largest crowd ever gathered in Lemmon and one of the largest in that part of West River. ¹⁰¹

A special "all-steel" train of the Milwaukee line was chartered from Aberdeen and carried businessmen from all along the line to the dedication. The Mobridge Chamber of Commerce brought the highly trained Mobridge Band who took part in the parade along with the Bismarck Juvenile Band and the Fort Yates and Cannon Ball River Country Indian Drum and Bugle Corps. Many dignitaries along with ranch and farm families attended the events, eating over 7000 sandwiches and drinking 500 gallons of coffee. ¹⁰²

Both Mr. Quamman and his only son died in 1934, two years after the park was completed. The daughter, Alice Quamman Olson inherited the park and in 1954 she

98 Ibid.

⁹⁷ Ibid.

⁹⁹ Ibid.

¹⁰⁰ Uncited newspaper clipping. SHPO Lemmon Petrified Park research file.

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deeded it to the city of Lemmon (some sources say in 1956). New work was started in 1959 with the development of the museum building into an antiques and historical museum.

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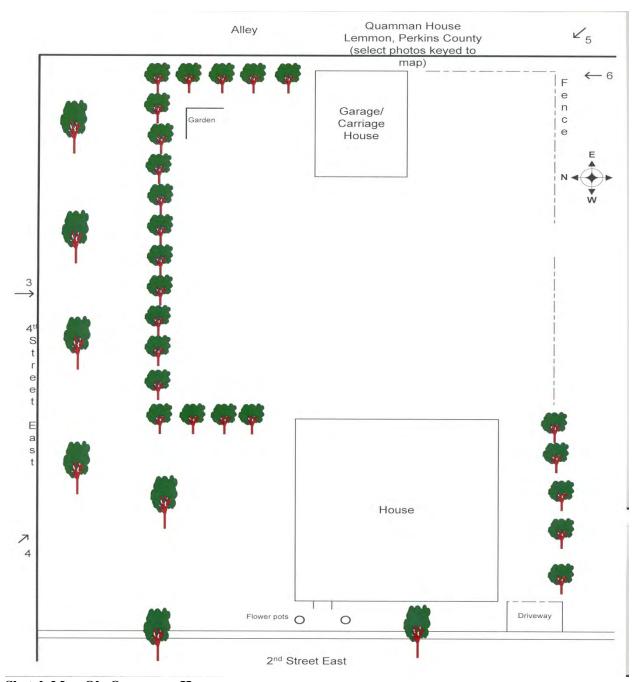
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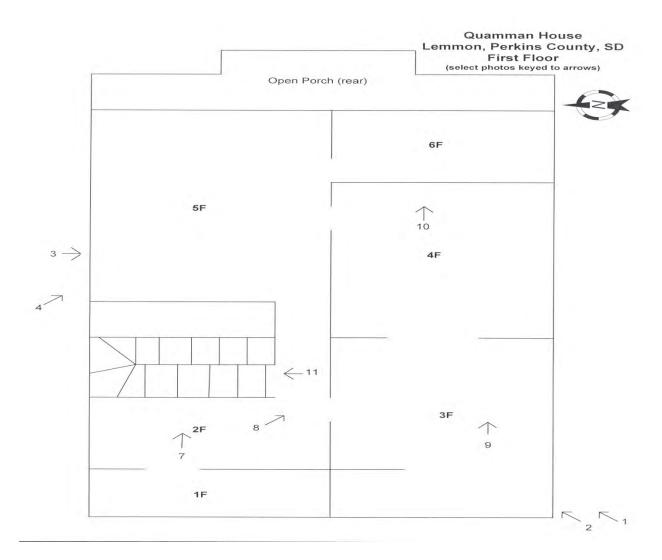
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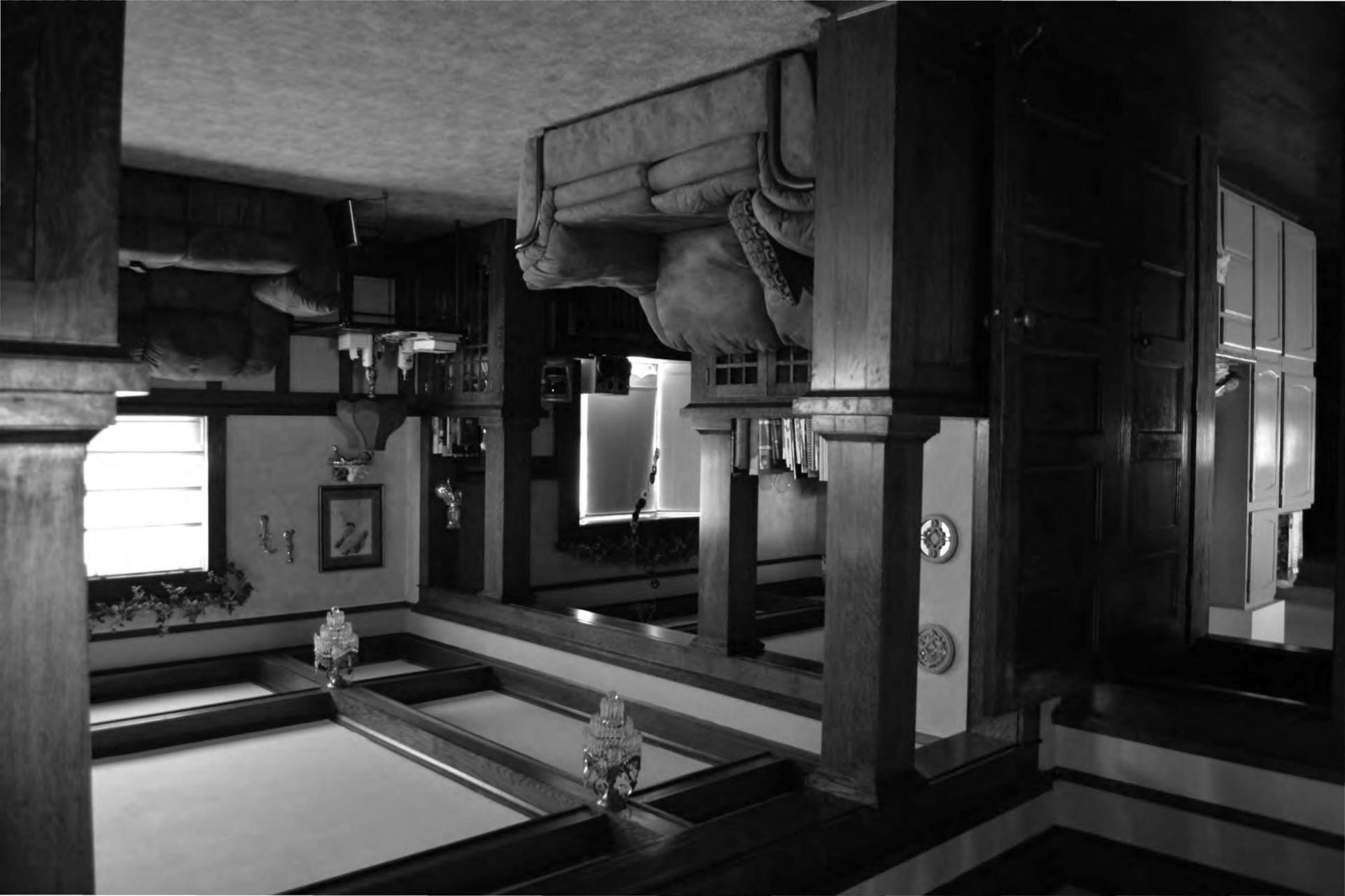
























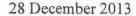
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Keeper of the National Register National Register of Historic Places National Parks Service 1201 Eye St NW 8th Floor (MS 2280) Washington DC 20005



Dear Keeper of the National Register:

Enclosed are six new National Register nominations and one multiple property submission with nine submissions. The nominations are Josef and Marie Kudrna Homestead and Ranch, Ole Quamman House, Murdo State Bank, Frank and Sarah Drake Claim House, and Norbeck-Nicholson Carriage House and Rasmus and Elemine Anderson Homestead Ranch. The multiple property submission is Concrete Interstate Tipis of South Dakota. The submission under the mpl are Chamberlain Rest Stop Tipi, Spearfish Rest Stop Tipi, Salem Rest Stop Tipi – Westbound, Salem Rest Stop Tipi – Eastbound, Wasta Rest Stop Tipi – Westbound, Valley Springs Rest Stop Tipi, New Effington Rest Stop Tipi, and Junction City Rest Stop Tipi.

If you have any questions regarding any of these submittals, please feel free to contact me at 605-773-3103 or at chrisb.nelson@state.sd.us.

Sincerely,

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Historic Preservation Specialist