

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

entered in the National Register.
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determined eligible for the National Register.
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determined not eligible for the National Register

removed from the National Register.

other,
(explain:)

Signature of the Keeper Edson H. Beall Date of Action 8-8-01

~~Entered in the National Register~~

5. Classification

Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.) N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Commerce/Trade Sub: Specialty Store

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Domestic Sub: Multiple Dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Late 19th and Early 20th Century American
Movements: Commercial Style

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Concrete Block
roof Asphalt
walls Concrete Block
other Steel ceiling panels

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

See Continuation Sheets

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or a grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture _____

Period of Significance

1919 _____

Berg and Estensen Store
Name of Property

Minnehaha County, South Dakota
County and State

Significant Dates 1919

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)
N/A

Cultural Affiliation N/A

Architect/Builder E. F. Cummings, Luverne MN

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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9. Major Bibliographical References

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

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

Name of repository: _____

Berg and Estensen Store
Name of Property

Minnehaha County, South Dakota
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Less than 1

UTM References

(place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
2	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	4	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.) See Continuation Sheet

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.) See Continuation Sheet

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Berg and Estensen Store
Name of Property

Minnehaha County, South Dakota
County and State

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name Gregory Dossett and Elizabeth Foeller
street & number 110 Zeliff Ave telephone 605-594-3730
city or town Sherman state SD zip code 57030

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The Berg and Estensen Store is located in the community of Sherman, in the northeast corner of Minnehaha County. It is located in the business district and was once the location of two major stores in town. The community of Sherman is rural and comprised mostly of farmers. The Berg and Estensen Store is a good example of Commercial architecture and is one of few historic commercial buildings left in Sherman.

The façade of the building faces west onto Zeliff Street. The building sits on a narrow corner lot. The flat roof building has a concrete block foundation and walls constructed of similar concrete blocks. To the north of the Store is a vacant block where a historic building was located until the fire of 1933.

The façade (west elevation) has a corner entry at the southwest corner. On either side of the door are sidelights, which are covered by wood paneling. Above the door is a fixed pane, two light transom window. To the north of the side entry are three fixed paned windows with fixed transoms above each window. To the north of the three windows is a recessed two-door entry. Above the doors is a fixed pane transom window. On either side of the door are recessed sidelights which are covered with wood panels. At the northwest corner is a narrow fixed pane window with a fixed transom above the storefront window. Between the first and second floors is a belt course of poured concrete which encircles the entire building. The second floor is divided into three bays. The middle bay has two one-over-one double hung windows. The middle bay also extends above the north and south bays. Between each bay and at the corners is a concrete block pilaster. The north and south bay each have a one-over-one double hung window. Each of the second floor windows have a stone sill and lintel. The wall is topped with a concrete cap.

The first floor of the south elevation has a four pane window with a two pane fixed transom window adjacent to the corner entry. There are four pilasters that divide the south elevation into bays on the first and second floors. At the southeast corner of the building is a large storefront window with a fixed transom that is covered with wood paneling. Adjacent to the window is an entry with sidelights and a four pane transom. The second floor has four evenly spaced one-over-one double hung windows. Each window has a stone sill and lintel. This elevation is also topped with a concrete cap.

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The first floor of the east (rear) elevation has a one-over-one double hung window in the second and fourth bay. In the third bay is an entry door. The second floor has three one-over-one double hung windows. Each of the openings on this elevation has a stone sill and lintel. Concrete block pilasters divide each bay. The wall is topped with a concrete cap.

The north elevation is divided into four bays by concrete block pilasters and only has openings on the second floor. There are four one-over-one double hung windows with stone sills and lintels on this elevation. The wall is topped with a concrete cap.

Interior:

The interior spaces are divided for commercial purposes including the second floor. According to the blueprints for the building, the ceilings were to be decorative steel panels. Over half of the panels remain intact and are in excellent condition. The original fir flooring remains intact throughout the building. At the northeast corner is a manual cargo elevator which runs from the basement to the second floor.

Statement of Significance

The Berg and Estensen Store is significant under criterion C for the distinctive architectural style of Commercial. The store, constructed in 1919 is a well-preserved example of the Commercial style in a rural town setting where very few buildings and people are left.

Minnehaha County is situated in the southeastern portion of South Dakota and has an abundant water supply with the Big Sioux River and Split Rock Creek. While the major city for the State, Sioux Falls, is located in this county, the majority of the county remains rural and agricultural because of its rich soil. The town of Sherman first saw claims made in 1888 when the Willmar and Sioux Falls railway was constructed. People came into this area because of the rail line and the developing commercial core.

The first mercantile store constructed on this site was in 1893. The wooden structure was replaced in 1919 by the current concrete block building. Andrew Berg and his brother-in-law, C.A. Estensen, purchased the property and constructed the Berg and Estensen Store. It was a full line store with everything from yard goods to groceries. The upstairs held a clothing store and millinery. A fire in 1933 destroyed many of the historic commercial buildings in Sherman and left only three historic

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structures standing. The Berg and Estensen is an excellent example of Commercial style architecture in the town.

The current owners also have the original store journals dating from 1888 to 1938. These journals include purchases made by local residents and the proprietors of the store. These journals also include real estate transactions within the community.

The Commercial style in South Dakota is identified generally by multiple stories. Most are constructed of masonry and have multiple bays with large storefront windows and an entryway. Most Commercial style buildings have been altered, particularly the storefronts and interior areas. The Berg and Estensen Store fits into the Commercial style trends of South Dakota. It is a two story building, constructed of masonry and has multiple bays. Unlike most commercial buildings in South Dakota, the Berg and Estensen Store has not been altered and has excellent integrity.

The Berg and Estensen Store, constructed in 1919, is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C for its significance as a Commercial style building in the town of Sherman. The Commercial style building is significant to Sherman as there are few remaining historic buildings in the commercial core.

Bibliography

Architectural History in South Dakota. South Dakota State Historic Preservation Office, 2000.

Bailey, Dana. *History of Minnehaha County.* Brown & Sauger: Sioux Falls, 1899.

Smith, Charles. *A Comprehensive History of Minnehaha County, South Dakota.*
Educator Supply Company: Mitchell, 1949.

Verbal Boundary Description

Lot 7, Block 7 in Sherman City, Original Subdivision.

Boundary Justification

All the land that has historically been associated with the commercial building.